Civil Marriage and Church Marriage in the Byzantine Empire
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In the Byzantine Empire, marriage was a multi-step process of engagement, betrothalth, civil, and religious stages - everyone wishing to marry had to appear before a civil magistrate before holding a separate religious ceremony. In the context of the national debate over the definition of marriage, what can we learn from the Byzantine Empire model?

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