

Dear Friends,

This week we highlight research illustrating the effects of monogamy and chastity. We report new studies on the rise of antibiotic resistant gonorrhea, on mother's labor participation trends over the last three decades, and on the effects of mothers' marital status and age on her child's education prospects.

## NEW RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



### **Antibiotic-Resistant Gonorrhea on the Rise**

The Center for Disease Control [warns](#) that antibiotic-resistant gonorrhea has emerged as one of the three most urgent threats of its kind in the United States. The CDC encourages state and local programs to combat the rise of STD's. [Collier County FL](#) public school system achieved zero new gonorrhea cases among teenagers in 2014 using an abstinence approach.



### **The Opt-Out Continuation**

Mothers of all education levels have opted out of the labor force at relatively consistent rates over the last thirty years, [reports](#) Tanya Byker of Middlebury College.



### **Mother's Marital Status and Age Affects Children's High School Graduation**

Adolescents born to mothers who married prior to having their first child were more likely to graduate from high school compared to youth born to unmarried mothers; similarly, adolescents born to mothers who lived in an intact family at age 14 were more likely to graduate high school than those born to mothers who resided in a non-intact family at age 14. Children whose mothers delayed childbearing to late teens or older had better educational outcomes than their

counterparts, [according](#) to Fenaba Addo of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and colleagues.

## MARRIPEDIA ENTRIES RELATED TO THESE FINDINGS

- 1) ["Effects of Divorce on Children's Sexual Activity"](#)
- 2) ["Comparative Advantage of Married Couples"](#)

3) [Effects of Family Structure on Children's Education](#)

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

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