

Dear Friends,

Children who are raised in an intact married family are more likely to experience upward social mobility. Thus strong marital bonds between husbands and wives naturally improve the future of the economy. The effect of this foundational relationship permeates all aspects of society!

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Fundamental Effects of Family Structure on the Economy

The economic well-being of the United States is strongly linked to marriage, which is a life-altering choice of how to channel sexuality in ways that change rates of employment, income, net worth, poverty, receipt of welfare, and child economic well-being. [Read the entire entry on Marrisonia...](#)

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



Marriage and Class Divides

The “marriage gap” widens the division between the upper middle class and those below, [according](#) to Richard Reeves and Nathan Joo of the Brookings Institute. [Marrisonia summarizes](#) how religious practice also impacts social mobility for the poor.



Young Mothers, Absent Fathers, and Crime

Robert VerBruggen of *The American Conservative* has a fascinating analysis in [Family Studies](#) showing that violent crime results from a “fast life-history strategy”, an orientation to life that comes from a combination of factors, especially low paternal investment and adolescent fertility. His analysis fits well with “[Effects of Fatherless Families on Crime Rates](#)” on Marrisonia.



A National Portrait of Marital Dissolution and Re-partnering among Mature Couples

Divorcees aged 50+ re-partner more frequently than widowers, [according](#) to Susan Brown of Bowling Green State University. Divorce rather than widowhood has also comprised a larger share of later-in-life marital dissolutions in recent decades.

With an eye to the future,

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