Family, Income and Crime
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The Five Institutions
Mother, Father, Child, Family, Institutions, Society
And The Virtues

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**TASKS TO BE DONE**

- LOVE INTEGRITY
- PIETY REVERENCE
- HARDWORK INQUIRY
- JUSTICE MAGNAMIMITY
- HARDWORK HONESTY

**FAMILY**

**CHURCH**

**SCHOOL**

**GOVERNMENT**

**MARKET PLACE**

**ADULT**

**CHILD**

CREATURE

STUDENT

CITIZEN

WORKER

**MOTHER**

**FATHER**

**FAMILY**

PARENT SPOUSE

SCHOOL

CREATURE

TEACHER

CITIZEN

WORK

**COMMUNITY**

**SOCIETY**

**HABITS VIRTUES**

LOVE INTEGRITY

PIETY REVERENCE

HARDWORK INQUIRY

JUSTICE MAGNAMIMITY

HARDWORK HONESTY
Yearly Income, 2000, Families With Children

Note: Figures do not include transferred income.
Average Hrs. Worked Per Yr.

Source: Survey of Consumer Finance 2000

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Marriage Effect: Children Escaping Poverty in Single Mother Families

Source: Robert Rector et al.: 'Analysis of CPS 2001

- Current Situation: 3.93
- For the Same Children If Marriage Rates Were the Same as They Were in 1960: 0.75
- Number of Children Who Would Escape Poverty: 3.17
Marriage Premium in Male Income


Average Unmarried Male + Premium = Average Married Male

$100 + $27 = $127
Impact of Divorce on Income of Families

Source: Corcoran and Chaudray, Unpublished Research Paper, Survey Research Center, University of Michigan, May 1994
The Proportion of Children Entering Broken Families Has More Than Quadrupled Since 1950

Children Entering a Broken Family for Every 100 Children Born

- Children Born in Previous Years Whose Parents Divorce
- Children Born Out of Wedlock

Source: National Center for Health Statistics data series.
US Family Structure for Adolescents 14-18

Source: Survey of Consumer Finance 2000

- First Marriage/Intact Two-Parent Family, 42%
- Second Marriage/Two-Parent Step Family, 22%
- Single Parent, Divorced or Separated, 21%
- Single Parent Never Married, 6%
- Cohabiting Couple, 6%
- Single Parent, Widowed, 3%
Belonging Vs Having (Constant $)

Sources: NCHS Data and US Statistical Abstracts

Median Family Income

Totally Belonging From Birth

Belonging Vs Having (Constant $)
Schema: Having Vs Belonging in the US
Median Net Worth Of Families With Children Under 18, 2000

Source: Survey of Consumer Finance 2001

- Never Married: $350
- Separated: $14,850
- Cohabitation: $16,540
- Widowed: $20,540
- Divorced: $27,800
- Second (+) Marriage: $105,360
- First Marriage: $120,250
EDUCATION
Grade Point Average

Source: National Longitudinal Survey of Adolescent Health Wave 1, 1995
ABUSE, First
CRIME, Later
U.S.: Incidence of Types of Abuse for Different Family Income Groups
(Source NIS-3)

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In Britain, a Child Whose Biological Mother Cohabits was 33 Times More Likely to Suffer Serious Abuse than a Child with Married Parents

In Britain, a Child Whose Biological Mother Cohabits was 73 Times More Likely to Suffer Fatal Abuse than a Child with Married Parents

Runaway Children in UK

- Step-Families: 25%
- Lone-parent Families: 20%
- Two-parent Families: 10%

Percentage of children running away overnight before the age of 16
U.S.: Partner / Spouse Violence
Against Mothers Over 20 With Children under 12
Source DOJ Nat Crime Victimization Survey 1999

Married: 4
Widowed: 6
Married + Div + Sep Combined: 15
Never Married: 33
US & UK Abuse-Of-Children Data Tell Similar Story

CRIME

CITIZENSHIP