

Dear Friends,

Marriage between a man and woman has myriad rippling effects. Today we report on new studies on the effects of marriage on the self-esteem of children, on income distribution and on alcoholism prevention.

NEW RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



Children's Self-Esteem Associated with Family Structure

Children with married parents exhibit significantly higher self-esteem than those in non-intact families, according to research conducted by the [Marriage Foundation of the UK](#).



Marriage Protects Against Child Poverty

Lindsay Mitchel of Family First [synthesizes the research](#) in New Zealand and finds that family brokenness increases income inequality.



Marriage Linked to Lower Alcoholism Among Adults

A new [Swedish longitudinal study](#) finds an important benefit of marriage: first-marriages reduce the onset of alcohol abuse, especially for those with a family history of alcoholism.

MARRIPEDIA ENTRIES RELATED TO THESE FINDINGS

- 1) [“Effects of Divorce on Social Skills”](#)
- 2) [“Effects of Family Structure on the Economy”](#)
- 3) [“Effects of Marriage on Physical Health”](#)

With an eye to the future,

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