“A Dangerous Distortion of Our Families: Representations Of Families, By Race, In News And Opinion Media”

Groundbreaking study on the misrepresentation of Black families in news and opinion media, which received widespread elite media coverage.

Survey: Unmarried Women and Mothers

This survey, conducted with Lake Research Partners, explored women's attitudes toward marriage, partnership, parenting, and family, and found open-minded attitudes towards diverse family forms. Findings from the study were covered in the media.

“Scapegoating Moms: The Poverty Blame Game and the Lie of Protecting Children”

An overview of the influence of well-funded right-wing Christian ministries, conservative think tanks, and pseudo-academic research institutes.

“Absent Black Fathers Myth: Key Mythmakers and Case Studies”

A report on the worst media perpetrators of the “absent black fathers” myth, which often serves as a scapegoat to hijack conversations of structural inequalities and discrimination.

In the News

Over time...political leaders and the media have “worked to pathologize black families in the American imagination to justify slavery, Jim Crow, mass incarceration, widespread economic inequity and urban disinvestment — as well as to gain and maintain political and social power,” wrote Nicole Rodgers, founder of Family Story.

News media offers consistently warped portrayals of black families, study finds

By Tracy Jan
Washington Post

By Nicole Rodgers & Rashad Robinson, Washington Post
Outlook Section
All Our Families
A storytelling series that showcases the ingenuity, connectedness, support, and love that exists in all kinds of families.

Separating Fact from Fiction
A guide to ten common myths about family.

The End of the Nuclear Age: How the Future of Family Depends on Letting Go of the Past
Washington, DC
A convening for cross-sector leaders from policy, advocacy, academia, and philanthropy.

Elevating All Families In the Time of Trump
Berkeley, CA
A policy and storytelling convening, in partnership with New America’s Family Centered Social Policy program.

There Isn’t One Right Way to be a Family
Three single parents talk about their families, and the children they are raising.

The Nuclear Option
Uncovering the truth about the history of the “traditional” American family.

Black Dads: Busting the Myth
Black men talk about their love for the children in their lives.

There’s Nothing Dysfunctional About Single Motherhood
The Huffington Post

Another 1 Percent White Privilege: The Invisible Advantage We Need to Discuss Now
Salon

Trump is Respected for Fathering Children by Multiple Women. That’s Because He’s a Rich, White Man.
Washington Post

The Case Against ‘Saving’ Marriage
Alternet

How the News Media Distorts Black Families
Washington Post