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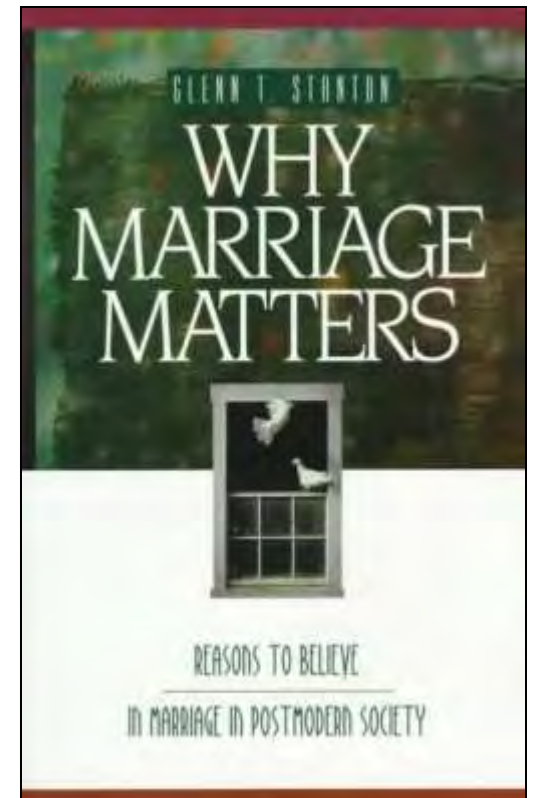
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The Importance of Marriage and Family for Society

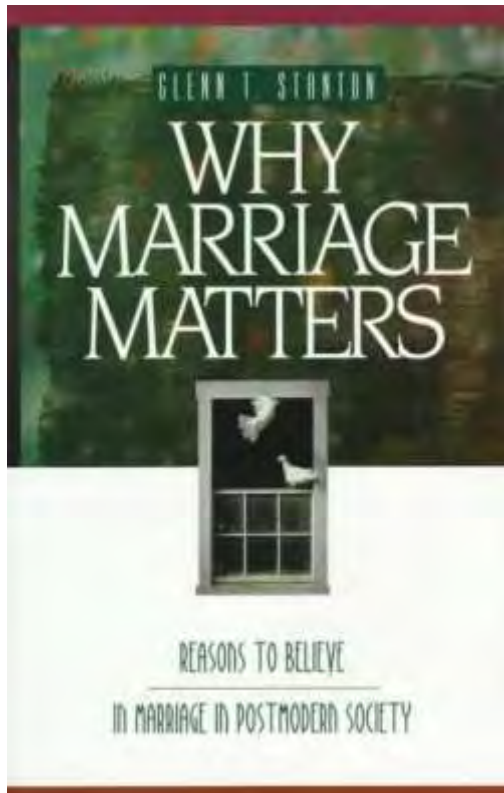
Why Marriage Matters

There “is a mountain of scientific evidence” in “published literature over the past few decades” proving that marriage matters.

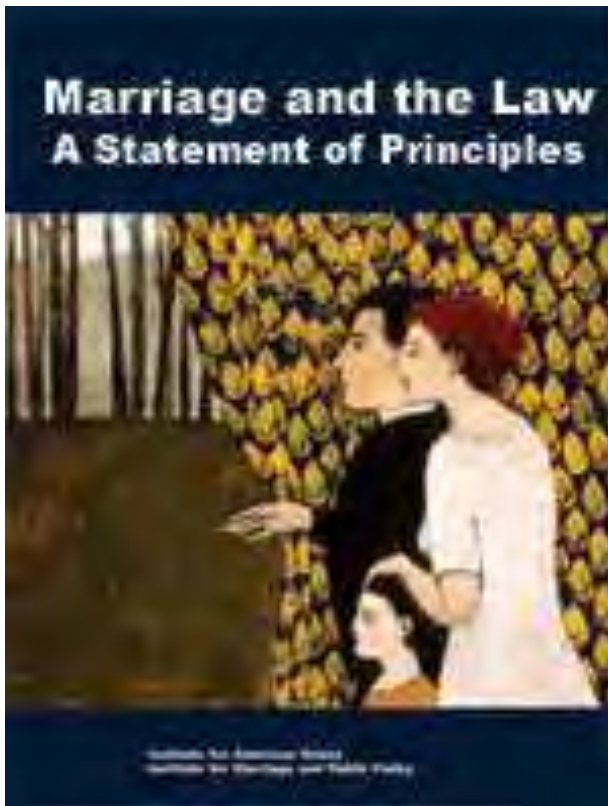


Stanton, Glenn T. (1997). Why Marriage Matters: Reasons to Believe in Marriage in Postmodern Society, pp. 100, 70.

Theology on Marriage



Religious leaders need to “work out a fuller theology of marriage...”

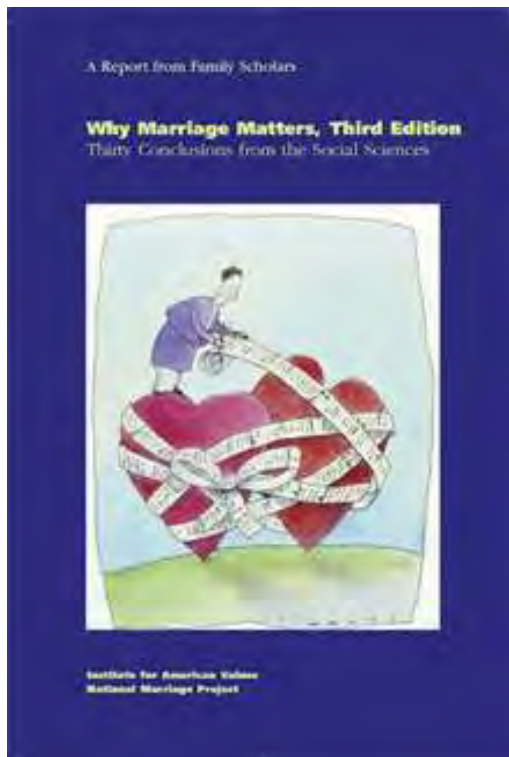


“The well-being of society and children depends on the health of our marriage culture.”

Marriage and the Law: A Statement of Principles,
Institute for American Values

New York, NY, Web: www.americanvalues.org

Top American Scholars on Marriage and Family Life

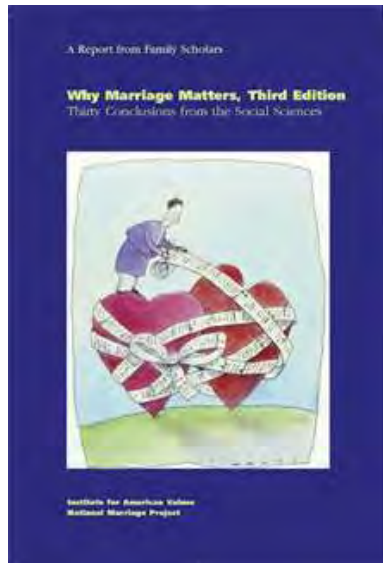


Why Marriage Matters, Third Edition, 2011 30 Conclusions from Social Science

Institute for American Values, 2011 - 48 pages
www.americanvalues.org

Fundamental Conclusion:

Marriage is an Important Social Good

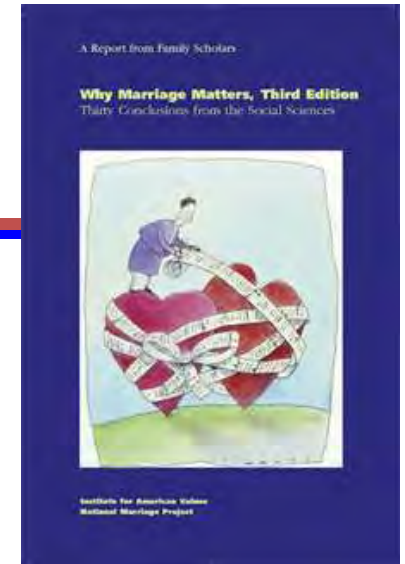


Marriage is important for public well-being; it is associated with a range of economic, health, educational, and safety benefits that help local, state, and federal governments serve the common good.

