

Dear Friends,

This week we highlight data on the religious electorate in the 2016 presidential election, on the role of marriage in America's future success, and of the effects of children on post-divorce outcomes.

NEW RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



Religious Vote in the 2016 Presidential Election

Protestants, Catholics, and Mormons tended to vote for Donald Trump whereas Jews, the unaffiliated, and those of "other religions" supported Hillary Clinton. Moreover, those who attend worship services frequently voted for a Trump presidency, [reports](#) the Pew Research Center.



Marital Investment and Community Involvement

Couples who primarily view their marriage as an intimate "soulmate" relationship volunteer less than couples who attach additional values to their marriage, such as raising children and/ or pooling finances. Wives tend to determine the couple's type of relationship, [reports](#) researchers at Baylor University and Utah State University.



Divorce Is More Painful With Children

Couples with children suffer greater economic and social losses from divorce than couples without children, [according to](#) Dutch researchers at the University of Amsterdam.

MARRIPEDIA ENTRIES RELATED TO THESE FINDINGS

- 1) ["Effects of Religious Practice on Society"](#)
- 2) ["Effects of Marriage on Society"](#)
- 3) ["Effects of Divorce on Financial Stability"](#)

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

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