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Social Scientists Need to Articulate their Moral Frameworks



“When I see what young adults believe about cohabitation (chart below) I am saddened by how misled they are. On cohabitation we have plenty of robust data and strong conclusions --- multiple deficits for many adults and most children. This is the very opposite to what most young adults think they know. We also know that young people are more likely to put their trust in science than in other sources of wisdom. Therefore, that they hold these beliefs about cohabitation is damning evidence on the present practical effects of the social sciences.” [Continue Reading Here...](#)

Findings on Adolescent Sexual Behavior

“If desire is predominant, it can deform love between man and woman and rob them both of it.” – Karol Wojtyła (later John Paul II)

Sex Among Adolescents



The [2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey](#) reveals that nationwide, 40 percent of adolescents have had sexual intercourse, with young men more likely than young women (41.4% vs. 37.7%) to have ever engaged in intercourse.

Abstinence Among Adolescents is Attributed to Having an Intact, Highly Educated Family



A study from the year 2000, using the [1992 Youth Risk Behavior Survey](#), found that adolescents, aged 14 to 17 years, from an intact family with college-educated, were least likely to have ever engaged in sexual intercourse. Meanwhile, adolescents from non-intact families and whose parents did not complete high school were 2.5 times more likely to engage in intercourse. [Regretfully the survey does not gather data on religious attendance --- which would certainly throw more light on the topic of sexual behavior... Editor]

Adolescent Sex and Suicide

A [2019 cross-sectional study](#) of 116,820 adolescents, aged 12 to 15 years from 38 countries participating in the Global School-based Student Health Survey, found that adolescents who engage in sexual intercourse have an increased



risk of attempted suicide. It also found that the greater the number of sexual partners the greater the risk of suicide attempts.



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