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Effects of Parental Absence on Children's Sexuality

One in Four Children Have Absent Fathers

According to the latest [Census](#) household figures, over a quarter of children do not live with their fathers. Alarming, more than half of African American children do not have a father in the home ([57%](#)).

Father Absence Significantly Impacts Children

Father absence negatively impacts [high school graduation](#), [social-emotional adjustment](#), [physical health](#), and [adult mental health](#).

Residence Matters: Father's Time Spent with Children

The [American Time Use Survey](#) shows that fathers who live with their children spend five times more time with their children than non-residential fathers.

Parental Factors that Reduce Risky Sexual Behavior

Parents who practice [supportive parenting](#) and good [parent-child sexual communication](#) decrease risky sexual behavior among adolescents. Likewise, [two-parent families](#) and parents who teach their children about [abstinence](#) decrease offspring's likelihood of

Parental Attachment and Sexuality

Unlike young adolescents with secure [parental attachment](#), youth with ambivalent parental attachment initiate sexual activity early, more frequently and become emotionally invested in sexual interactions. Youth with avoidant maternal attachment separate sex and emotions, and girls with avoidant paternal attachment initiate sexual activity early and act out sexually.

having sex and of having multiple partners.

Fear of Rejection and Pornography Use

Deficiencies in parental support diminish the ability to form intimate bonds leading those with high [attachment anxiety and attachment avoidance](#) to use porn and other related sexual activities to meet their needs.



Explore more research about the negative [effects of family breakdown on offspring sexuality](#) at Marripedia.

BLOG: Rebuilding Society One Father and One Son at a Time



To do a good job in raising their sons, modern fathers have to dig deeper into the nature of fatherhood, deeper than fathers ever had to in all of human history because of the Marxist feminist assault on “patriarchy”, amplified by technological shocks (the pill, internet pornography, etc.). Because the enemy dug deep so as to understand how to deconstruct society and family (see Shulamith Firestone’s seminal influence on 1970’s feminism: [The Dialectic of Sex](#)), men today have to dig deeper still.

This may well turn out to be a great blessing because hereafter, men can pass this deeper knowledge on to their sons and in the process become better men themselves while forming their boys to be even better. While the father will make the boy, the boy will also make the father. As Seneca said: “While we teach, we learn.” Understanding fatherhood better, men will live it

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