



EDIFY EPISODE: TROUBLING TRENDS FOR CHILDREN PRESENTED BY HELEN ALVARE

FOR ADULT FORMATION GROUPS

For Understanding

Watch Helen Alvaré's "Troubling Trends for Children" to learn the answers!

1. What are three reasons Helen Alvaré gives for the worsening shifts in marriage rates in the United States?
2. How is the government exacerbating the issues surrounding the degradation of marriage and the family?
3. What kind of advantages do children have if raised in a home with their married parents?
4. How is helping vulnerable Americans achieve stable marriages a matter of civil and human rights?

To Go Deeper

Draw from your own experience or invite a local expert in to help you think more deeply about this video and how it can inspire you to live out the faith in the public square!

1. If most Americans still want faithful, lasting marriages, why are we seeing the opposite trends?
2. What are some concrete ways you can strengthen marriage in your local parish or circle of friends? How can Americans work on making marriage more attractive for young people?
3. If these issues affected a larger number of better-off and college-educated Americans' children, would it be more of a mainstream issue? Why or why not?



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FOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS DISCUSSIONS

For Understanding

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1. What are three reasons Helen Alvarez gives for the worsening shifts in marriage in the United States?
2. How have divorce laws led to the degradation of marriage and family?
3. Helen Alvarez mentions one common practice that is the strongest predictor of divorce. What is it?
4. What kind of advantages do children have if they are raised in a home by their married parents?

To Go Deeper

Assign these questions to students for pre-research for follow-up assignments to the video.

1. Do you want to be married someday? What concrete steps can you take - and encourage your friends to take - to prepare yourself for a lifelong commitment?
2. Why do you think more permissive divorce laws have made divorce more common?