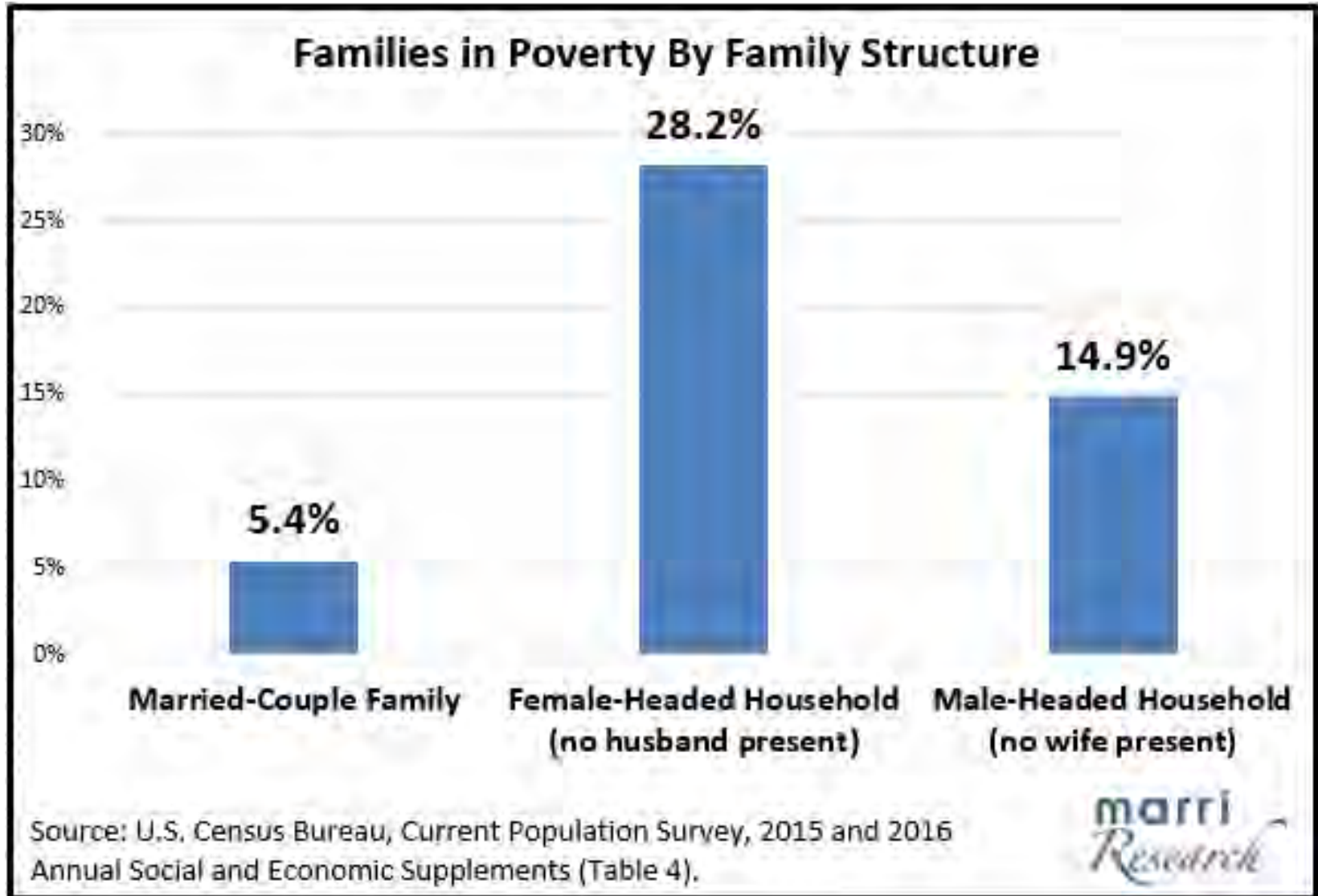
Why Marriage Matters

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**Marriage reduces the risk of
poverty for children and
communities.**

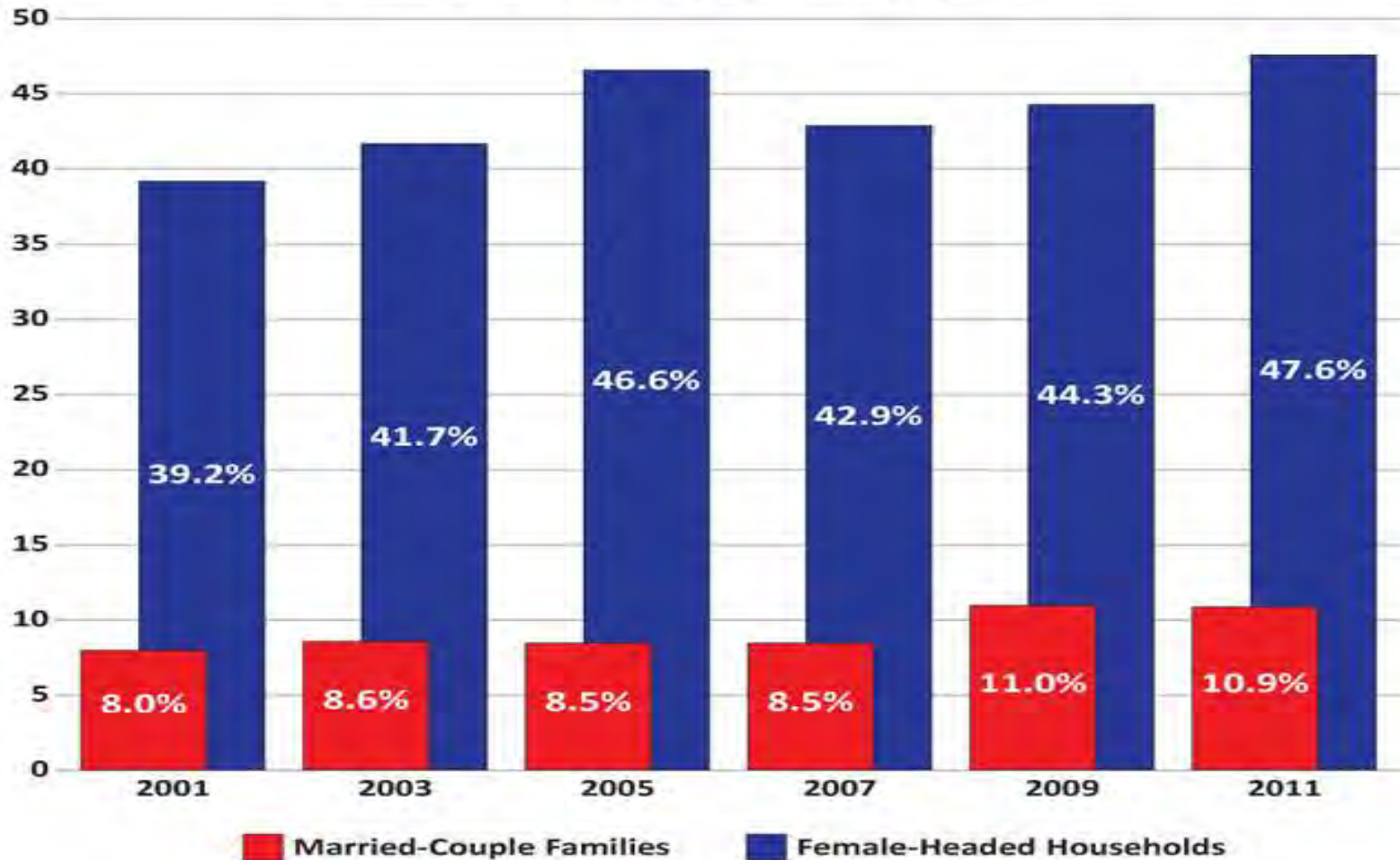


Marriage Reduces Poverty



Marriage Reduces Child Poverty

Children in Poverty by Family Structure



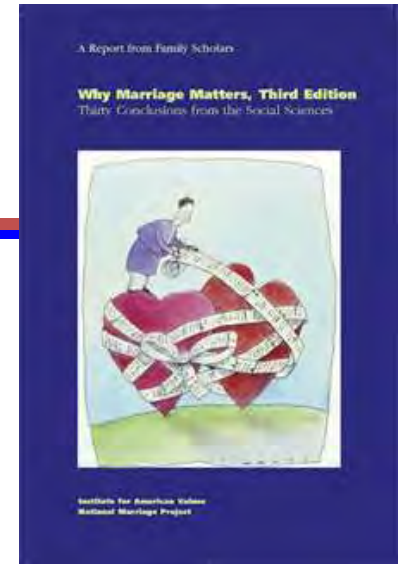
Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; ASEP Issue Brief: Information on Poverty and Income Statistics. September 12,

2012 <http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/12/PovertyAndIncomeEst/ib.shtml>

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2.

