“What’s Love Got To Do With It?”
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Introduction

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0108551/

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAlN_9pbMLg&feature=fvwrel
Judy Root Aulette

*Changing Families* (1994)
“Marriage is a social institution.”

- Legal
- Economic
- Emotional
- Sexual
- Political
The legal contract

“A marriage contract actually gives more control to the government and less to the contracting partners than do other kinds of legal contracts”.

Duties/rewards specified by the government
Meaning....

If they make a particular arrangement that conflicts with the duties/privileges specified by law, then their arrangement is legally invalid (Stetson, 1991)
An Economic Arrangement

“economics is an essential feature”

“Owning class” vs. consumer class

The marriage gradient: “hypergamy”
Political Arena

“marital relations are power relations” (Renzitti & Currin, 1992)

The imposition of will
To be able to force one’s definition of reality on others
Communication as power