

Dear Friends:

NEW RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



The Success Sequence

Although a majority of millennials have children prior to marriage, those who follow the “success sequence”-- get a high school degree, work full-time, marry, and then have children—have better financial prospects, [report](#) Brad Wilcox and Wendy Wang.



2017 Kids Count Data Book

Although parental employment/ wages, healthcare coverage, and high school graduation rates have risen, child poverty, academic performance, and single parenthood have not improved, [according to](#) the Annie E. Casey Foundation.



Fathers Influence Daughter’s Sexual Behavior

High quality fathering marked by parental monitoring decreases daughters' involvement in risky sexual behavior and affiliation with peers who promote such behavior, [report](#) researchers at the University of Utah.

MARRIPEDIA ENTRIES RELATED TO THESE FINDINGS

- 1) [“Effects of Out-of-Wedlock Birth on Poverty”](#)
- 2) [“Effects of Family Structure on Poverty”](#)
- 3) [“Effects of Divorce on Children’s Sexual Behavior”](#)

NEW BLOG

Malleable Human Nature: The Black Hole of Culture

A most remarkable essay has just been released, Three Necessary Societies by Russell Hittinger of the University of Tulsa. It will likely be referred to repeatedly in years to come as people unwrap its implications. Among many other issues, Hittinger draws attention to the frightening prospect of the simultaneous serious weakening of all three of the necessary societies needed by man: the family, the church and the polity (civil society, including government). [Continue reading...](#)

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