

The "Nuclear Family" In Meltdown

A recent article by Chuck Baldwin discusses Census results which reveal a virtual breakdown of traditional moral values within the United States. The nuclear family, consisting of a married father and mother with children, now comprises only 25% of the family units in this country. Moreover, couples cohabiting without marriage have escalated over 70% in just the last decade.

The Gallup organization found that the moral decline of America is now almost complete. According to Gallup, only 38% of the American people believe that sex before marriage is wrong. Even more disturbing is the fact that almost 70% of those under 30 think premarital sex is acceptable. These kinds of numbers are staggering! It appears America has lost its moral conscience. Is it a coincidence that almost 30% of couples who do get married reject any mention of God or religion in their ceremonies, according to a recent report? The same report states that nearly 50% refuse to use the words "forever" and "obey" in their vows. Dr. William Doherty, director of University of Minnesota's Marriage and Family Therapy Program, denounces what he calls today's "consumer marriage." He laments that traditional vows like, "As long as we both shall 'live'" has been replaced with, "As long as we both shall 'love.'"

The question is how long can this nihilistic, hedonistic culture keep itself from total ruination? How long before the longsuffering of a holy, righteous God wears out? Yes, how much longer will America hate her heritage, sully her soul, and violate her virtue? Perhaps a better question is can America be great without being good?

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