**As the number of homes
without fathers increases,
so does violent crime.**

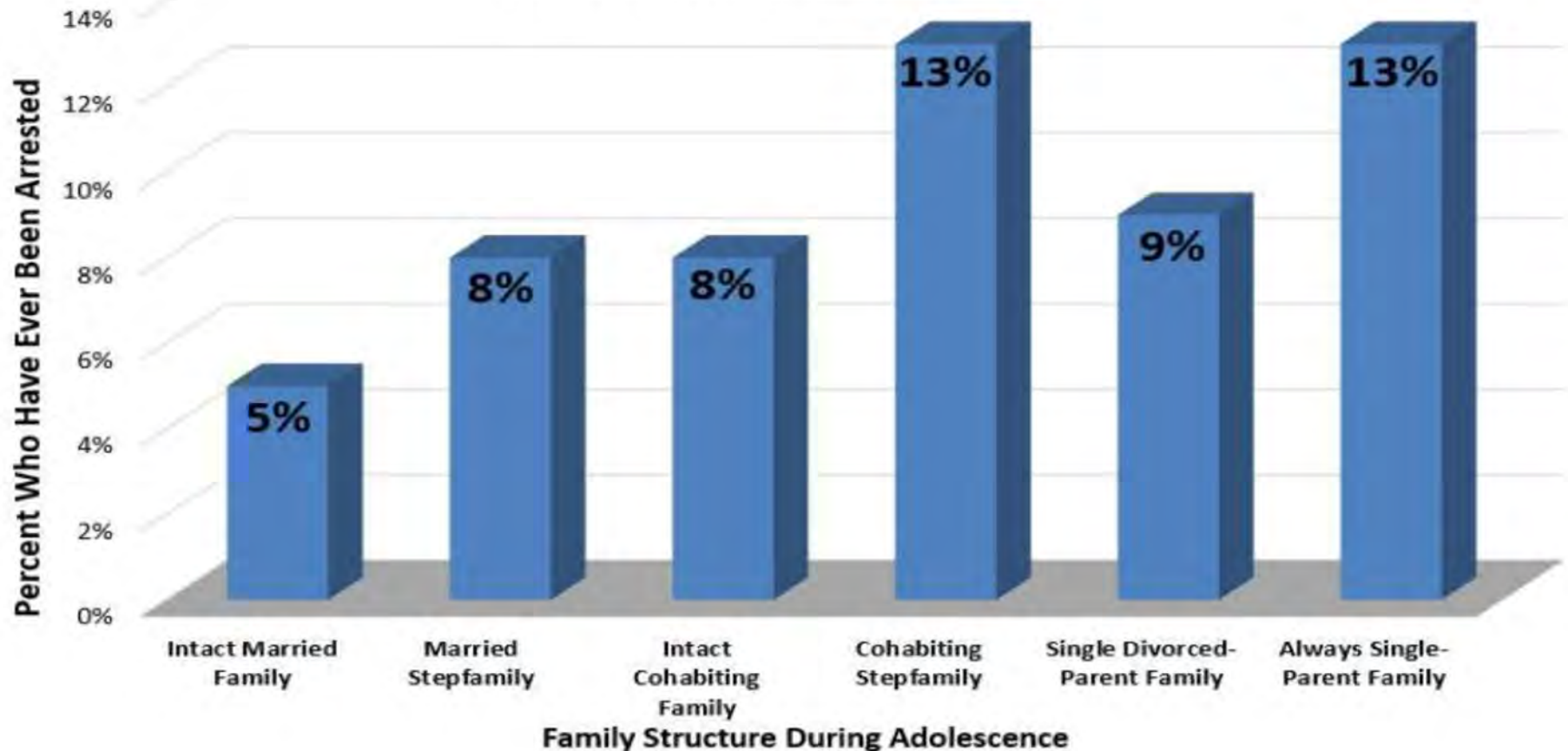


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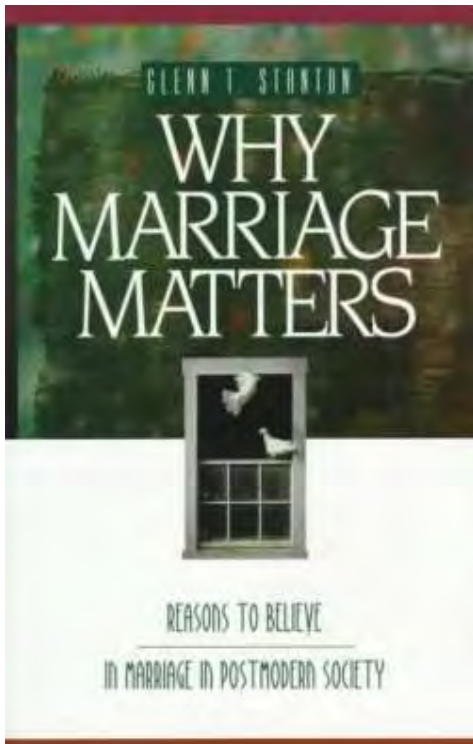
Juvenile Crime and Family Structure

**Arrests Among Adolescence
By Family Structure**



Source: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth

Marriage Matters



“... Boys without fathers turn to guns and crime, girls without fathers seem to turn to having babies.”

Glenn T. Stanton,
Why Marriage Matters: Reasons to Believe in Marriage in Postmodern Society
(Colorado Springs: Pinon Press, 1997), p. 113.

Fatherlessness Increases Teen Crime

Individuals from father absent homes were found to be 279% more likely to carry guns and deal drugs than peers living with their fathers.

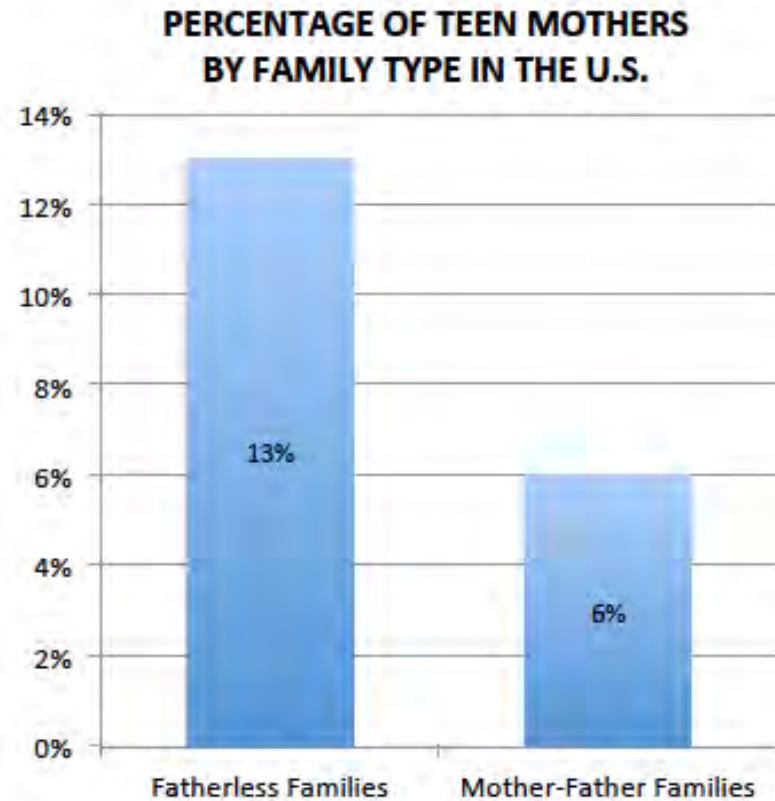
Father-Daughter Relationship

In a research project that studied 253 Baltimore girls living in high-crime environments it was noted that “*not one* [girl] who had a good relationship with a live-in father had a baby.”

Barbara Dafoe Whitehead, “The Importance of Fathers in the Lives of Girls,”

American Educator 18/4 (1994): 22-29

Fatherlessness Increases Risk of Teen Pregnancy



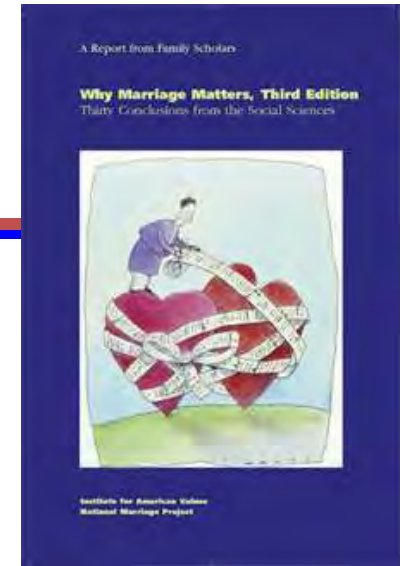
“Young women from fatherless families are twice as likely to become teen mothers than from mother-father families...”

McLanahan, S., 1999, MacArthur Research

Massachusetts Family Institute, 2017

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3.



**Marriage protects physical
and mental health.**

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Child Benefits from Married Parents

Children raised in intact married families are more likely to attend college, are physically and emotionally healthier, are less likely to be physically or sexually abused, less likely to use drugs or alcohol and to commit delinquent behaviors, have a decreased risk of divorcing when they get married, are less likely to become pregnant/impregnate someone as a teenager, and are less likely to be raised in poverty.

