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FAITH & FAMILY



"To us, family means putting your arms around each other and being there." -Barbara Bush

Family Connectedness
Allows for Optimal
Development

Poor Family Relationships
are Associated with Adverse
Consequences



A [2019 study using the National Survey of Children's Health](#) found that a strong family connection is associated with the primacy of nurturing relationships for child flourishing or optimal child development.

Family Connectedness Protects Elderly Patients from Committing Suicide



A [2013 study](#) of 130 mood disordered inpatients and outpatients 50 years or older found that patients who reported greater family connectedness were significantly less likely to report suicide ideation.



A [2019 study of the Stockholm Birth Cohort study](#) found that poor family relationships in adolescence had an independent and long-lasting negative effects in terms of an increased risk of premature death, a range of adverse childhood experiences, and with adult somatic and mental health outcomes.

Parental Warmth is Associated with a Potpourri of Outcomes



A [2018 Harvard study](#) found that parental warmth was positively associated with flourishing (defined as emotional, psychological, and social well-being) and was inversely associated with several adverse health behavior outcomes such as drug use and smoking.



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The Centrality of the Father



The Marxist Feminists by seeking the weakest spot by which to collapse society, found it in the “patriarch” (the father of the family, i.e. the married father, or more precisely in the potential “patriarch”. Remove him and society and its institutions would gradually collapse. Monogamous marriage is their main target. 1 Lenin removed it immediately (1919), but Russian Communists, now with a society to run, restored it in 1929 because of the social chaos it had brought with it. However, for purposes of destabilizing US society, this was a brilliant insight, not recognized by opponents of Marxism, even among those believed in the sacredness of marriage and family. That the role of the father was not fully grasped until these deconstruction effects began to be seen. If anything, traditionally that central role was given to mother, not father. But many mistook the natural emotionally-deeper bonding of children to mother, 2 to be the relational core of family bonding. Father is, not because he is stronger, but because he is weaker and more vulnerable. [Continue reading here.](#)

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