

Renewing Families and Reviving the American Dream in the New Independent

The State of the American Family

The American family is in trouble. The divorce rate is at an all-time high, and the number of single-parent households is growing. This is having a devastating impact on our children, our communities, and our nation as a whole.



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The divorce rate in the United States has been rising steadily for decades. In 1960, the divorce rate was 9.2%. By 2019, it had risen to 39%. This means that nearly half of all marriages in the United States end in divorce.

The number of single-parent households is also growing. In 1960, only 9% of children lived in single-parent households. By 2019, that number had

risen to 25%. This means that one in four children in the United States now lives in a single-parent household.

The breakdown of the American family is having a devastating impact on our children. Children who grow up in single-parent households are more likely to experience poverty, crime, and academic failure. They are also more likely to have behavioral problems and mental health issues.

The breakdown of the American family is also having a negative impact on our communities. Single-parent households are more likely to live in poverty, which can lead to crime and other social problems. The breakdown of the family is also contributing to the decline of our social capital, which is the trust and reciprocity that binds people together.

The breakdown of the American family is also a threat to our national security. Children who grow up in single-parent households are more likely to join the military, which can put them in harm's way.

The Causes of the Breakdown of the American Family

There are many factors that have contributed to the breakdown of the American family. These include:

- The rise of individualism
- The decline of religion
- The growth of the welfare state
- The sexual revolution
- The rise of no-fault divorce

The rise of individualism has led to a decline in the sense of community and responsibility. People are less likely to get married and have children because they are more focused on their own individual goals.

The decline of religion has also contributed to the breakdown of the family. Religion provides a moral framework that supports marriage and family life. When people lose their faith, they are more likely to engage in risky behaviors, such as premarital sex and cohabitation, which can lead to divorce.

The growth of the welfare state has also made it easier for people to get divorced. In the past, people were more likely to stay married because they could not afford to support themselves if they got divorced. Today, the welfare state provides a safety net that allows people to get divorced without worrying about how they will make ends meet.

The sexual revolution has also contributed to the breakdown of the family. The sexual revolution has led to a more permissive attitude towards sex, which has made it easier for people to engage in extramarital sex and cohabitation. These behaviors can lead to divorce.

The rise of no-fault divorce has also made it easier for people to get divorced. In the past, people had to prove that their spouse was at fault in order to get a divorce. Today, people can get a divorce simply by saying they are incompatible.

The Consequences of the Breakdown of the American Family

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Renewing Families and Reviving the American Dream

We can renew our families and revive the American dream if we work together. Here are some things we can do:

- Promote marriage
- Support families
- Restore the moral foundations of our society

We need to promote marriage by making it more affordable and accessible. We can do this by providing tax breaks for families, expanding access to affordable housing, and making it easier for parents to work and care for their children.

We need to support families by providing them with the resources and services they need to succeed. We can do this by increasing funding for

early childhood education, providing affordable childcare, and making it easier for parents to take time off work to care for their children.

We need to restore the moral foundations of our society. We can do this by teaching our children about the importance of marriage and family life, by promoting religious values, and by holding people accountable for their actions.

Renewing our families and reviving the American dream is a daunting task, but it is one that we must undertake. Our children, our communities, and our nation depend on it.



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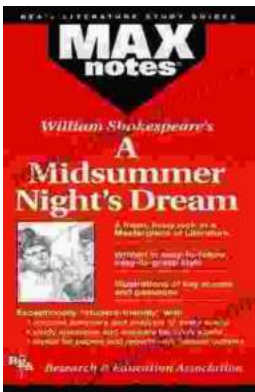
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