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TRUTH FOR OUR TIME Radio Show

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GUEST: [W. Bradford Wilcox](#), assistant professor of sociology at the University of Virginia and a member of the James Madison Society at Princeton University, has joined the [Institute for American Values](#) staff as a Resident Fellow.

TOPIC: The cost of divorce, co-habitation, and un-wed childbirth to society and on our children

[Taxpayer Costs of Divorce](#) THIS STUDY PROVIDES THE FIRST RIGOROUS ESTIMATE of the costs to U.S. taxpayers of high rates of divorce and unmarried childbearing both at the national and state levels. Estimates in this study report fragmentation of the family costs U.S. taxpayers at least \$112 BILLION each and every year, or more than \$1 TRILLION each decade.

WANT TO HELP CURB SPENDING IN DC? STOP DIVORCE AND UN-WED CHILD BIRTH IN YOUR HOME! \$112 BILLION A YEAR!

We blame DC and with many good reasons, but 'we the people' not only elect those making bad policy, but often we allow or even create the environment that causes the public to think there is a need for government intervention.

We often hear people say 'keep the government out of my bedroom.' We should reply, 'keep the cost of your bedroom behavior out of my billfold.'

Beyond the incredible \$112 BILLION each year equaling a TRILLION every 10 years, there is the costs to children in physical, mental, and emotional health.

Professor Wilcox said pre-school children who live in homes where cohabitation takes place are 45 times more likely to be killed. Is that not cause for action? No, we don't need the DHS to do training for boyfriends, or a county nurse to teach us how to nurture. That would only raise the \$112 BILLION figure. We need policies that protect marriage, promote two biological parents, and discourage anyone from placing their child in such a dangerous situation.

Wilcox further stated that children living with their biological parents who were co-habiting and not married still face added risk. Married dads are more likely to be invested, stable, and sexually faithful to their spouse. Whether it was biological or adoptive, men who were married were better dads than those co-habiting.

We hear Christians are more likely to divorce, but Wilcox stated that those regularly attending church are less likely to divorce.



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LINKS AND RESOURCES:

[The Scholarly Consensus on Marriage](#)

[Marriage and Mental Health in Adults and Children](#)

[Costs to Taxpayer for Divorce and Unwed Pregnancies](#)

[W. Bradford Wilcox](#)

[Recession May Be Fostering Appreciation for Marriage and Family Life](#) Kathryn Jean Lopez interviews W. Bradford Wilcox

[Let's Strengthen Marriage](#)

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[Benefits of Marriage](#) - financially, mentally, emotionally, and physically

[Marriage Webinar](#) with Chuck Colson, Dr. Jim Garlow, Miles McPherson, Brad Wilcox and others.

[MANHATTAN DECLARATION](#) - A declaration stating that Christians will not surrender or be silenced on the issues of sanctity of life, marriage, and religious freedom has garnered signatures from thousands of Christians. CAUTION – do not go to Manhattan Declaration with an 'e,' it is not the same site.

Be Informed, Be Encouraged, and Never Be Complacent!

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