

# Four Family Loves:

A Curriculum for Building  
Good Character and Loving Families

## Parental Love



# Chapter 11

## The Joy and Responsibility of Parenting

# Family: A Garden of True Harmony

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When three generations—the grandparents, parents and children—join in true love and melt together in oneness, a garden of true harmony can be established in that family...

# Three Generations

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

# The Love of Grandparents

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

# The Link in Lineage

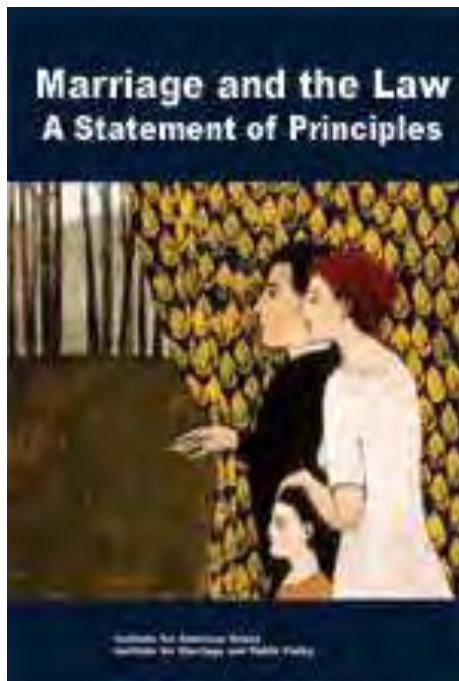
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Marriages Make a Lineage



