

Dear Friends,

This week we highlight research on the link between relationship status and partner violence, on the effects of parents' presence on children's ability to learn from television, and on the economic security of partnered versus unpartnered elderly.

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The Different Sexual Signals of Different Baby-making Cultures

All children have the right to the marriage of their biological parents because without it they will not become the persons they could have become. This however is more honored in the breach than the observance. There are exceptions but they are few; and that paucity proves the rule. [Continue reading...](#)

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Relationship Status and Partner Violence

Cohabitators—particularly serial cohabitators—experience more intimate partner violence than individuals who are married or dating. This finding illustrates the importance of sexual exclusivity for relationship quality, [according](#) to researchers at Bowling Green State University.



Parents' Presence Helps Children Learn

Children learn more from television when their parents watch the program with them than when the children watch the program alone, [reports](#) researchers at Texas Tech University.



Economic Security Among Older Americans

Partnered elderly receive more in Social Security benefits and experience less poverty than unpartnered elderly. Unpartnered women—particularly gray divorced and never-married women—face the greatest economic insecurity, [reports](#) researchers at Bowling Green State University.

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- 2) [“Effects of Marriage on Financial Stability”](#)
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