

New Family Structures Study: Traditional Parenting Better

*Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin,
it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck.... --Mark 9:42*

Parenting by homosexuals is not as good as parenting by God-ordained married couples.

Up until a new study, research had shown little to no significant differences. Then in July, sociology professor Mark Regnerus of the University of Texas-Austin published the results of his “New Family Structures Study” in the journal *Social Science Research*, where he stated, "The empirical claim that no notable differences exist must go."

Professor Regnerus studied over 15,000 young adults ages 18-39, asking them such questions as whether a parent had been in a same-sex relationship during the child's upbringing. Regnerus sought to see whether there were differences between children raised in a household by a parent in a same-sex relationship compared with those who were raised by married biological heterosexual parents. Measuring his results on a set of 40 outcomes including progress in education, mental issues, employment, physical health, relationship fidelity, and marijuana use, he found statistically-significant differences between the two groups in 24 of 40 outcomes.

Contradicting even the prevailing view of the American Psychological Association, Regnerus' study showed the greatest negative outcomes (25 out of 40) for children of lesbian mothers. These children were more likely to have been touched sexually by an adult, more likely to have had sex against their will, less likely to call themselves exclusively heterosexual, more likely to have been in foster care, more likely to be on welfare, etc.

As expected, same-sex marriage proponents and pro-homosexual advocates cried foul and demanded a review of Regnerus' methodology, claiming “scientific and scholarly misconduct.” In the end, he was exonerated after an inquiry by the University of Texas, meaning that his study can now be utilized in the field of sociology and beyond as an example of good, scholarly scientific research.

Let the debate continue to the benefit of children in these alternative households. Let us continue to pray that God will deliver all children from influences that tarnish their young, impressionable lives and stifle their God-given talents.

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