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FAITH & FAMILY

Does Contraception Help Disadvantaged Women?



Puerto Rico Pill Trials: "If he [Pincus] could demonstrate that the poor, uneducated, women of Puerto Rico could follow the Pill regimen, then women anywhere in the world could too...The women had only been told that they were taking a drug that prevented pregnancy, not that this was a clinical trial, that the Pill was experimental or that there was a chance of potentially dangerous side effects."-[PBS](#)

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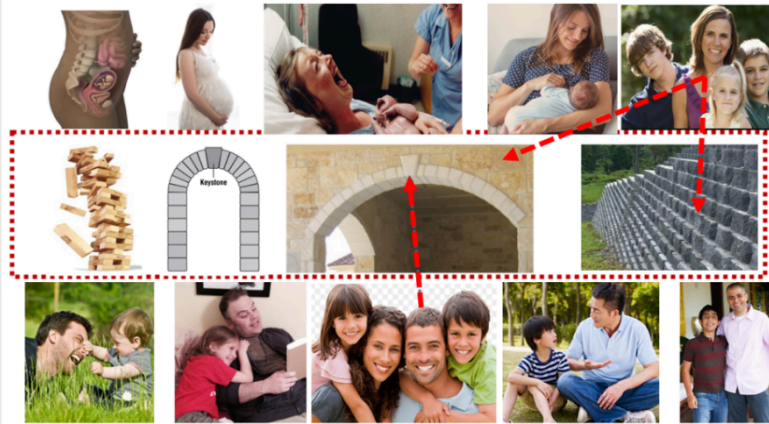
Low-Cost, Safe, and Effective Alternatives

Artificial contraceptive methods require [refills or maintenance](#), financial investment, have serious [physical](#) and [psychological](#) side effects, and considerable [failure rates](#). Fertility Awareness Based Methods (FABMs) only require learning materials, have no side effects, and are [highly effective](#) (93-99%).



Explore more research about the [effects of contraception](#) at [Marri.us](#).

BLOG: Radical Assault- Radical Insight



When a marriage or partnership disintegrates the children normally stay with their mother. This springs from the fundamental nature of female sexuality: Her sexual biology is overwhelming in its impact on her bonding with her children. Once conceived, her child changes all her biological systems as they regroup to grow the baby in her womb. She gets to know that baby as it grows and takes over so much of her life during those nine months. Then comes the trip down the birth canal and the eruption of pain and trauma of childbirth, an experience men cannot conceive of nor write about. It ends in the joy of holding her newborn and the instant conclusion it was all worth it... For men, biology does not do anything comparable. A man bonding with his children is essentially an act of his will: A decision carried out repeatedly as he deliberately gets closer to his child.

In the architecture of family and of society and even of civilization and culture the woman's irreplaceable contribution is biology; man's is decision, or will – or good habits. If the family is an arch the woman is the blocks while the man is the keystone. [Continue reading here.](#)

For the good of the child --- the future of America,

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