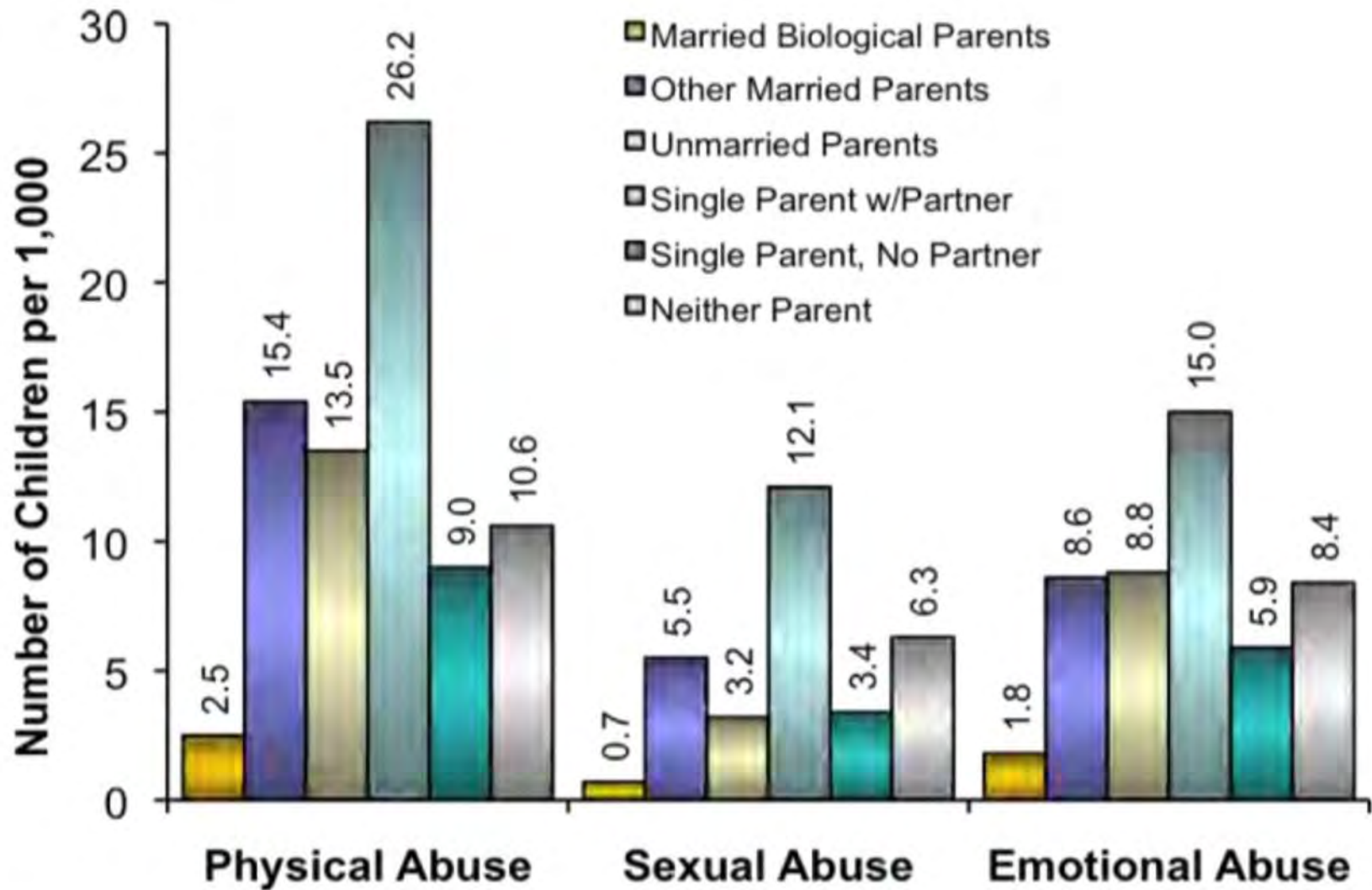


Figure 5–10. Incidence of Endangerment Standard Abuse by Family Structure and Living Arrangement.

US Congress from the National Incidence Study (Number 4) in 2010, ACF, HHS

Marriage in a Global Context



There is powerful evidence, not just that marriage is important to society, but that human beings are in some basic sense made to be married.

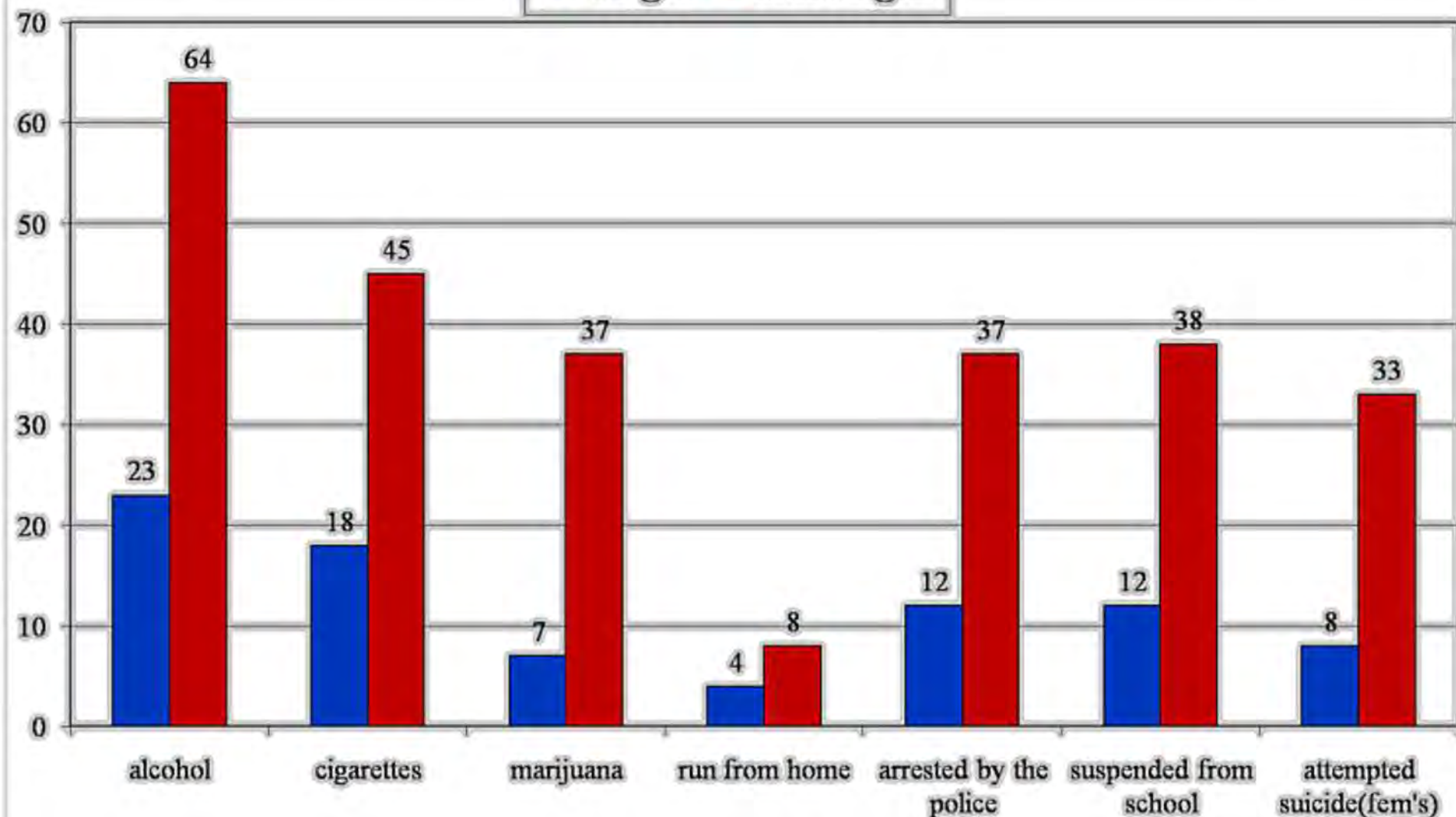
Maggie Gallagher

The Moral and Social Significance of Marriage in the Global Context,

IIFWP Assembly 2000, p. 4.

