

Dear Friends,

This week we share new research on interfaith marriages in America, on the effects of childhood family structure on children's risk-taking in adulthood, and on abortion trends among teenage girls.

NEW BLOG

The Infrastructure that Donald Trump Can Do Little About

The election results stimulated myriad projections for change about the political and economic future, but at the foundational levels of society, marriage and worship, nothing changed this past week. [Continue reading...](#)

NEW RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



Interfaith Homes in America

Although religiously mixed families remain the exception in America, millennials are more likely to have parents of different faiths than past generations. Moreover, young adults today have a greater likelihood of being raised by at least one religious "none" parent than those of the past, [reports](#) the Pew Research Center.



Childhood Family Structure and Future Risk-Taking

Negative childhood interactions with fathers predict ethical risk-taking among men and women in adulthood, and negative childhood interactions with mothers predict financial risk-taking among men, [according](#) to a small study conducted by researchers at Oklahoma State University.



Abortion Rates Decline Among Teenage Girls

Between 1990 and 2011, abortion rates have steadily and significantly declined for White, Hispanic, and Black teenage girls aged 15-19, [reports](#) Child Trends.

MARRIPEDIA ENTRIES RELATED TO THESE FINDINGS

- 1) [“Effects of Religious Practice on Family Relationships”](#)
- 2) [“Effects of Family Structure on Crime”](#)

3) [“Effects of Abortion on the U.S. Population”](#)

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

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