

Dear Friends,

This week we highlight research on the *advantages* of staying in an *unhappy marriage*, on the benefits of marriage for men, and on the religious identity of American Hispanics.

NEW BLOG

Do We Have a Black Woman Nobel Laureate in One of Our Inner Cities?

Children are deeply relational beings--and depending on how that dimension is fulfilled for them by their parents they become competent human beings--or not. Nurturing relationships early on makes "being a human being" a happy experience for them. [Continue reading...](#)

NEW RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



Unhappiness in Marriage Is Rarely Permanent

The majority of parents who are unhappy at the time of their first child's birth claim to be happy a decade later. Interestingly, couples most at risk of splitting up are those who are unsure about their happiness or the state of their relationship, [report](#) researchers at the Marriage Foundation.



Men Benefit from Marriage

Married men tend to earn more money, enjoy better health, and have better sex than their non-married counterparts, [according](#) to researchers at the Institute of Family Studies.



The Religious Identity of Latinos in the United States

Although the majority of Hispanics in the United States identify as Roman Catholic, the proportion of those converting to Protestantism or becoming unaffiliated is quickly rising, [reports](#) the Pew Research Center.

MARRIPEDIA ENTRIES RELATED TO THESE FINDINGS

- 1) "[Effects of Marriage on Couple's Relationship](#)"
- 2) "[Effects of Marriage on Physical Health](#)"
- 3) "[State of the Family by Race](#)"

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

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