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story is breathtaking."
—DR. DREW PINSKY

A MEMOIR OF
FOSTER CARE,
FAMILY, AND
SOCIAL CLASS



Troubled

ROB HENDERSON



Robert Kim Henderson

“Growing up switching families all the time and seeing all the divorces and separations and remarriages had furnished a few lessons about relationships;

“never get too attached to anyone, be prepared to walk away at a moment’s notice, and everyone is replaceable.”

Rob Henderson

“She said she came from an affluent family, was raised by both of her parents, and that, yes, she personally intended to have a monogamous marriage – but quickly added that marriage shouldn’t have to be for everyone.

“She was raised in a stable two-parent family, just like the vast majority of our classmates. And she planned on getting married herself. But she insisted that traditional families are old-fashioned, and that society should ‘evolve’ beyond them.”

Rob Henderson

"VITALLY IMPORTANT." —DAVID BROOKS

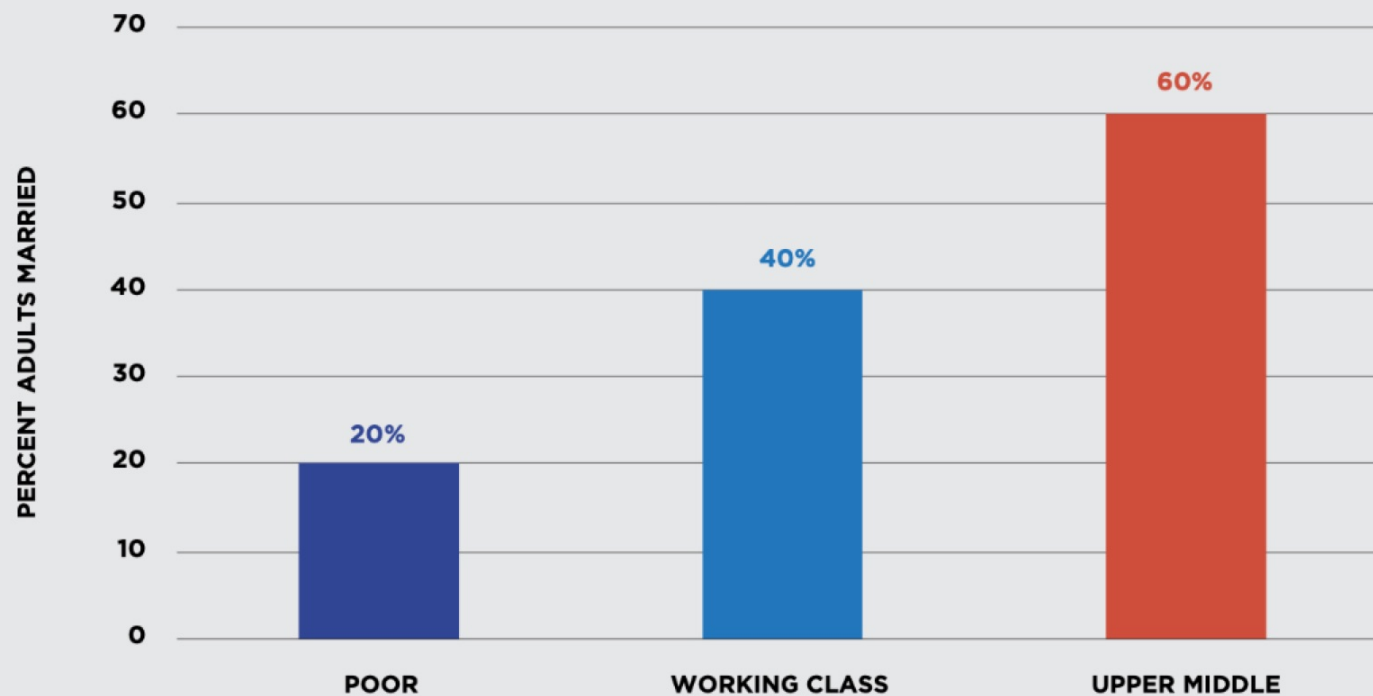
GET MARRIED

WHY AMERICANS MUST DEFEY
THE ELITES, FORGE STRONG FAMILIES,
AND SAVE CIVILIZATION

BRAD WILCOX



Figure 6. *Share of Adults Age 18–55 Who Are Currently Married, by Class*



“The problem is, there is zero advantage to marriage in the Western world for a man.... If you use your mind, if you use your head instead of your heart, and you look at the advantages to getting married, there are absolutely none.”

