

Dear Friends,

For the past decade, economic stability has been a primary concern for Americans on both sides of the political aisle. This week's research confirms that long-term economic growth first requires the restoration of the intact married family.

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### Effects of Family Structure on the Economy

The economic well-being of the United States is strongly related to marriage, which is a choice about how to channel sexuality. The implications of sexual choices are apparent when comparing, across family structures, outcomes on basic economic measures such as employment, income, net worth, poverty, receipt of welfare, and child economic well-being. In all of these the stable, intact married family outperforms all other sexual partnering structures; hence the economy rises with intactness and encounters more difficulties and inefficiencies with non-intactness.

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## RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

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### Evolving Views of Acceptable Family Structures

[New data](#) from the National Center of Health Statistics shows that Americans increasingly reject divorce but embrace cohabitation and single parenthood. Read Alysse ElHage's [analysis](#) of the CDC report, and [go to this Marrimedia entry](#) to learn about the state of the family in America.



### Less Marriage, More Inequality

The retreat from marriage is "fueling economic, racial, and gender inequality" in America, [according](#) to Brad Wilcox of the University of Virginia and Anna Sutherland of the Institute of Family Studies. Visit [this Marrimedia entry](#) to compare the state of the family across races.



### Family Structure and Debt

Growing up in an intact married family and getting married are two key factors that can prevent debt, [reported](#) Bryce Christensen and Nicole King in *The Family in America*. Read the "[Effects of Marriage on Workforce Participation](#)" on Marrimedia to learn more.

Sincerely,

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