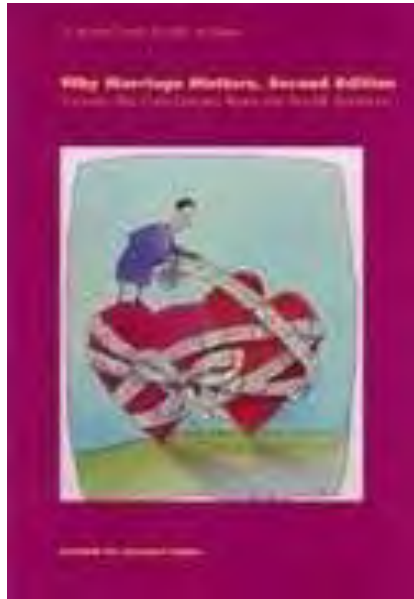
# Social Well-Being



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

# Fundamental Conclusions

## 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.

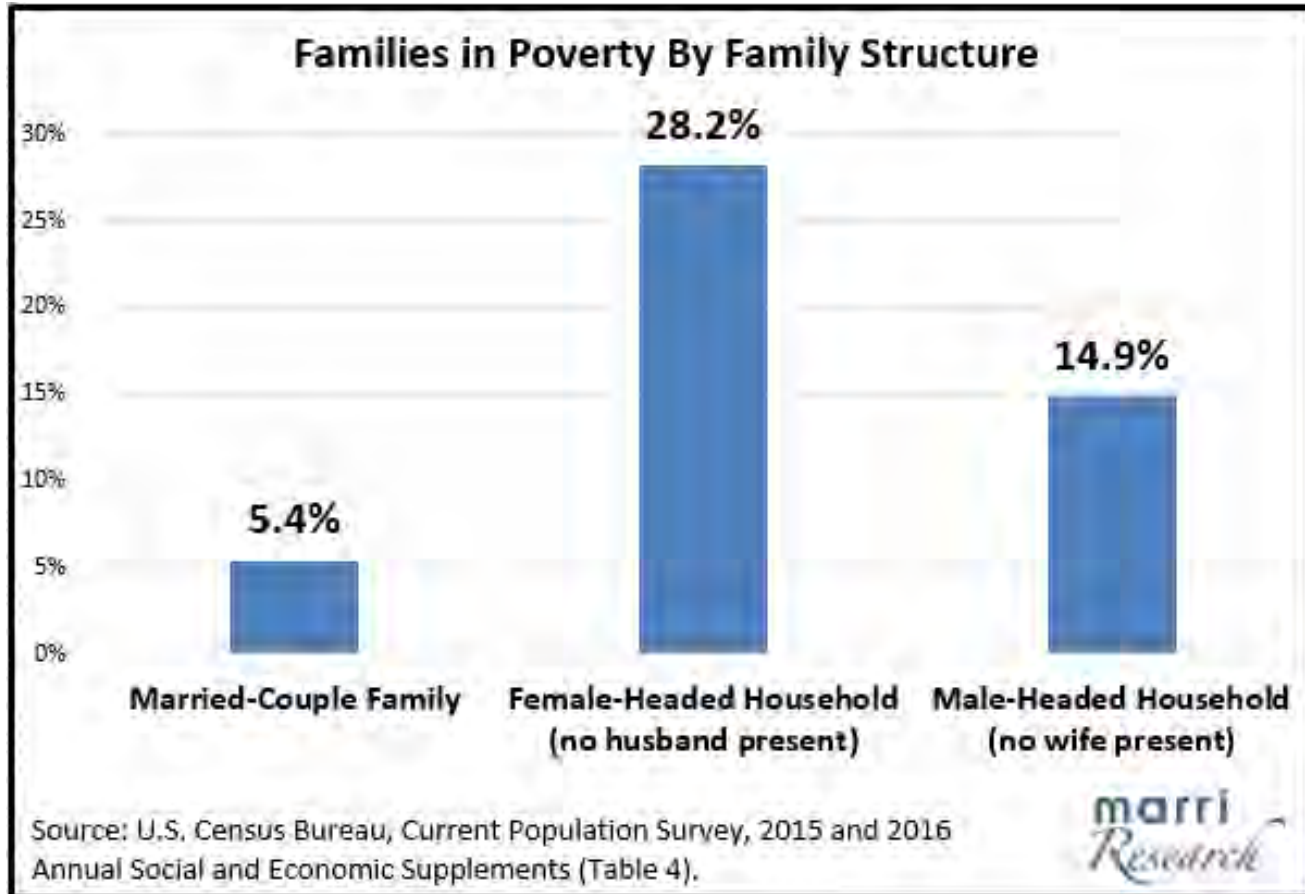


# Marriage Matters

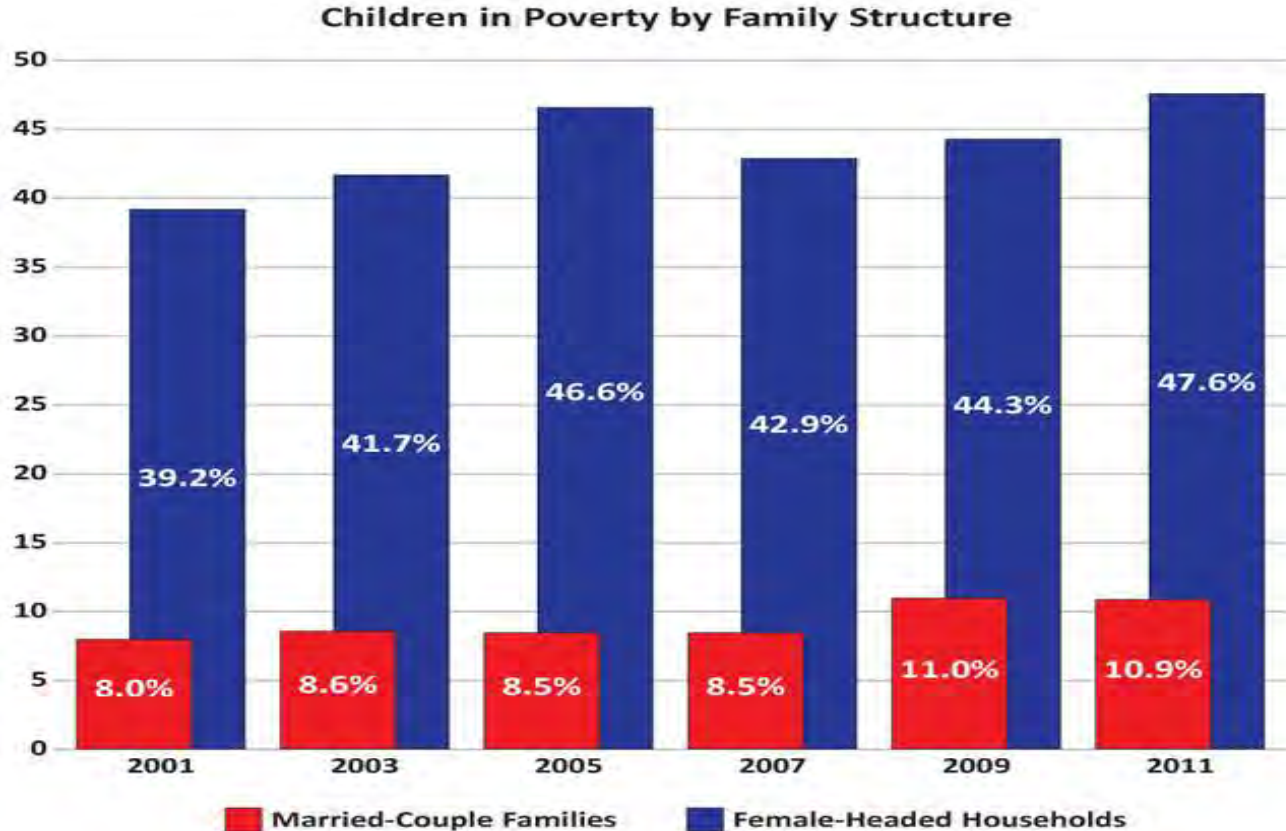
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- 1.. Marriage reduces the risk of poverty for children and communities.