Andrew Tate

“Women who stay single and don’t have kids
are getting richer.”

Bloomberg.com

“The failure of our ruling class to lend cultural and economic support to marriage and family life in these communities is a big reason why children, men, and women in them are much more likely to end up immiserated, incarcerated, uneducated, and unhappy today....

“In a nation where marriage is flourishing, men and women are more likely to welcome new life, keeping fertility at a sustainable level.

“In such a nation, the loss of life to the twin scourges of suicide and homicide are kept to a minimum.

“In such a nation, there is less need for a state that spoils, superintends, and spends to excess, and more opportunities for citizens to enjoy their liberty and exercise their independence....

“But ours is not such a nation right now, and too many of our citizens are paying a high price for marriage’s falling fortune, especially the most vulnerable.”

Brad Wilcox

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“He answered, ‘Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, “Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh”?’

“So they are no longer two but one flesh.
What therefore God has joined together, let
not man separate.”

Matthew 19:4-6

“Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.”

Hebrews 13:4

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Deuteronomy 24:1a

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Survey Center on American Life

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“But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.” (32)

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Matthew 19:6b

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- Jesus warns that unbiblical divorce and remarriage **multiplies sin**.

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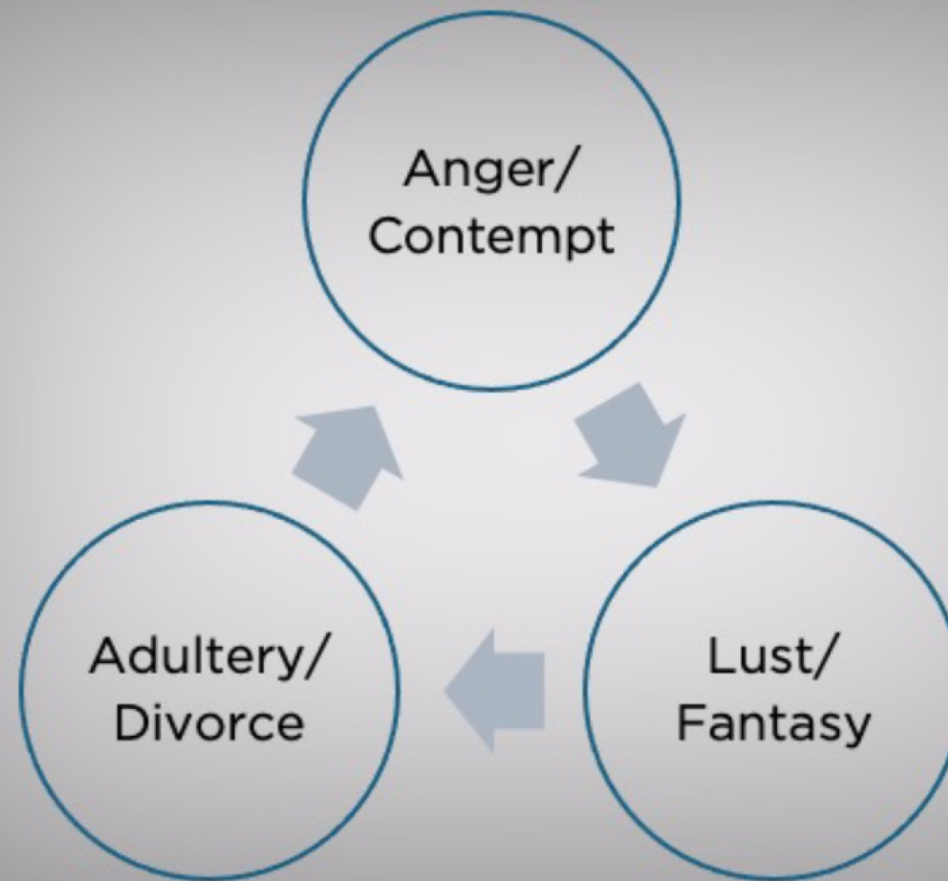
Position on Sexuality, Marriage, Divorce, and
Remarriage



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- What if I've **messed up**?

“We have *heterai* for pleasure, female slaves for our daily care and wives to give us legitimate children and to be guardians of our households.”

Demosthenes

“In the ancient world, the gods were violent rapists, sexual agency was solely in the hands of powerful men, and sexual misbehaviour consisted in the violation of reputations, not of bodies or wills.

“Into this world came the Christian revolution,
where sex is painted on the canvas of divine
romance and where two equals unite in a
sacred and unbreakable bond.”

Glen Scrivener

“Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?

“Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.”

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

“And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”

1 Corinthians 6:11