

Dear Friends,

I frequently say that the social sciences well done cannot but illustrate the way God made man. Today, we report on new scientific research on some pressing issues: on depression among adults raised by same-sex parents, on the harm of condom distribution in high schools, and on the effects of religious practice on suicide rates among women.

NEW RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



Depression among Adolescents with Same-Sex Parents

Adults raised by same-sex parents suffer from depression at double the rate of the general population, [according to Dr. Paul Sullins](#) of the Catholic University of America.



Condom Distribution *Increases* Teen Pregnancies

Access to condoms in schools leads to a ten percent rise in teen births, and an increased rate of gonorrhea among women. Kasey Buckles and Daniel Hungerman of the University of Notre Dame share their [recent findings](#).



Religious Practice and Suicide

Women who never attend religious services are five times more likely to commit suicide than women who worship weekly, [says Dr. Tyler VanderWeele](#) and colleagues of Harvard University.

MARRIPEDIA ENTRIES RELATED TO THESE FINDINGS

- 1) [“Effects of Family Structure on Teen Pregnancies”](#)
- 2) [“Effects of Religious Practice on Health”](#)

With an eye to the future of America,

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