

Dear Friends,

This week we highlight new research on income and poverty in the United States, on the effects of family structure on school success, and on religious “nones” in America.

## **NEW RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS**



### **Income and Poverty in the United States**

Five times as many female-headed families (no husband present) as married-couple families were in poverty in 2015. The U.S. Census Bureau released its latest data on income and poverty in their [2016 report](#).



### **Family Structure Affects School Success: A Look at Florida**

The share of married families in Florida’s 67 counties helps predict high school graduation rates in each respective county. Brad Wilcox and Nicholas Zill [report](#) on the multitude of ways that family structure affects children’s school success.



### **Religious “Nones” in America**

Two factors have contributed to the rise of “nones” in America: Younger Americans more willingly admit to being atheist or agnostic than older generations, and more Americans have a low level of religious commitment, [reports](#) Gregory Smith and Alan Cooperman of Pew Research Center.

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

- 1) [“Effects of Family Structure on the Economy”](#)
- 2) [“Effects of Marriage on Children’s Education”](#)
- 3) [“Effects of Religious Practice on Society”](#)

With an eye to the future of the family in America,

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