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The ILLEGITIMATE STATE of the UNION

Illegitimacy is becoming the national rule, not the exception.

- In 1960, only 5% of American births were illegitimate.
- By 1991, 30% of American births were illegitimate.
 - § 20% of white births
 - § 37% of Hispanic births
 - § 67% of black births
- The rate of illegitimacy rose 75% from 1980-1990.
- By 2000, 33 1/3 of all American births were illegitimate. That figure reaches 80% in most larger cities.
- Nationally, 43% of unmarried couples living together are raising children.

The birthplace of America, Virginia, is legitimizing illegitimacy.

If trends reveal the truth of America's heart, the Old Dominion has lost the clear dominion of legitimate children. "Virginia is facing an epidemic." *Richmond Times Dispatch*, August 4, 1997, p. 1,6.

- Since 1985 Illegitimate Virginia births have risen 163%.
- By 1997 Out-of-wedlock births equaled or exceeded national averages.
 - § 63% of Richmond births were illegitimate.
 - § 2/3 of Petersburg and Emporia births were illegitimate.

"Adult premarital sex is the 'sin' Americans wink at." (U.S. News and World Report, May 19, 1997)

- According to U.S. News World Report, May 19, 1997, "Many more 20-something adults than teenagers give birth to kids out of wedlock." Yet U.S. has "highest rate of teen pregnancy among Western nations." *Newsweek*, May 11, 1998.
- Less than 1/2 of Americans under 45 are convinced adults should remain virgins until they marry.
- Census 2000 reveals cohabitation increased 72% from 1990-2000. Greatest increase in cohabitation was in the "Bible Belt."

Will the future be founded in illegitimacy?

- Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan sounded the alarm... "Early in the next century, unless we change, 1 out of every 2 American children will be born out of wedlock?"
- When abortions-often done to avoid illegitimate birth-are added to the mix, America is already nearing 50% illegitimacy, and the pace increases, led by Bible-Belt states.
- The shocking reality - 46% of married couples vs. 43% of unmarried couples are raising children. The trend is still climbing for unmarried couples but is declining for married couples.

Our Conclusion

Have we birthed a bastard nation in just one generation? Virtue is the voice of freedom. Yet national freedom is being crucified on a twisted cross of personal liberty. In unrestrained pursuit of our feelings in an orgy of our flesh we have sacrificed our faith. How can a fornicating nation look her bastard sons and daughters in the eye and say, "I love you?"

Alexis de Tocqueville observed, "America is great because America is good. And if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great." Freedom fighter, John Adams, our second President declared, "Our government was made for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." A fornicating nation is enslaved by her flesh. Anarchy knocks at her door.

Suggested Resources

- Year 2000 Census reports
- "The Trouble With Premarital Sex," *U.S. News and World Report*, May 19, 1997.
- "Unmarried With Children," *Newsweek*, May 28, 2001.
- "The 50 Percent Catastrophe" by David Gerson, *U.S. News and World Report*, October 2, 1995, p. 58.
- "The Ominous Rise in Illegitimacy," *Readers Digest*, October 1994, p. 139.
- *Renewing the Soul of America* by Charles Crismier (Elijah Books)