# Marriage Reduces Poverty



# Marriage Reduces Child Poverty



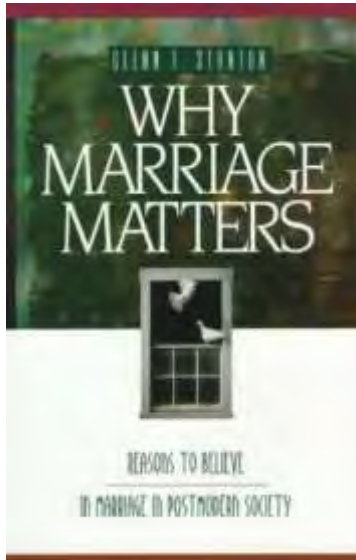
Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; ASEP Issue Brief: Information on Poverty and Income Statistics. September 12, 2012 <http://aspe.hhs.gov/hsp/12/PovertyAndIncomeEst/ib.shtml>

# Marriage Matters

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- 2.. As the number of homes without father's increases, so does violent crime and the number of children born out of wedlock.

# Why Marriage Matters



“... Boys without fathers turn to guns and crime, [while] girls without fathers seem to turn to having babies [out-of-wedlock].”

Glenn T. Stanton,  
*Why Marriage Matters: Reasons to Believe in Marriage in Postmodern Society*  
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# Father-Daughter Relationship

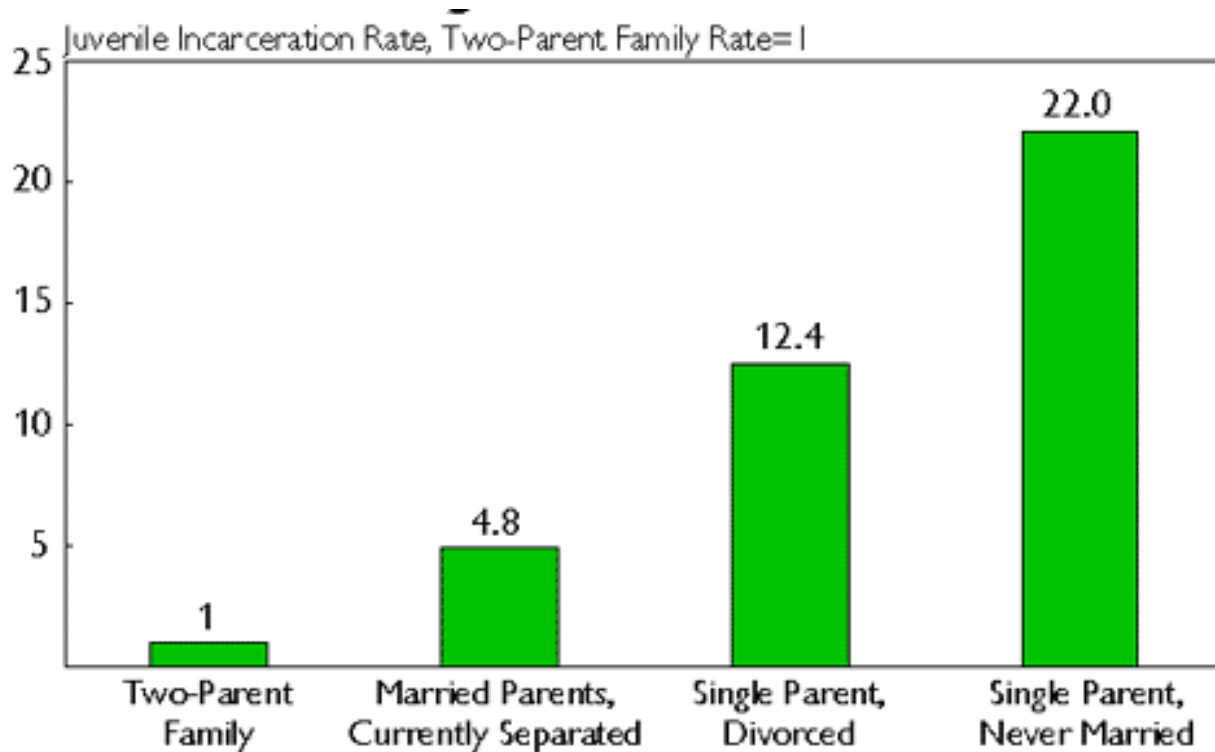
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In a research project that studied 253 girls living in a Baltimore, USA inner city that was drug-ridden with high-crime it was noted that “not one [girl] who had a good relationship with a live-in father had [an out-of-wedlock] baby.”

