

Dear Friends:

NEW RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS



Importance of Religion Increases in Formerly Communist Countries

Central and Eastern European countries now claim a solid religious majority—mostly identifying as either Orthodox Christian or Roman Catholic—and view religion as integral to their national identity, [according](#) to researchers at Pew Research Center.



Marriage and Housework

Women who have a higher preference for housework and men who have a lower preference for housework are more likely to marry than their counterparts. This preference accounts for 30-60 percent of the increase in women's housework and decrease in men's housework after marriage, [report](#) researchers at the Institute of Labor Economics.



Fertility Trends

The number of childless women in their early 30s has increased by 4 percent in just ten years, [according](#) to the latest Census Bureau fertility trends.

MARRIPEDIA ENTRIES RELATED TO THESE FINDINGS

- 1) [“Marriage and Religious Faithfulness”](#)
- 2) [“Fertility and Religious Practice”](#)

NEW BLOG

The Emerging Culture That Will Last

Culture is a society's way of joyfully guiding itself into the future, a future made most visible in its ever-repeating cycle of celebrations. When you cut to the quick on that future the child emerges. Looked at differently, our culture is our way of collectively guiding ourselves to guide our children along certain paths, as elegantly as we can, to ensure as good a future as we can for them. [Continue Reading...](#)

With an eye to the child, the future of America,

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