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Study Finds Cohabiting Parents Twice as Likely to Split as

Married Parents A new study from the Institute for Family Studies and Social Trends Institute examines family stability among cohabiting and married-parent families from numerous countries across the world. The findings provide evidence against some common myths about cohabitation and children’s family stability.

One of these myths claims that cohabitation is more stable than marriage simply because low-income individuals are more likely to choose to cohabit. However, researchers find that in the majority of countries studied, cohabitation is less stable even among the highly educated.

A second common argument is that cohabitation becomes more stable (begins to look more like marriage) as it becomes more common in a society. However, the findings did not support this notion. As the share of children born to cohabiting couples increased in a country, family instability also increased.

Cohabitation has grown dramatically in the United States over the last several decades. Today, about 25 percent of children are born to cohabiting parents. (Overall, 40 percent of children are born outside of marriage every year.)

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Don’t Be Misled By National Geographic: Three Things to Know About “Gender Identity” Three key facts to help the viewer or reader avoid being confused by *National Geographic*’s take on this “revolution.”

1) “Transgender” has nothing to do with “intersex.”

The fact is, the vast majority of “transgender” people—people who psychologically do not wish to identify with their biological sex at birth—are *not* “intersex.” Their biological sex characteristics are 100% normal and of only one sex—their “gender dysphoria” is entirely a psychological condition, *not* a biological one.

2) Left to themselves, most children with gender non-conforming feelings and behavior will *not* grow up to be “transgender” adults.

The cultural trendiness of the transgender movement is leading increasing numbers of people to assume that if a boy declares at age 3, 4, or 5 that he wants to be a girl, he must “really” have a female gender identity and should

immediately be given a new name, a new wardrobe, and new mandate that all teachers and peers must address him by feminine pronouns.

3) There is no evidence that undergoing “gender transition” can be generally expected to improve someone’s long-term well-being

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Student Privacy Protected Good News! Secretary DeVos and Attorney General Sessions have now changed the policy of the U.S. Department of Education (DOE) that attempted to redefine federal law and force all schools receiving federal funds to open up intimate facilities like showers, locker rooms, changing spaces, and restrooms to members of the opposite sex. Recently the Department of Justice notified the U.S. Supreme Court that the DOE has reinstated a common sense understanding that permits local communities to both protect the personal privacy of all students and have the discretion to fashion accommodations to meet the needs of students facing unique challenges.
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Why the Assault on Campus Free Speech Threatens Our Republic

A number of University of Chicago activist groups, including U of C Resist and UChicago Socialists, demanded that the university rescind its offer for Corey Lewandowski to speak on campus.

In a letter sent to campus officials, students felt that any dialogue with the former Trump campaign manager would “normalize bigotry” and that “nothing about a firm commitment to free speeches obliges us to open our doors to those who incite hatred.”

Couple this with violent protests at the University of California, Berkeley, where protesters and masked agitators tore through the campus smashing windows, hurling Molotov cocktails, and attacking bystanders to disrupt a conservative speaker’s planned event, and you can see a growing problem: Campuses are becoming anti-free speech zones.

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Accused of Criminal Activity The House Select Panel on Infant Lives recently released its final report detailing findings of its 16 month investigation into the fetal-tissue -trafficking industry as a result of the Center for Medical Progress undercover videos released in 2015. The panel concluded that many of the implicated organizations did, in fact, profit from selling the tissue of aborted babies. The panel has also issued 15 criminal and regulatory referrals directing federal, state and local law-enforcement agencies to further investigate **Planned Parenthood**, and other abortion agencies ... and some of the universities that purchased those parts.

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