

Dear Friends:

NEW RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



United States Enters Demographic Winter

The United States has joined a large cohort of countries suffering from a demographic winter—a family crisis. Countries enter this demographic desert because of low rates of religious practice, high social benefits that displace the need for family, fiscal policies that penalize investment in social capital, and the aftereffects of totalitarianism, [according](#) to John Mueller in his 2017 World Congress of Families speech.



Parental Divorce Affects Children’s Long-term Health

Early-life stressors can permanently damage the immune system. Children whose parents do not speak after their divorce are three times more likely, as adults, to catch a cold, [report](#) researchers at Carnegie Mellon University.



Parental Technology Use and Child Behavior

Mothers’ increased use of technology contributes to both internalizing and externalizing behavioral problems in their children, [according](#) to researchers at Illinois State University.

MARRIPEDIA ENTRIES RELATED TO THESE FINDINGS

- 1) [“Fertility and Religious Practice”](#)
- 2) [“Effects of Divorce on Children’s Health”](#)
- 3) [“Effects of Divorce on Children’s Behavior”](#)

NEW BLOG

Growing the Culture Locally

At the core of culture is the child, wrapped in a family and embedded in a community of faith: Faith, Family and the Child (the future of the world). [Continue Reading...](#)

With an eye to the child, the future of America,

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