Dear Friends,

From the water contamination in Flint to the Zinka Virus in South America, healthcare is a leading international concern. Did you know that intact marriages and religious practice can help improve health? Promoting the intact married family that worships frequently is a natural and efficient means to alleviate international health concerns.

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Effects of Marriage on Physical Health

On average, married individuals are in better health than their non-married counterparts. Read more on Marripedia.org!

Effects of Religious Practice on Health

Individuals who frequently attend religious services tend to have better health outcomes than those who attend less frequently. Learn more on Marripedia.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



Later-in-Life Divorce is on the Rise

Recent studies have shown that more and more older adults, especially women, are divorcing their spouse. However, as MercatorNet points out, this is causing some issues for women's health. Read the article here and check out other health risks associated with divorce on Marripedia.



Zika Virus and Abortion

Some national leaders are encouraging pregnant women whose unborn babies have microcephaly, the condition linked to the Zika virus, to abort their "damaged" babies. But Ana Carolina Caceres, a 24 year old born with microcephaly, disagrees with this approach. Read her response here.



Boys in Poverty: The Gender Gap

Impoverished boys are less likely to be employed than their female counterparts, according to research by the National Bureau of Economic Research. Read the research here and learn more on Marripedia.org!



Religious Landscape Study

Check out *Pew's* interactive tool that explores religious groups in the U.S. by tradition, family structure, and denomination, and learn more about the social science significance of religious practice on Marripedia.

Sincerely,

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