Barbara Dafoe Whitehead, “The Importance of Fathers in the Lives of Girls,”  
*American Educator* 18/4 (1994): 22-29



# Juvenile Incarceration & Family Breakdown



# Marriage Matters

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- 3.. Marriage protects the physical and mental health of children.

# Family Structure & Criminal Behavior

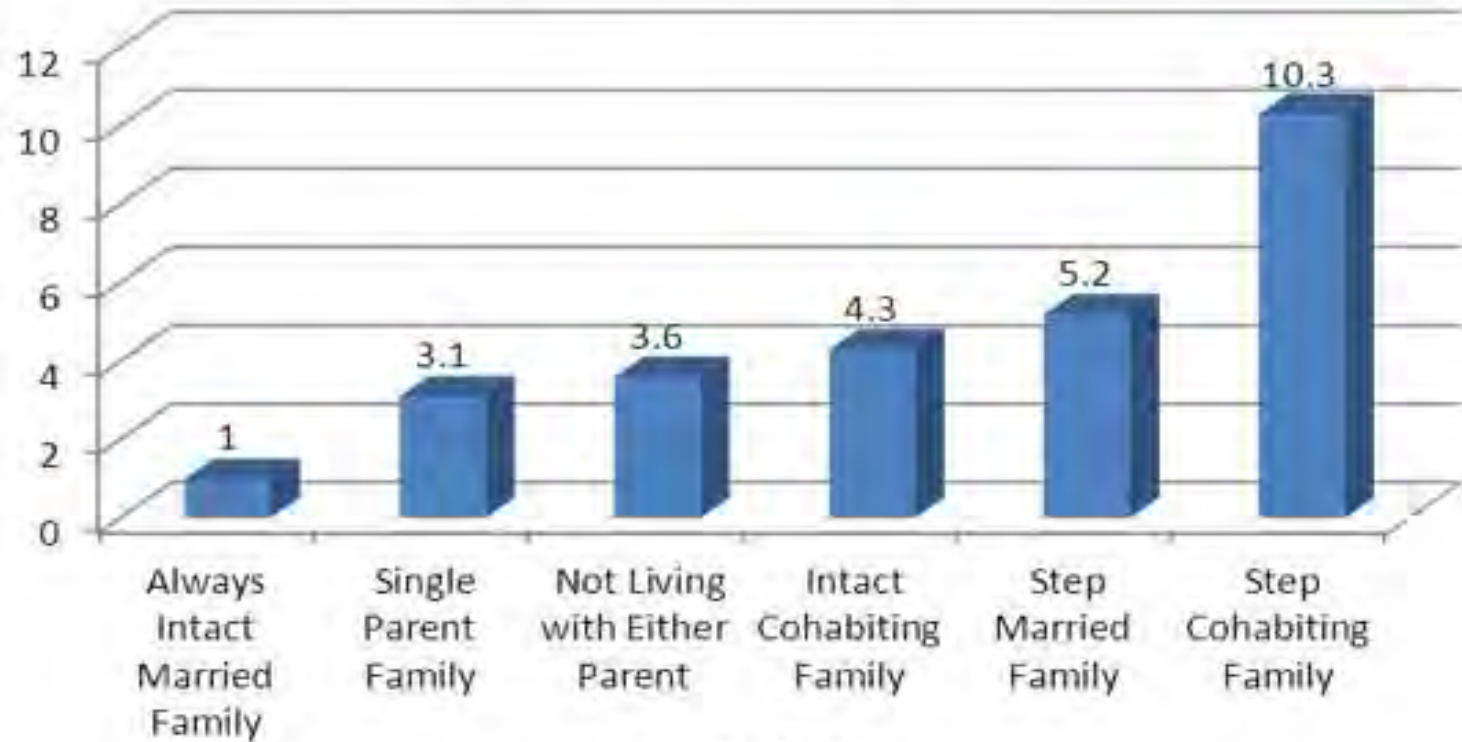
Parents are of immense importance to a child's normal development. Since they are their child's first teachers and role models, their responsibilities are not simply limited to providing food and shelter to their children, but also include their offspring's emotional well-being and safety ...

