

Dear Friends,

Certain facts about women's health are reported less frequently because they do not support the mainstream agenda. But women deserve to know the science that affects them: Marriage provides important benefits to women, whereas abortion poses significant risks to mothers and their children. We invite you to dig deeper into these important findings, and to share them with your relatives and friends!

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### Effects of Single Parents on Financial Stability

Single motherhood is the strongest determinant of female poverty in the United States. According to [one estimate](#), almost half of single mothers are in poverty.

## RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

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### Marriage and Women's Health in Japan

Based on data from the Japanese Panel Survey of Consumers, Sojung Lee of Utah State University and James Raymo of the University of Wisconsin-Madison [found](#) that marriage is associated with better mental and physical health for Japanese women, partially due to their lower levels of employment. Learn about other advantages of sharing responsibilities with a spouse on this [Marrimedia entry](#).



### Surgical Abortion Linked to Subsequent Preterm Birth

A [meta-analysis](#) by Dr. Gabriele Saccone of the University of Naples Federico II and Doctors Lisa Perriera and Vincenzo Berghella of Thomas Jefferson University indicates that surgical abortion is an independent risk factor for later preterm births. Read about other risks associated with abortion on this [Marrimedia entry](#).



### Hormone in Birth Control Negatively Affects Ecosystem

Ethinyl-estradiol, an active substance in many birth control pills, has been released into the waters as waste. [According](#) to Lina Nikoleris of Lund University in Sweden, this hormone is adversely affecting the entire ecosystem.

Sincerely,

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