

Dear Friends,

This week we highlight research on abortion rates in the United States, on the percentage of never-married adults in American cities, and on the positive effects of fathers' involvement with their children.

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[With an Eye to the Children We Never Knew: The Bloodiest Century By Far](#)

Roughly the equivalent of one seventh of the world's present population has been killed in the womb of mothers over the last century. [Continue Reading...](#)

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[Abortions Hit Historic Low](#)

The 2014 abortion rate fell to 14.6 abortions per every 1,000 women aged 15-44—an all-time low since 1975. Between 2011 and 2014 the abortion rate decreased by 14 percent, [reports](#) the Guttmacher Institute.



[Never-Married Adults](#)

Philadelphia, Chicago, and Los Angeles have the highest percentages of never-married adults out of America's largest cities. On average, about 33 percent of American adults have never married, [according](#) to Pew Charitable Trusts.



[Engaged Fathers Improve Child Outcomes](#)

High-risk, immigrant fathers who learned how to engage their children through reading exhibited improved parenting skills and experienced improved child outcomes, [reports](#) the lead-researcher from New York University.

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- 1) [“Effects of Abortion on the U.S. Population”](#)
- 2) [“State of the Family in America”](#)
- 3) [“Effects of Family Structure on Children's Education”](#)

With an eye to the child, the future of America,

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