# Family Structure & Criminal Behavior

... It has been learned through various researches that [the] majority of the teens involved in criminal activities come from a household which has either one or both the parents missing.

# Marriage Reduces Physical Child Abuse

## Relative Rates of Physical Abuse by Family Structure



Source NIS-4, 2010

# Child Benefits: 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 ...



# Marriage in a Global Context

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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.

# Marriage Matters

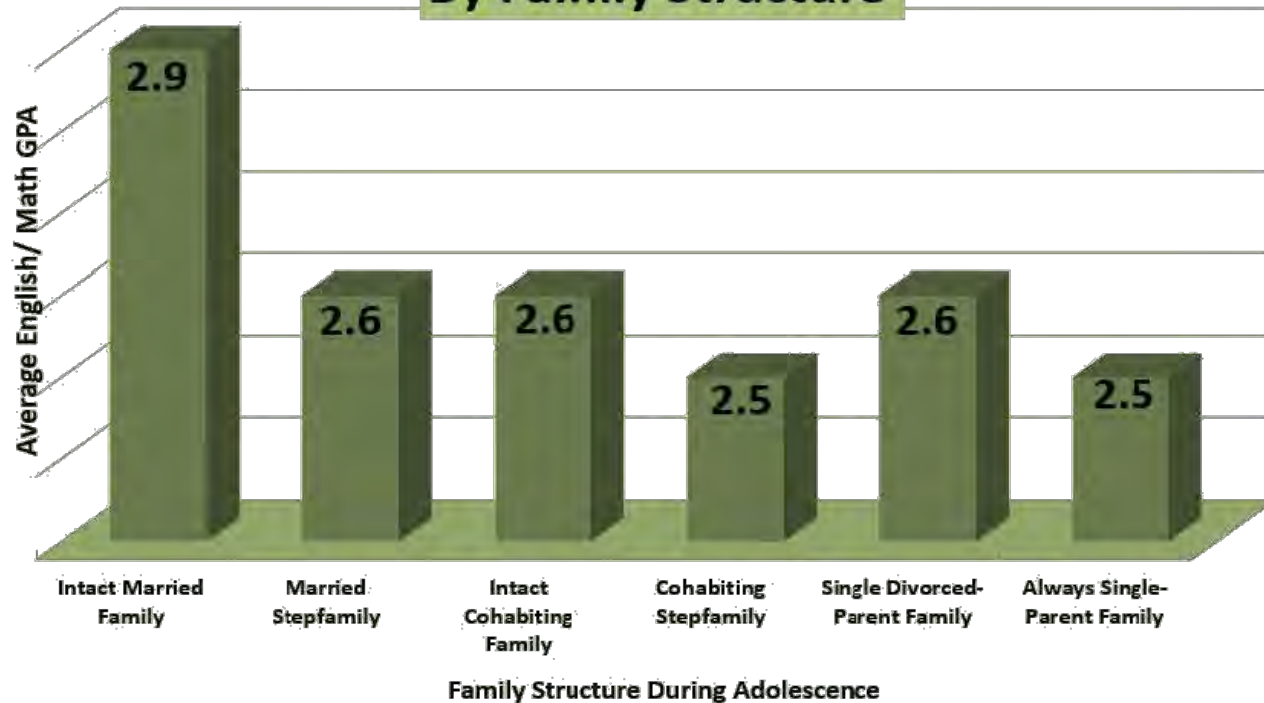
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- 4.. Children born outside marriage have poorer educational achievements.