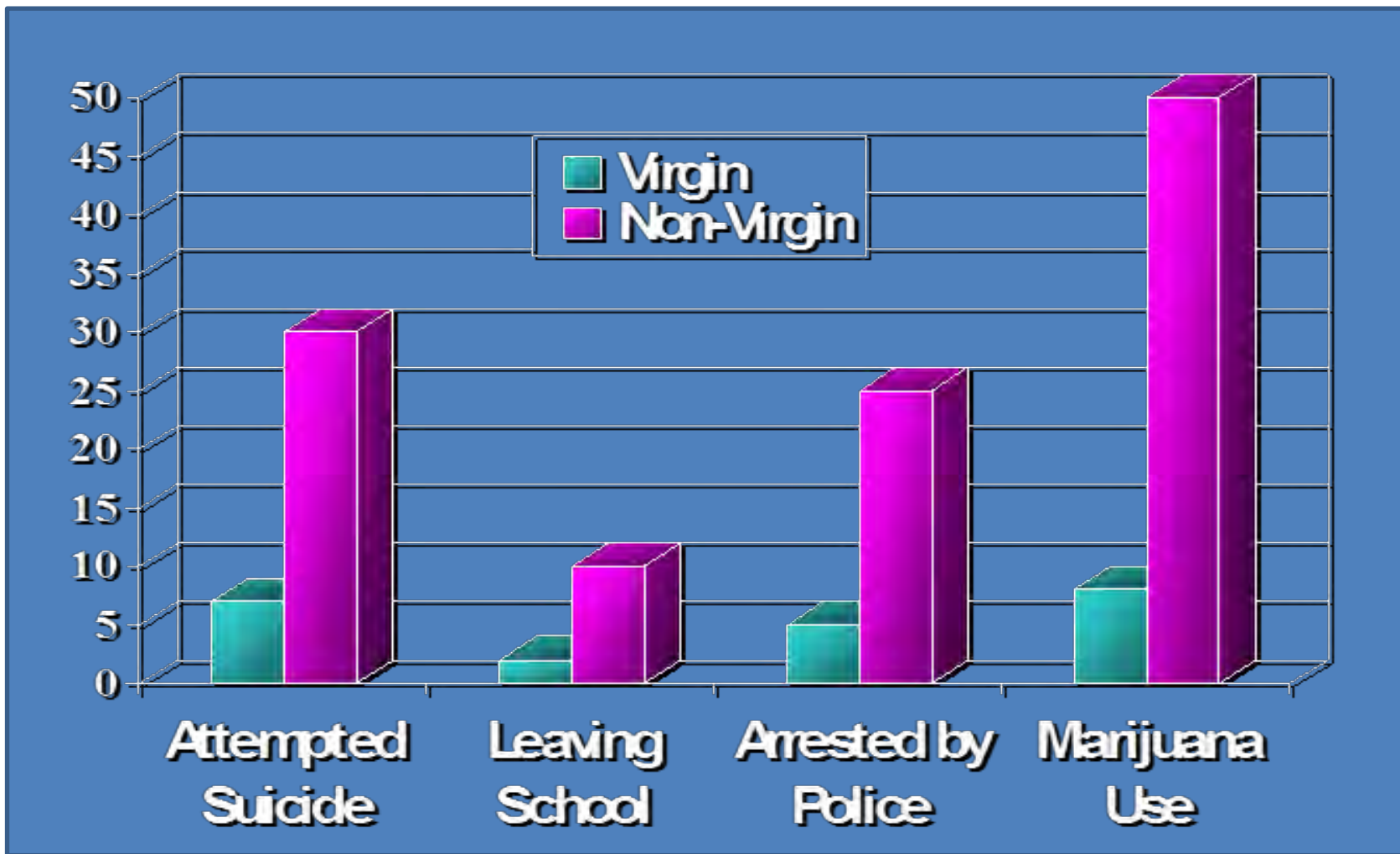
Behavioral risk in 12-16 year old males

■ virgin ■ nonvirgin



Source: Donald Orr, "Premature Sexual Activity as an Indicator of Psychosocial Risk", *Pediatrics*, Vol. 87, No. 2, Feb. 1991, pp 141-7.

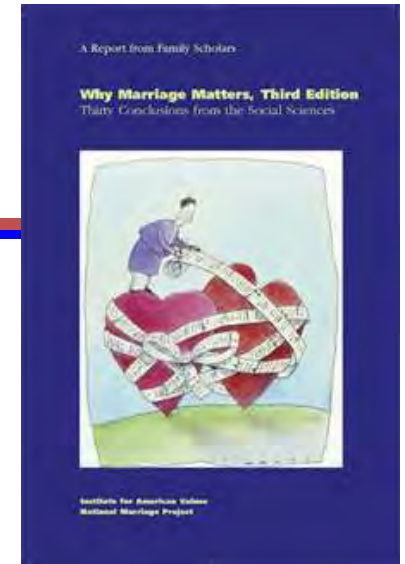
Behavioral Risks of Sexually Active Girls Ages 12-16 Years



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4.

**Married couples live longer,
and are happier and healthier
(and wealthier).**



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Fast Track to Success

College

Career

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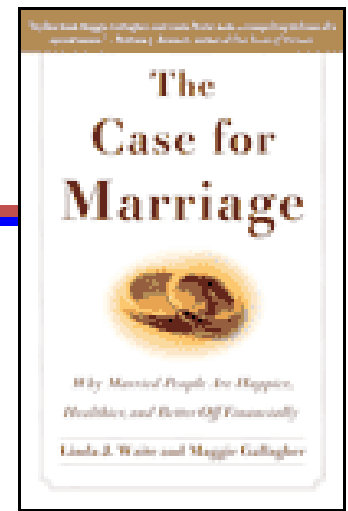
Plus...

There is something as important as a college education in determining your financial success.

What is it?

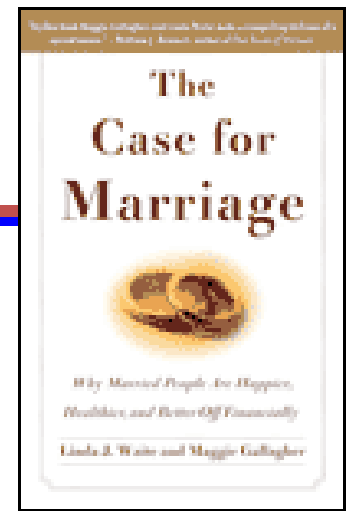
The Case for Marriage

“A married high-school graduate in the United States earns as much, on average, as a never-married college graduate... According to some estimates, getting a wife increases a man’s salary by about as much as a college education.”



(Waite & Gallagher, 2000, p. 100)

\$\$\$ Wealthier \$\$\$

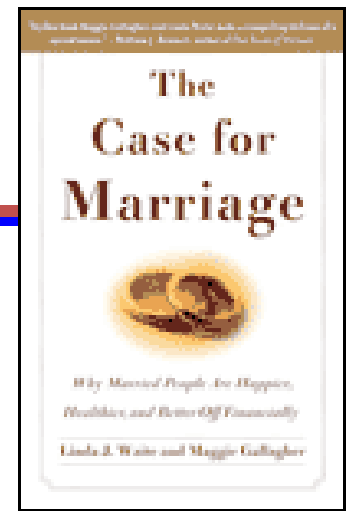


Married couple (1994 in their 50's):

Assets: \$132,000

- Divorced → \$33,600
- Never-married → \$35,000

\$\$\$ Wealthier \$\$\$

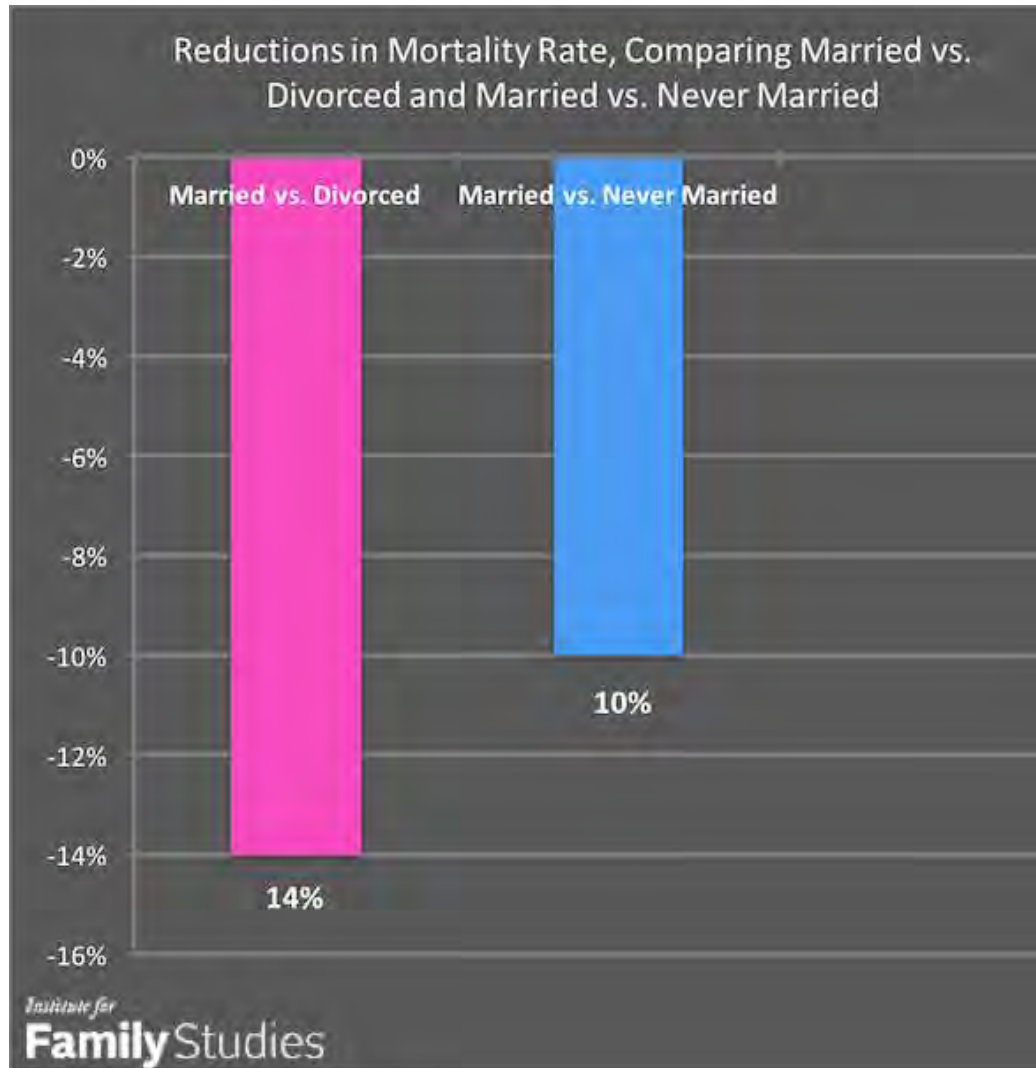


Married men:

