

Dear Friends,

Digital communication and entertainment is rapidly displacing interpersonal relationships. This week's research highlights the sexual, mental, and even marital repercussions of this hidden revolution in social interaction.

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### Effects of Pornography on Sexual Practices

Society benefits when it fosters a healthy sexuality. However, as the empirical data make clear, pornography misshapes perception of sexual realities. Read more on [Marrimedia!](#)

## RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

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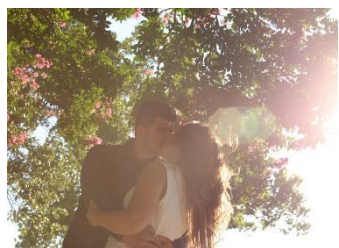
### The Role of Television in Young Adults' Sexual Relationships

Hilary Gamble of the University of Arizona and Leslie Nelson of the University of Missouri [found](#) that viewing relationships on television may distort women's personal sexual expectations and decisions. Go to [Marrimedia.org](#) to learn about other forms of media that can subvert women's perception of matters sexual.



### Social Media Usage Linked to Depression

Dr. Brian Primack of the University of Pittsburgh, and colleagues, [report](#) that the more time young adults spend viewing social media, the more likely they are to become depressed. Find out about other factors that can affect the mental health of young adults on [Marrimedia](#).



### Millennials Embrace "Starter Marriages"

Millennials' elastic and transitory approach to first marriages is imposing a hefty cost on society, according to David Kaufman's recent [New York Post](#) article. Could this be a result of their parents' broken marriages? Check out the effects of parents' divorce on children at [Marrimedia.org](#) to learn more!

Sincerely,

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