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Time Spent with Family



is Time Well Spent

"You go through life wondering what is it all about but at the end of the day it's all about family." -Rod Stewart, Musician

Parents' Time with Children
Has Increased in the Past 50
Years

Increased Time Spent with
Children Decreased
Children's Risky Behavior



A [2016 study](#) using data for 11 Western countries to examine parents' time with their children from 1965 to 2012 found that in ten of the countries, both mothers and fathers increased the time spent caring for their children. When looking at parents' educational background, this study found that the more educated mothers and fathers devoted more time with their children than those who were less educated.



A [longitudinal analysis](#) of 192 families found that the more the parents spent time with their children, the less likely their children engaged in risky behavior, specifically smoking, drinking and delinquent behavior.

Fathers in Intact Families Spend More Time with their Children Compared to Non-Intact Families



A study using data from the [Panel Study of Income Dynamics](#) found that fathers in intact families spend more time with their children compared to non-intact families. In particular, fathers in intact families increase the time they spend with their children during the weekend compared to the weekday.



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[Who has the Best Sex?](#)



Sex is all about life and love. Life (existence) and love are of the essence of God. The closer man is to Him the more he thrives. That is good spiritual direction. It is also good social science!

The great paradox in the social sciences today is that most social scientists in the academy seem to make the universe orbit around sex but refuse to go where the data on “the best sex” lead: to the intact married family that worships God weekly. The most recent work of one of the world’s leading sociologists, [Brad Wilcox](#) of the University of Virginia, and the team of social scientists he pulled together from BYU and Georgetown, have given the academic world yet another major lesson in the fundamentals of sex, of living and of thriving. [Continue reading here.](#)

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