

Dear Friends,

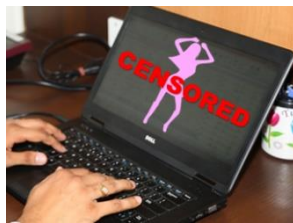
The future is in your hands! Although times may look grim for the family, this week's research reminds us that there are many efforts we can take to begin improving society. For example, explaining the negative effects of pornography to your friends and family, reminding your loved ones you are grateful to them, and prioritizing God in your everyday life are simple steps that will produce great progress.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



Divorce Affects Grandparent-Grandchild Relationships

A [study](#) published in the *Journal of Marriage and Family* finds that children of divorced parents interact less with their grandparents. Read more about the effects of divorce on family relationships on [Marripedia](#).



Pornography and Sexual Aggression

Consistent with past research, a [new meta-analysis](#) shows that pornography consumption is significantly associated with increased sexual aggression. Check out some of the other effects of pornography on [Marripedia](#).



The Power of Gratitude

According to [research](#) conducted by the University of Georgia, spousal expression of gratitude is one of the most important determinants of marital quality. Read the study [here](#) and learn about other factors that affect marital quality on [Marripedia](#).



How Your Trust in God Affects Others' Trust in You

A new [study](#) published in *American Politics Research* reports that Americans are less likely to vote for candidates with no religious affiliation. Learn more about the effects of religious practice on an individual at [Marripedia.org](#).

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Effects of Religious Practice on Poor Communities

Religious liberty (or lack thereof) has been a constant point of controversy in recent months. Check out [this Marrimedia entry](#) explaining why religious practice is essential for helping poor communities.

Sincerely,

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