

The Family Is Still the Building Block of Society

As leftists redefine marriage and family, more Americans are beginning life at a disadvantage.

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It's not a conspiracy theory. It's the way big government has become so welcomed in our culture with ever-greater dependency on its provisions with each passing generation. What's that, you ask?

The methodical, deliberate redefinitions of terms such as life, gender, marriage, identity, etc. and the replacement of critical institutions, like the family and the faith community, with the government, have created the new normal. Many citizens now look to government programs to fulfill needs and solve problems, releasing them from a sense of personal responsibility or ownership and lessening dependence upon family.

Today, one's identity is warped into a social construct permitted by some conjured up "right" to reject biology. Marriage, similarly, has been redefined to make a political point instead of its purpose as a key in a healthy society to procreate and provide sustenance and support. These reckless maneuvers borne on the political Left aimed to establish a more "progressive" society are, in fact, resulting in its destruction and material harm to individuals.

Analysis, opinion, and hard data are voluminous: Intact families have greater earning capacity as a unit and produce children — both male and female — who earn more in their future careers. Children from families with both parents present in the home perform better in school have higher expectations and have capacity to deal with greater responsibility. According to National Institute of Health research, looking at "the impact of family structure on the health of children," there is a definitive benefit of intact families. In its opening statement, NIH says, "Nearly three decades of research evaluating the impact of family structure on the health and well-being of children demonstrates that children living with their married, biological parents consistently have better physical, emotional, and academic well-being."

That may sound Leave-it-to-Beaverish, but the reality remains. While demanding the same results that would come from an intact family, leftists scoff and replace parents with "a village" of government-funded surrogate programs. Then parents wonder why their kids are incapable of personal responsibility, devoid of healthy relationships with friends and family, and at a complete deficit in effective communication and social graces. Go figure.

The Left demands “educational equity” in schools but won’t dare touch the facts that children do better when parents are their first teachers, and a home is comprised of a mom and a dad. The “liberated” women of the Left, now even more angry and militant than ever, seem to thrive in the newly defined male persona of either an effeminate and compliant being or excessive in masculinity that translates into violent, oppressive, and sexist behavior. As noted in the June 2014 edition of the Institute for Family Studies, these women, united in their grievances, completely disregard social science that demonstrates “daughters whose fathers have been actively engaged throughout childhood in promoting their academic or athletic achievements and encouraging their self-reliance and assertiveness are more likely to graduate from college and to enter the higher-paying, more demanding jobs traditionally held by males.”

Today, we’re much more likely than in decades past to see couples cohabitate instead of marry. The destruction of the stigma opposing sex outside of marriage has led to the growth in this practice. Looking at how this trend has made its impact, Stanford researchers reviewed several qualitative and quantitative analyses to conclude that those who cohabitate prior to marriage have a better first year of marriage, but the divorce rate is similar following the inaugural year. Couples who only cohabitate have demonstrated dissolution relationship rates up to four times greater than married couples.

In non-abusive relationships, economic and emotional security, as well as physical health and well-being, are dramatically improved for the couple, as well as their children. While marriage has its challenges, the reality of single-parent households is, in part, due to the increase in divorce, related to the ease of legislative barriers of decades past to obtain a divorce. Further, the decline in using the Bible as the standard for defining a family has eased the stigma of out-of-wedlock births — and thus nearly 40% of all Americans under 21 are now born outside of marriage.

On the one hand, the Left demands that families stay together if they are crossing America’s borders illegally, but, on the other hand, wants every incentive possible to replace an intact family with government programs. These actions are based on the desire to use identity politics to lure illegal immigrants and single women with children into political support of well-designed leftist platform of government dependence, rather than promote whole families.

Is our society authentically better today with a greater quality of life, a reduction of mental illness, and a population with a healthy identity rooted in self-worth that pursues potential? Or is our American culture more characteristic of fragile, emotion-driven demi-gods that live in a bubble of self-gratification?

Wake up, folks. We’re watching a growing mass of our population raise their children to be weaker, frailer, and more dependent upon government for their income, their nourishment, and their day-to-day existence. The destruction of our families is leading to the destruction of our great nation. Just as the Left has been deliberate to destroy families, we must match that intentional effort to sustain them and their value.

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