Dear Friends,

Happy National Marriage Week! From strengthening marital intimacy to alleviating childhood poverty, strong intact marriages serve as the basis for a well-functioning society. Keep reading to find out what the social sciences have to say about marriage!

FEATURED ON MARRIPEDIA



Effects of Marriage on Society

Marriage improves societal outcomes on a number of measures—including educational, religious practice, economic, and physical well-being measures. For more check out this Marripedia entry.



Marriage and Mental Health in Young Adults

According to the <u>Journal of Health and Social Behavior</u>, married young adults report higher life satisfaction than those in other types of relationships or no relationship at all. Read more about the effects of marriage on mental health on <u>Marripedia!</u>



Vanishing Divorce

Some social scientists have <u>recently claimed</u> that elderly couples are divorcing more frequently; however, the Marriage Foundation in England offers an alternative perspective. Read their report <u>here</u> and find important marriage stats on <u>Marripedia</u>.



Growing Up With Single Parent Could Count As Poverty

UK experts are considering using family structure to define child poverty because of the "life chance risk" single parenthood imposes on children. Check out the article here and learn more about the effects of marriage on child poverty on Marripedia.

Sincerely,

Patrick Fagan

Director of the Marriage and Religion Research Institute (MARRI)