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Behavioral Implications of Divorce

Two national assessments show that parental divorce worsens children's [behavior](#), decreases [life opportunities](#), and increases the risk of morbidity and [mortality](#).

Adolescent Behavior and Religious Practice

A longitudinal [study](#) in the *American Journal of Epidemiology* reports that adolescents who practice religion weekly exhibit greater life satisfaction, positive affect, and lower risks of drug use and early sexual experiences.

Educational and Relationships Outcomes of Divorce

A recent [study](#) in the *Journal of Child Abuse and Neglect* indicates that adverse childhood experiences (like divorce) reduce educational attainment and intimate relationship longevity.

Family Structure and Parental Influence

A national [assessment](#) illustrates how parental influence varies by the marital status of parents. Married fathers are more influential in their children's church attendance than divorced or stepfathers.



Explore more research about parental divorce and offspring sexual behavior at [Marrimedia](#).

BLOG

When "Sacred and Sexual" are a Toxic Mix



In my thirty years of dealing with data on marriage and worship I have never come across anything like what I discuss today: the interface between worship and sexuality for teenage boys and girls whose parents have divorced or remarried. On all other outcomes measured, the more people worship, the greater their benefits and the lower their deficits, but not here. [Continue reading...](#)

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