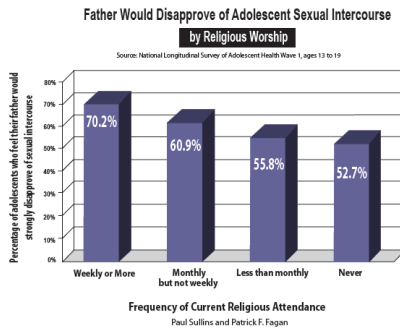


MAPPING AMERICA

Adolescent Sexual Intercourse and Fathers Response: Analysis by Religious Worship



Wave one of the *National Longitudinal Survey of Adolescent Health (Add Health)* found that adolescents aged 13 to 19 that worshipped weekly or more were most likely to feel that their father would strongly disapprove if they engaged in sexual intercourse at this time in their life. [Read more here.](#)

NOTABLE RESEARCH

The Role of Same-Sex Marriage

[This analysis](#) from The National Center for Marriage and Family Research (Bowling Green University) of the correlation between marriage trends and same sex marriage legalization shows no change in *the rate of decline of marriage*.



SOCIAL SCIENCE AND FISCAL POLICY

Japan's Foreboding Demographics: Lessons for America

Although the U.S.'s high population will allow a greater spread of time between policy implication and economic disaster, we are heading down a devastating path not far behind Japan. Henry Potrykus explains that the United States Social Security and Medicare program are eerily similar to that of Japan's.

In "[The Implications of a Graying Japan for Government Policy](#)" The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta concludes that, unless drastic changes are made to Japan's *consumption* tax (for example, unless the *consumption* tax is increased to 35% by 2018), Japan's economy will be unsalvageable. Potrykus further asserts that Japan's economy will fail if changes are not made to their tax laws regarding their equivalent of "Social Security" and "Medicare." [Read the entire blog post here.](#)