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FAITH & FAMILY

Dear Friends,

In a week given particular reverence in a number of faiths, religion took center stage both politically and socially. Arguments by the Little Sisters of the Poor before the Supreme Court, for instance, reiterated the changing role of religion in America. But, as this week's Faith & Family Findings shows, freedom of religious practice is indispensable to a well-functioning society.

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Effects of Religious Practice on Society

Social science research indicates that permitting and accommodating free religious practice is necessary for societies to continue moving in positive directions. [Read the entire entry on Marrimedia.](#)

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



The Gender Gap in Religion around the World

Pew Research Center [reports](#) that, globally, women tend to be more religious than men, especially among Christians. Given that religious practice affects [education](#), [work ethic](#), and [health](#), this gender gap may have long-term consequence. Learn more on [Marrimedia.org!](#)



Most Christians View Their Faith as a Force for Good

According to the Barna Group, 52% of American Christians feel persecuted; nevertheless, the majority of these Christians believe practice of their faith is a benefit for society. See the findings [here](#) and learn about how religious people serve as a force of good through their charitable giving on [Marrimedia](#).



American Devotion to Religion is Waning

David Voas of University College London and Mark Chaves of Duke University [contend](#) that new data from the General Social Survey verify that religious practice is slowly declining in America. Go to [Marrimedia.org](#) to find out how this will exacerbate America's fertility crisis.

Sincerely,

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