Problem Behaviors of Children by Parents’ Marital Status

Source: National Longitudinal Survey of Adolescent Health Wave 2, 1996
Adolescent Cocaine Use By Family Structure

Source: Add Health Wave II 1996

The graph shows the percentage of adolescent cocaine use by family structure. The data is as follows:

- Intact Married Family: 2.8%
- Divorced Family: 5.2%
- Single Never Married Mother Family: 7.5%

The graph source is Add Health Wave II 1996.
Family Structure: Comparative Rates of Youth Incarceration

Raised in Intact Married Parent Family: 1
Raised in Mother-Only Family: 2.07
Raised in a Mother and Stepfather Family: 2.71
Raised in a Stepmother Family: 3.7

RISE IN OVERALL CRIME RATE AND CHILDREN IN SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES 1960-1991

Sources: FBI Crime Index and NCHS MVSR

% of Children Living in Single-Parent Families

Crime (per 100 persons)

% of CHILDREN LIVING IN SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES  
CRIME RATE
Theft and Violence Rates For the US by Ratio of Family Breakdown

Sources: Heritage Calculations on NCHS data and F. Fukuyama ‘The Great Disruption

Theft and Violence Rates

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Rejection Ratio in Family Structure

Crime Enforcement Reforms Begin

Children Entering Broken Families as % of # born

[Graph showing trends in theft, violence, and rejection ratio from 1960 to 1996]
HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH
Mental Health Emotional Disorders
Children UK 1999 by Family Structure

Source: Off Nat Stats UK 1999

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Emotional Disorders
Mental Health Disorder All Children UK 1999 by Family Structure

% of Children with the Disorder

- Emotional Disorders
- Conduct disorders


Source: Off Nat Stats UK 1999
Adolescents in Poor Health by Family Structure


![Bar chart showing the percentage of adolescents in poor health by family structure.](chart.png)

- **Intact Family:** 2.20%
- **Step Family:** 4.90%
- **Cohabitating Family:** 4.30%
- **Always Single:** 4.40%
- **Divorced Single:** 3.80%
Estimated Surgical Abortions in the U.S.
by Marital Status, 1972–1997

Chart 2

Millions of Abortions per Year

Abortions to Married Women:
6.6 million

Abortions to Unmarried Women:
28.6 million

Age At Time of Abortion

Source: Forbidden Grief Theresa Burke, 2002, Elliott Survey

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SEXUALITY AND MARRIAGE
Marriage and Divorce Rates In the US

Source: NCHS Data from Jan Crouse Bev La Haye Institute

Marriage Rate per 1000 Women 15 & over
Divorce rate for Married Women 15 & over
Number of Children whose parents divorced that year

NCHS, Vital Statistics

# Children whose parents divorced that year
Number of Non Marital Sexual Partners and Stable Marriage

Source: NSFG 1995

The graph shows the percentage of individuals in stable marriages (5+ years) based on the number of nonmarital sexual partners they reported.

- 80% of individuals with 0 nonmarital sexual partners are in stable marriages.
- 54% of individuals with 1 nonmarital sexual partner are in stable marriages.
- 44% of individuals with 2 nonmarital sexual partners are in stable marriages.
- 39% of individuals with 3 nonmarital sexual partners are in stable marriages.
- 42% of individuals with 4 nonmarital sexual partners are in stable marriages.
- 30% of individuals with 5 nonmarital sexual partners are in stable marriages.
- 29% of individuals with 6-10 nonmarital sexual partners are in stable marriages.
- 30% of individuals with 11-15 nonmarital sexual partners are in stable marriages.
- 18% of individuals with 16-20 nonmarital sexual partners are in stable marriages.
- 20% of individuals with 21+ nonmarital sexual partners are in stable marriages.
Father Rated Warm and Loving

Source: National Longitudinal Survey of Adolescent Health Wave 2, 1996

Intact: 41.2%
Step: 25.8%
Cohabit: 14.6%
Divorced: 6.3%
Single: 3.3%
Virginity By Family Structure
Source Add Health, 1996

- Adoptive: 78%
- Intact: 75%
- Widowed: 59%
- Cohabitating: 58%
- Divorced: 55%
- Step: 55%
- Single: 50%
- Grandparents: 42%
- Foster: 29%
Birth Rates for Unmarried Women Age 15-19 from 1994 to 2000
Source: Child Trends, compiled from data provided by the National Center for Health Statistics
THE CULTURE
“Rejection/Ambivalence Ratio” for Every 100 Children Born

Source: National Center for Health Statistics data and Alan Guttmacher Institute data
Schema: Having Vs Belonging in the US
Choice is “the causation under our control”
Intergenerational consequences of choice
in family issues and behaviors.

Teaching our children to be their own cause

Two paths on sexuality: Monogamy or Not

The way we treat sexual intercourse
structures society
• Marriage Makes a Difference

• Especially if children are to reach their potential

• But also for the family’s income --- But income is endogenous to family structure

• On every outcome measured the cohort of children from intact married families does best ..always, everywhere.
• The nation thrives to the degree families are intact. The nation pays to the degree they are not.

• Rejection weakens; belonging strengthens

• Especially rejection or belonging between mother and father.
• Congress saw the need to restore marriage in 1996

• But punted to the states. Oklahoma took it up

• Congress acted on teenage Out of Wedlock Births

• Introduced and financed Abstinence Education Programs

• Feds now have 2 sex education policies
5 Tasks --- 5 Institutions

Family / Sex Affection
Church / Worship
School / Education
Government / Citizen
Marketplace / Income
WWW.FAMILYFACTS.ORG
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