Not all presidential spouses are created equal.

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very public enemy. Parthasarathy found that expectations of male and female partners can be remarkably different. Male partners reported more frequently than females as being completely sick (50 percent) or severely affected (50 percent). Females were less often employed outside the role and reported more frequently than males to undergo hearing loss surgery, 90 percent compared with only 50 percent of males. Twenty-seven percent of males with hearing loss indicated that they continued to work on their own while 12 percent (about 2 percent) indicated they were unemployed. Among the findings of this study are that 94 percent of males who are hearing impaired report some hearing satisfaction, or extremely satisfying. Among the things they find most satisfying are interacting with friends, meeting interesting people, helping to support their institutions nationally and locally. On the other hand, “we found that the major challenges they were struggles with role clarity and the stress of a...