

Dear Friends,

This week we highlight research on education attainment broken down by religious affiliation; on the link between religion and health; and on the influence of family structure on children's education in Ohio. Given the upcoming holiday season, this will be the last Faith and Family Finding until the New Year. MARRI wishes each of you a Happy and Holy Christmas and Merry New Year!

## **NEW MARRIPEDIA ENTRY**

*(Summary of the Research in the Field)*

### **Effects of Marriage on Child Poverty**

The married, intact family is the strongest generator of upward mobility for children. Reducing child poverty requires the active promotion of the intact family. [Continue reading...](#)

## **NEW RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS**



### **Religion and Education**

At the global level, Jews have the most years of education, followed by Christians, the unaffiliated, Buddhists, Muslims, and lastly Hindus, [reports](#) Pew Research Center. Interestingly, the education of women thrives most among Jews and Christians.



### **Religion and Health**

Religious attendance delivers profound benefits to physical and mental health, according to this major [research synthesis](#) by Harvard researcher Tyler J. VanderWeele.



### **Family Structure and Education in Ohio**

Children raised in intact married families are less likely to exhibit behavior or learning problems in school, less likely to be held back, and more likely to show consistent engagement in their schoolwork compared to children in non-intact families, [reports](#) researchers at the Institute of Family Studies.

## **MARRIPEDIA ENTRIES RELATED TO THESE FINDINGS**

- 1) [“Effects of Religious Practice on Education”](#)
- 2) [“Effects of Religious Practice on Health”](#)
- 3) [“State of the Family in Ohio”](#)

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

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