

ALL of us need to help kids caught in the middle

Government, including the judiciary, should do its part to help preserve marriages.



● **The Kentucky Marriage Attitudes Study by the University of Kentucky, revealed:**

- *64% of Kentuckians feel that a statewide initiative to promote marriage is a very good idea - 23%, or a good idea - 41%. [23% + 41% = 64%]*
- *87% of Kentuckians view divorce as a serious national problem. In fact, 91% of married individuals and 84% of those previously, but not currently married agreed that divorce is a serious problem.*
- *61% of Kentuckians believe society would be better off if divorces were harder to get. This includes 71% of married individuals who agree that society would be better off if divorces were harder to get.*

● **Divorce is the #1 Contributor to Fatherlessness. And, its Affect on Children Is Staggering. Children are . . .**

- *Nearly 5 times more likely to commit suicide*
- *Nearly 7 times more likely to become teenaged mothers*
- *11 times more likely to commit rape*
- *7 times more likely to drop out of school*
- *15 times more likely to end up in prison while a teenager*
- *73% of adolescent murderers come from mother-only homes*

Daughters who live in mother-only homes are 92% more likely to divorce . . . so the cycle continues!

● **Statistically, The Death of a Parent is LESS Devastating to a Child than Divorce.** *Let's hit the pause button on an act of 2 adults that negatively affects their children more than even a parent's death.*

● **Unhappy Marriages Can Get Happier.** *Researchers have found that 2/3 of unhappily married spouses who stayed married reported that their marriages were happy five years later. In addition, the unhappiest marriages reported the most dramatic turnarounds: among those who rated their marriages as very unhappy, almost eight out of 10 who avoided divorce were happily married five years later.*

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