



Having children requires sacrifices

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If you did not read the column by John David Dyche in Sunday's Daily News, "Assimilation, marriage, nukes merit more attention," you need to go fish it out of the recycle bin now.

Dyche quotes Kay S. Hymowitz of the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research: "In 2014, 40.6 percent of all children in the United States were born to unmarried mothers."

"Children of single mothers are 'doing worse than the children of married mothers on just about every measure,' including 'school achievement, poverty, emotional well-being, drug use, delinquency and graduation rates.'"

Whenever anyone tires to start a legitimate conversation about this core societal issue, however, there are those who immediately run screaming from the room.

"It's more complicated than that," they always assert. "You are just showing your personal bias and privileged insensitivity by even mentioning these depressing statistics."

I beg to differ. As is most often the case whenever the PC (politically correct) police get involved in the discussion, the "it's complicated" ruse is usually nothing more than a smokescreen for the fear some people feel when the truth is exposed.

Here are the cold, hard, not-up-for-debate facts: Children do better on all fronts when raised in an intact family consisting of two parents who are both more concerned about the well-being of their progeny than their own.

I realize circumstances do not always permit this ideal, but that does not annul the tremendous advantages children who are raised in this arrangement have over their less-fortunate counterparts.

Forget the religious, moral or political arguments. The economic rationale for "staying together for the sake of the kids" is enough to override all other factors. Never apologize when you put the needs of your kids above your own.

The essence of true caring has always been a willingness to make sacrifices.

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