- More motivated
- Won't go to work hung over, exhausted, or tardy
- See the doctor sooner
- Eat healthier
- More free time (additional training)
- Different spending and saving habits

Longevity and Marriage

*Manzoli et al. (2007; Reference 13) and Li et al. (2016, Reference 18) for Married vs. Divorced;
Manzoli et al. (2007; Reference 13)*

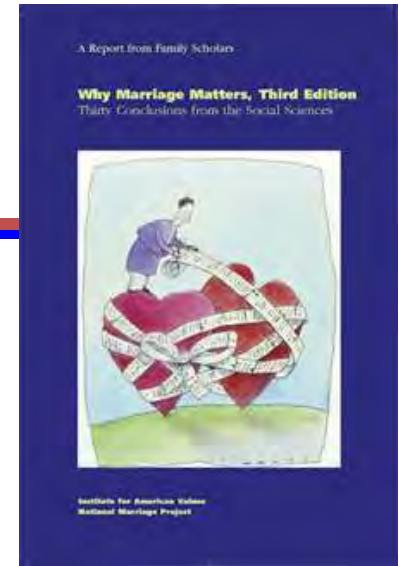


“... Research at Harvard University, in a paper using data from the Nurses’ Health Study that followed over 74,000 participants for over 16 years, marriage was associated with 14% lower mortality ... even after controlling for numerous social, demographic, and baseline health variables.”

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Children born outside marriage have poorer educational achievements.

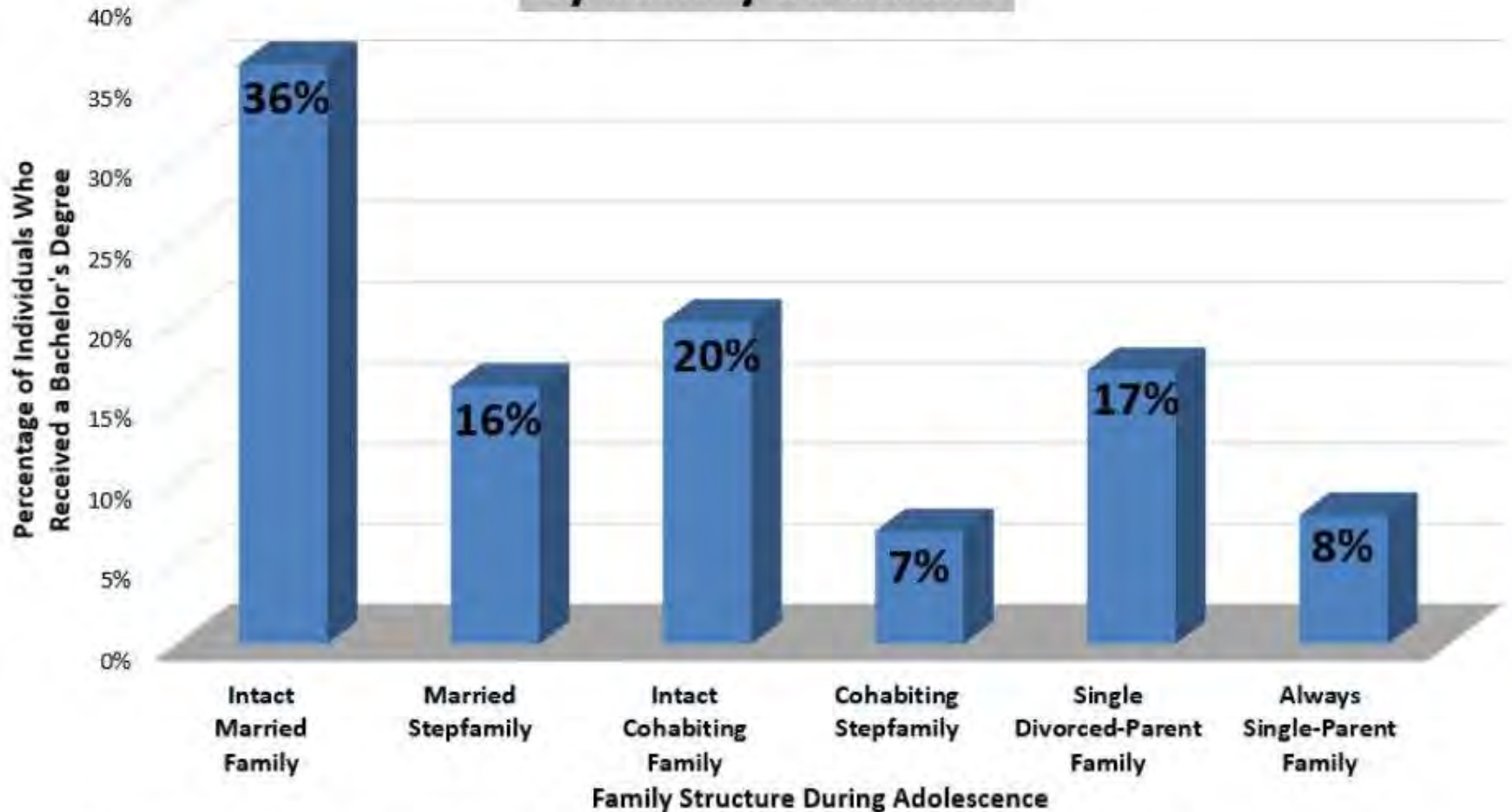


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College Degree and Family Structure

Received a Bachelor's Degree By Family Structure

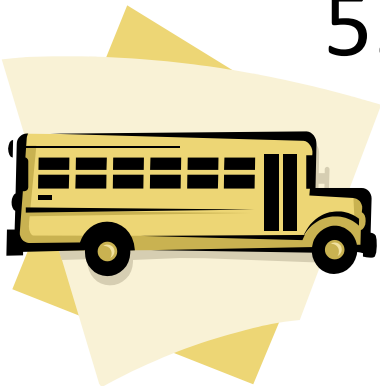


Source: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (1997)

Education and the Family



1. Come to school on time
2. Come with homework done
3. More likely graduate
4. Better SAT test results
5. Go to college



Three Generations



- **Grandparents —
The Past**
- **Parents —
The Present**
- **Children —
The Future**

The Love of Grandparents



A grandfather and grandmother wish to love their grandchildren more than they do their own children.

(CSG, 263-062, 1994 TO 09)

Violinists of three generations to perform in Hubli

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A GLORIOUS LINEAGE: Violinist N. Rajam, her daughter Sangeeta Shankar, grand daughters Ragini and Nandini will perform together at a function organised to mark the birth centenary year celebrations of Ganguba Hangal in Hubli on Saturday.

The residents of Hubli-Dharwad will get a rare chance to watch the performance of three generations of violinist's family led by renowned violinist

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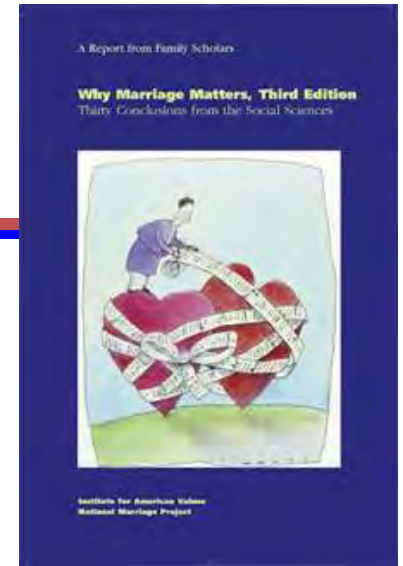
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Saroja Vaidyanathan,
Rama Vaidyanathan,
Dakshina Vaidyanathan

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Marriage is the glue that holds societies together.

