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Family Structure and Offspring Sense of Belonging

Sense of Belonging in Family

A new [study](#) in the *Journal of Family Issues* explains that a sense of belonging increases offspring wellbeing, especially in two-biological-parent families.

Feelings of Rejection and Divorce

According to a qualitative [assessment](#), children of broken homes report feelings of betrayal, rejection and abandonment. In turn, feelings of [alienation](#) are associated with higher depression, delinquent behavior, and poor academic

Family Structure and Parent-Child Relationships

A Chinese [study](#) shows the other end of the spectrum: Adolescents in non-intact families report lower family functioning and parent-child relationships compared to adolescents in intact families.

Family Structure and Parental Engagement

Children in married biological families [experience greater economic resources and parental engagement](#) than children in single-mother, mother and cohabitating



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Social Science data does not produce a warm and fuzzy feeling. It is quite cerebral. At times this causes me some significant professional problems. Now is one of those times.

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For the good of the child --- the future of America,

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