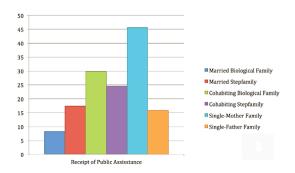


Marital Status Impacts Net Worth and Financial Asset Accumulation



A new <u>study</u> published in the Journal of Financial Planning states that the net worth and financial accumulation of cohabiters is lower than that of

Non-Intact Family Life <u>Diminishes</u> <u>Economic Well-Being</u>



An <u>assessment</u> using nationally representative data, the 2008 SIPP panel, determined that children who live in non-intact families, or who live in stepfamily households, exhibit lower levels of economic wellbeing.

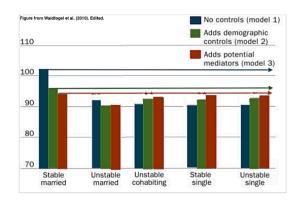
married couples.

Step-Family Life Lowers Academic Outcomes for Adolescents



A study using the National
Longitudinal Study of Adolescent
Health found that residing with step
or half-siblings is associated with
lower grades and higher schoolrelated behavioral problems. The
authors attribute the decreased
academic outcomes with the
"complexity, ambiguity and stress" of
living with "non-traditional" siblings.

Intact Family Structure Counts for Children's Long-Term Success



A <u>review</u> of the existing research from the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study (FFCWS) indicates that children from families that began without marriage have higher risks of poor school achievement, and lower income prospects.

With an eye to meaning, marriage, happiness and the God from Whom they all flow,

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