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164 Reasons to Marry

Marriage is the foundational relationship for all of society. All other relationships in society stem from the father-mother relationship, and these other relationships thrive most if that father-mother relationship is simultaneously a close and a closed husband-wife relationship.

(With 175 citations)

Not Shared

Husb. / Wife Love



Children's Love

Parent's Love

Family

Br./ Sis. Love



Respect Elders

Good Leaders

Overcome racism, prejudice;
become a family

Husb. / Wife Love



**Children's
Love**

**Parent's
Love**

Family

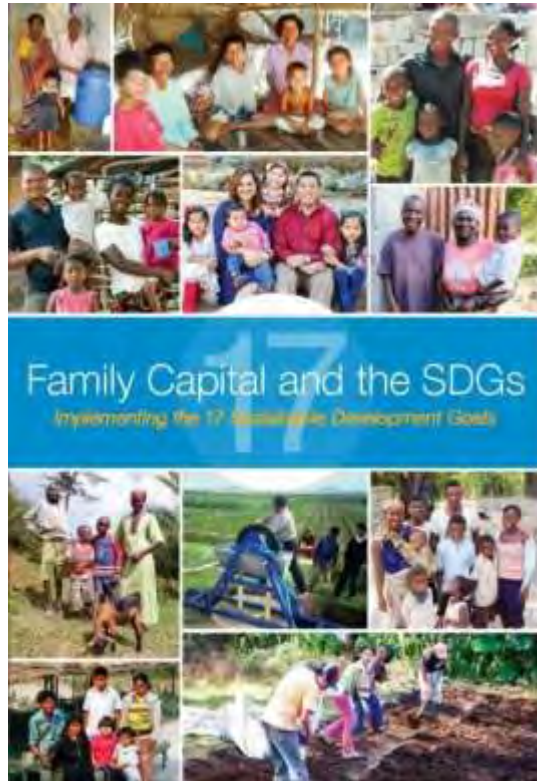


Br. / Sis. Love



Family
Society
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Family Capital and the SDGs



The state's foremost obligation is to respect, defend and protect the family.



UNITED NATIONS

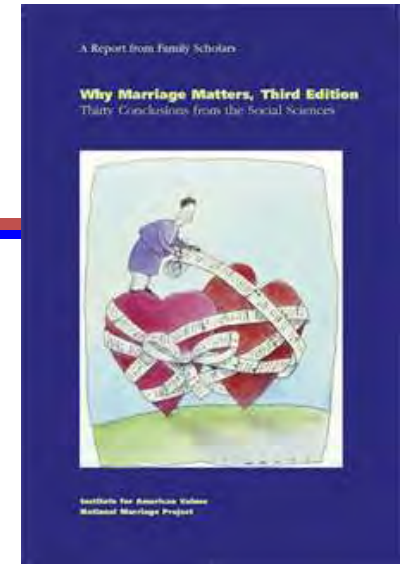
Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Article 16.

(3) The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.

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**Cohabitation is not the same
as marriage.**

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Definition: Cohabit

“live together”

without getting married.

The New York Times

SundayReview | The Opinion Pages

The Downside of Cohabiting Before Marriage

By MEG JAY

Published: April 14, 2012

... Cohabitation in the United States has increased by more than 1,500% in the past half century. In 1960, about 450,000 unmarried couples lived together. Now the number is more than 7.5 million...

Why Cohabit?

1. Sexual Revolution
2. Birth Control & Condoms
3. Avoid Divorce
4. Economical
- 5. No Principle Education***

Cohabitation v. Marriage

“Couples who cohabit before marriage tend to be less satisfied with their marriages — and more likely to divorce.”

Jay, Meg. “The Downside of Cohabiting Before Marriage,”
April 14, 2012, **The New York Times**,

Sliding, not deciding...

“It just happened.”

Dating → Sleeping together
→ Living together

No Commitment...

Different Expectations



Test a relationship;
Postpone commitment.



Step toward
marriage.

“Sliding, not deciding...”

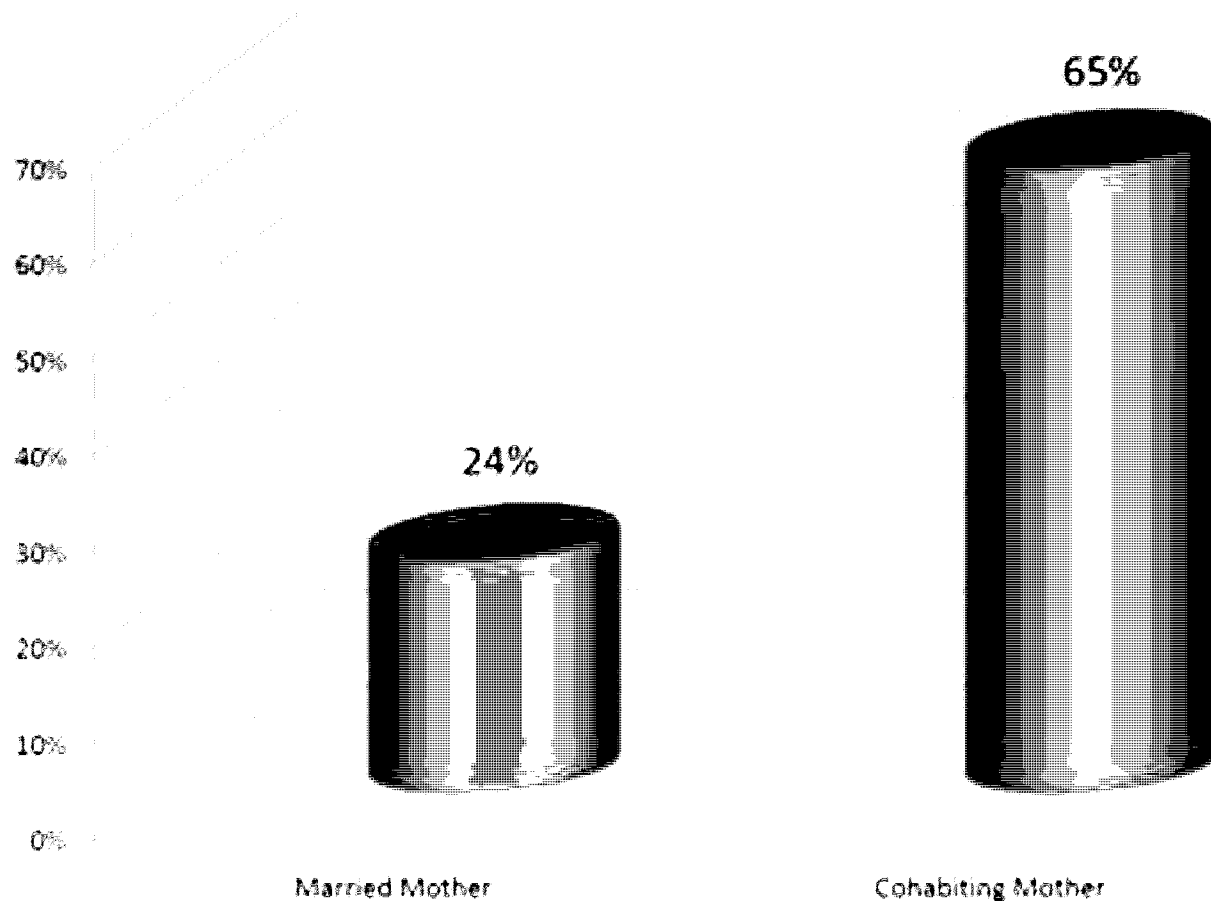
Woman:

“It was like a never-ending audition to be his wife... We had furniture. We had our dogs and all the same friends. It just made it really, really difficult to break up.”

Jay, Meg. “The Downside of Cohabiting Before Marriage,”
April 14, 2012, **The New York Times**,

Cohabitation Increases Instability

Percentage of Children Experiencing Parent Breakup by Age 12
By Mother's Relationship Status at Birth

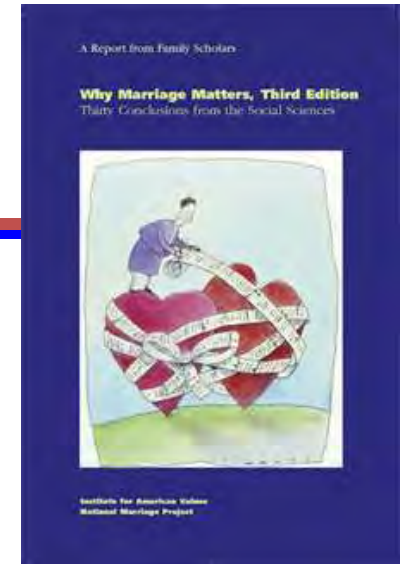


Source: *Why Marriage Matters? 2011 Edition*, Original Data From: Kennedy & Bumpass, "Cohabitation and Trends in the Structure and Stability of Children's Family Lives," 2011. Data from National Survey of Family Growth

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**Marriage is an Important
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Research: Both Mothers and Fathers Benefit Children

“The best psychological, sociological and biological research to date suggests that on average **men and women bring different gifts** to the parenting enterprise, that children benefit from having parents with distinct parenting styles, and that family breakdown poses a serious threat to children and to the societies in which they live.”

