

Dear Friends,

Today we report on new research on the relationship between marriage expectations and delinquency, on the important role of male breadwinners for marital stability, and on the benefits of a father's presence for his daughter's mental health.

## **NEW RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS**



### **Marriage Expectations and Crime**

Young adults who expect to marry in the near future commit fewer acts of delinquency, [reports](#) Rachel Arocho and Claire Kamp Dush of Ohio State University.



### **Divorce Linked to Husband's Unemployment**

Whereas couples married prior to 1974 generally divorced if the wife did not satisfy homemaking duties, couples married after 1975 primarily divorce if the husband fails to fulfill the breadwinning role. Alexandra Killewald of Harvard University [reports](#) on these changing patterns.



### **Effect of "Boomerang Fathers" on Adolescent Girls**

Adolescent females experience fewer depressive symptoms when they have a boomerang biological father—one that cycles in and out of the household—than an absent biological father. Daphne Hernandez of the University of Houston and colleagues [suggest](#) that boomerang fathers help their daughters by deterring unrelated males from entering the household.

## **MARRIPEDIA ENTRIES RELATED TO THESE FINDINGS**

- 1) ["Effects of Family Structure on Crime"](#)
- 2) ["Comparative Advantage of Married Couples"](#)
- 3) ["Effect of Divorce on Children's Health"](#)

With an eye to the future of America,

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