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The Most Powerful and Influential Teachers on Earth

Last week we saw the powerful effects of two great teachers: the church and the state and the need for both to be fundamentally aligned if one is to have a peaceful and prosperous society. But in terms of power and influence, nothing compares to parents in shaping their children's view of life and capacity for life. [Continue Reading...](#)

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Cohabitation is Patriarchal

Cohabitation perpetuates asymmetrical relationships that allow men to emotionally control their female partner, [reports](#) British researchers at the Marriage Foundation.



Religious Practice Strengthens Social Bonds

Individuals who worship frequently provide their fellow community members with more support and are viewed as more trustworthy and generous, [according](#) to a study of South Indian villages conducted by researchers at the Santa Fe Institute.



Family Structure and Wealth

Although family structure does not significantly explain racial wealth gaps following the 2008-2012 economic declines, married couples did maintain at least a 70% advantage over their unmarried counterparts, [reports](#) Robert Lerman of the Urban Institute.

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- 1) [“Cohabitation and Future Marital Stability”](#)
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With an eye to the child, the future of America,

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