General Parenting Tendencies

Mothers teach:

emotional intelligence,
social connection, empathy,
communication.

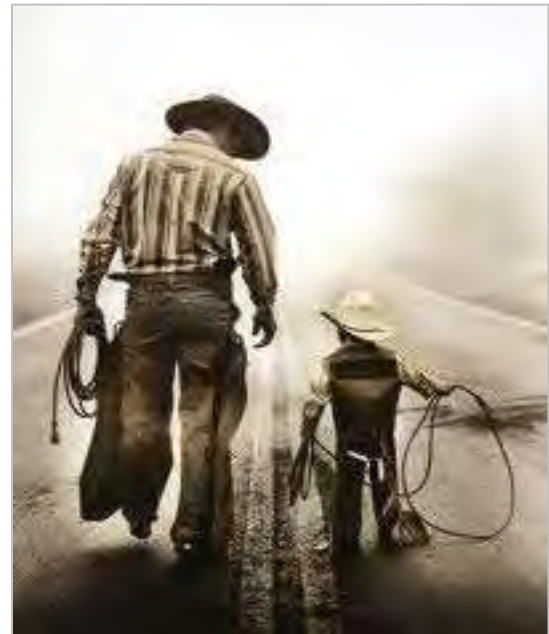
See the world in terms of
the child: *Is he safe?*



Fathers teach:

consequences, social order,
principles, rules, goals.

See the child in terms of the
world: *How will he succeed?*



Benefits from Mothers and Fathers

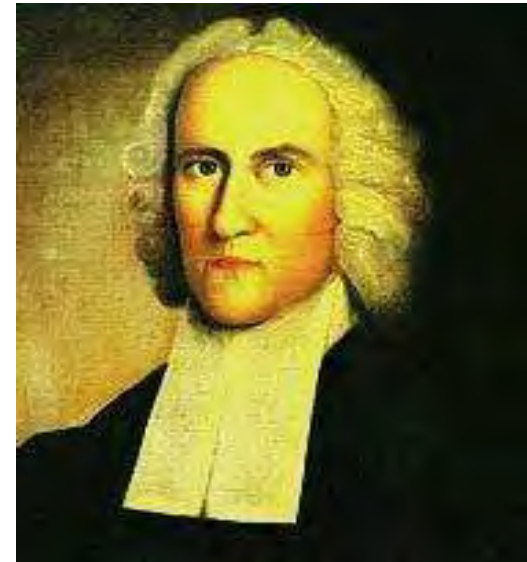
Children receive gender specific support from having a mother and a father. ...particular roles of mothers (e.g., to nurture, comfort) and fathers (e.g., play, risk taking), as well as complex biologically rooted interactions, are important for the development of boys and girls.



Nation's Future: Based on Family



MAX JUKES



JONATHAN EDWARDS

Compare two lineages:

- Immigrants to American
- Came from Europe
- During 1700's

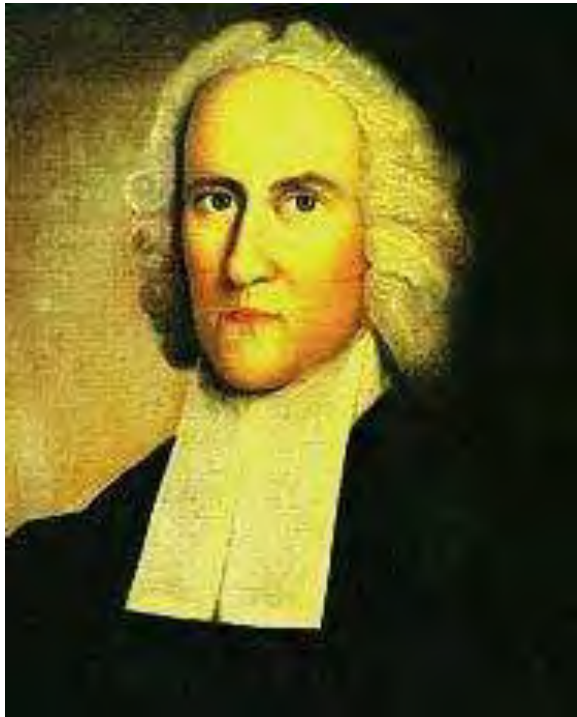
Nation's Future: Based on Family

Jukes was an immigrant that arrived in New York in the early 1700's. He was an agnostic, an alcoholic who couldn't hold a job, and married a prostitute. Jukes believed in the abolition of laws and rules and formed a movement that preached free sex.



Max Jukes

Nation's Future: Based on Family



Jonathan Edwards
1703 – 1758

America's most important and original philosophical theologian. The first president of Princeton University and one of the key religious leaders during the "Great Awakening" in America.

Nation's Future: Based on Family

MAX JUKES

(903 descendants traced)

- 310 delinquents who never finished school and died in poverty
- 145 confirmed drunkards
- 190 public prostitutes
- 285 had sexually transmitted diseases
- 150 spent an average of 13 years in prison
- 7 convicted murderers
- *His descendants cost NY State one and a quarter million dollars.*

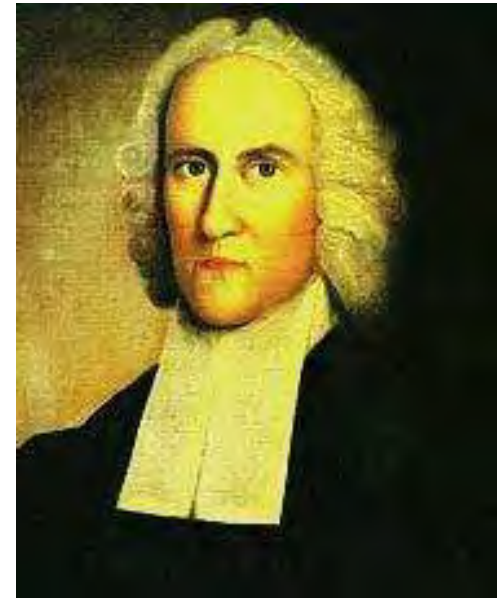


Nation's Future: Based on Family

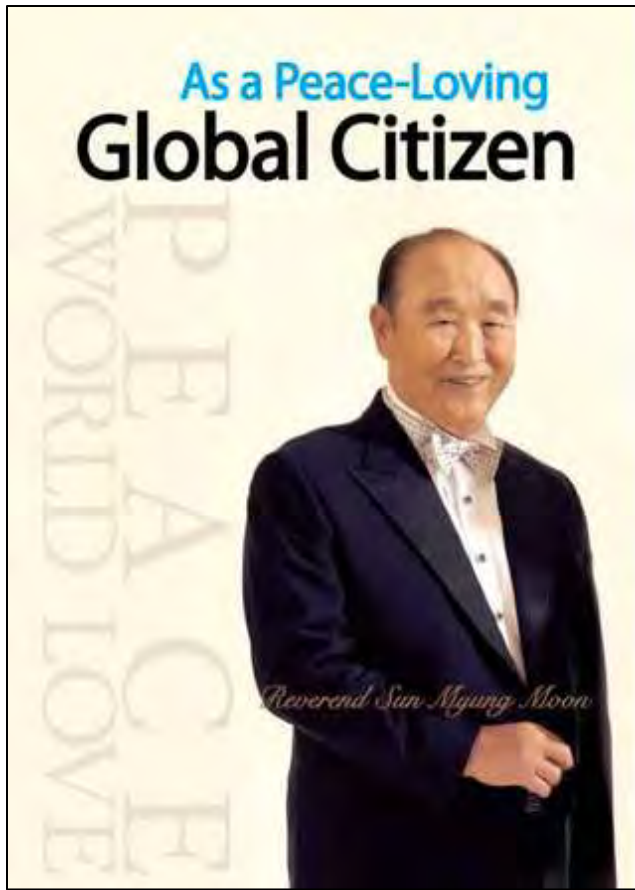
JONATHAN EDWARDS

(1,394 descendants traced)

- 13 college presidents
- 65 college professors
- 30 judges
- 100 lawyers
- 60 physicians
- 75 army and navy officers
- 100 pastors
- 60 prominent authors
- 80 public servants in other capacities including governors and ministers to foreign countries
- 3 United States senators
- 1 Vice-President of the United States



Purpose of Marriage



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Marriage is more than a simple coming together of a man and woman... Through marriage, a new future is created: societies are formed; nations are built... God's world of peace is realized with married families at the center.

**Family Building
is
Nation Building**



Thank you !