# School Performance and Family Structure

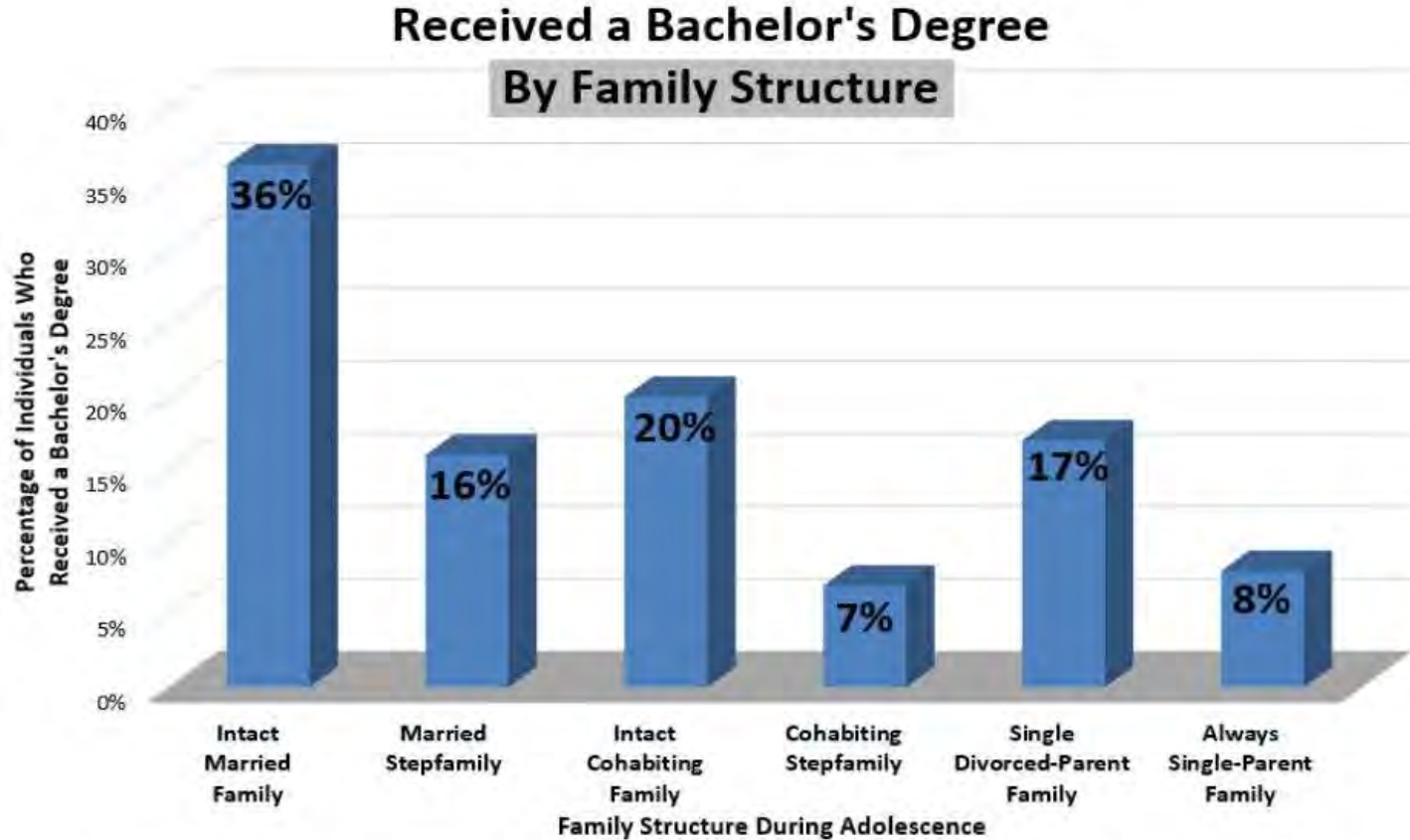
## Average GPA in English and Math (Combined)

### By Family Structure



Source: Patrick Fagan, Kirk A. Johnson, and Jonathan Butcher, *A Portrait of Family and Religion in America*, The Heritage Foundation, 2006, chart 10, based on data from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health.

