

Dear Friends,

This week we highlight research on the link between religion and a woman's propensity to get timely cancer screenings, Americans' views on the importance of having a stay-at-home parent, and the negative effects of a father's smoking habits on his children.

NEW RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



Religion and Cancer Screening

Religious women, particularly Muslim women, stay up-to-date on their breast cancer screenings more than nonreligious women, regardless of income class, [according](#) to a study based on an [opportunity sample](#) at St. Michael's Hospital in Canada.



Children Benefit from a Stay-at-Home Parent

A majority of American men and women believe that children in two-parent families fare best when one parent stays at home with the children, according to a recent Pew Research Center [survey](#).



Fathers' Smoking Prior to Conception Harms Future Children

The earlier in life that a father begins smoking and the longer that he smokes for prior to conception increases the risk of an early-onset of asthma in his children, [reports](#) researchers at the University of Bergen in Norway.

MARRIPEDIA ENTRIES RELATED TO THESE FINDINGS

- 1) [“Effects of Religious Practice on Health”](#)
- 2) [“Effects of Stay-at-Home Mothers on the Economy”](#)

With an eye to the future of the family in America,

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