# College Degree and Family Structure



Source: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (1997)

# The Family and Education



1. Come to school on time
2. Come with homework done
3. More likely to graduate
4. Better grades and college entrance exam results
5. More likely to attend college



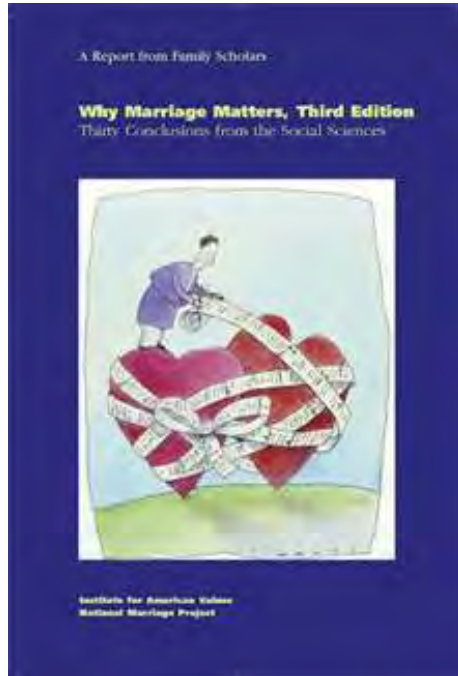
# Marriage Matters

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5.. Married couples are  
wealthier



# Building Wealth



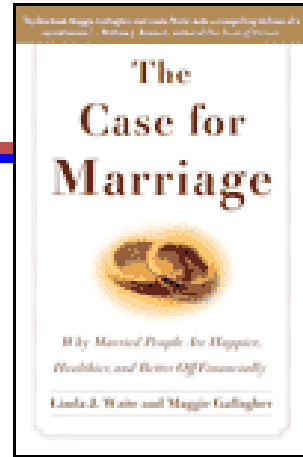
Married couples seem to build more wealth on average than singles or cohabiting couples.”

Why Marriage Matters: 30 Conclusions from Social Science, Third Edition, 2011 Institute for American Values, 2011 - 48 pages [www.americanvalues.org](http://www.americanvalues.org)

# The Case for Marriage

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“A married high-school graduate in the United States earns as much, on average, as a never-married college graduate ...”

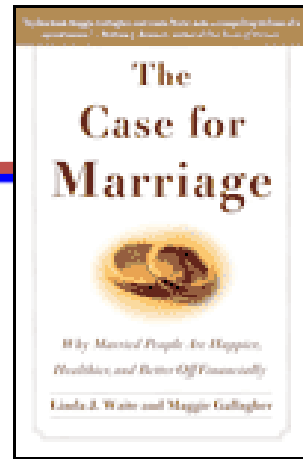


# Why Wealthier?

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## Married men:

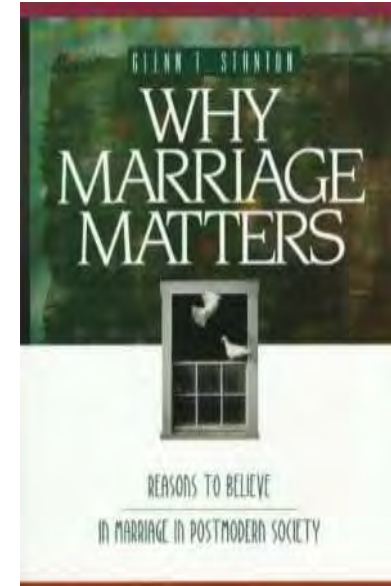
- Are more motivated
- Have more free time (for job training)
- Won't go to work hung over, exhausted or late
- See the doctor sooner
- Have healthier eating habits
- Have better spending and saving habits



# Summary and Conclusion

# Why Marriage Matters

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



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# UN: Family Capital and the SDGs



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



# The Role of the Family in National Development

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"Family education determines the future destiny of the entire nation. When there are many families living by the principle of public service, the nation will flourish; when there are many families living with a private standard, the nation will perish."

Thank you!



# Activity #1

Answer one of the following questions:

1. Why do children with two parents come to school on time and get better grades?
2. Why are people who live in intact two-parent families healthier?
3. Why is everyone happier if they are living in a family?

## Activity #2:

What do these scientific findings tell us about the importance of parental love?

## Activity #3:

For a person to be a good parent, what are some of the most important things for them to keep in mind?