

THE SUCCESS SEQUENCE

Researchers Ron Haskins and Isabell Sawhill call it "The Success Sequence" in their book *Creating an Opportunity Society*. The steps to take for achieving success are described very simply as

1. Get at least a high school degree
2. Work full time
3. Marry before having children

Haskins and Sawhill's have uncovered proof of the economic advantage for an individual who follows this pattern in their lives. It was corroborated in an American Enterprise Institute (AEI) and Institute for Family Studies (IFS) article June 14, 2017 by W. Bradford Wilcox and Wendy Wang.

Their research shows:

- ◆ 97% of millennials who follow the "success sequence" are not poor.
- ◆ But 53% of young adults who failed to follow the "success sequence" live in poverty.

Of low income millennials who married before having their first child:

- ◆ 71% made it into middle- or higher-income groups.
- ◆ Only 41% of low income millennials who had their first child before marriage achieved similar success.

3 SIMPLE RULES TO ESCAPE POVERTY

1. KEEP A FULL-TIME JOB.
2. GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL OR EQUIVALENT.
3. WAIT TO HAVE CHILDREN UNTIL YOU ARE MARRIED & OLDER THAN 21.

AMERICANS WHO FOLLOWED ALL 3 RULES:

75% JOINED THE MIDDLE CLASS
(OR HIGHER)

2% LIVE IN POVERTY

AMERICANS WHO FOLLOWED NONE OF THEM:

7% JOINED THE MIDDLE CLASS
(OR HIGHER)

76% LIVE IN POVERTY

SOURCE: BROOKINGS INSTITUTION, "INCOME CLASS, BY ADHERENCE TO SOCIAL NORMS" (HASKINS & SAWHILL, 2007)

THE BIGGEST NEWS STORY YOU NEVER HEARD ABOUT



Adrienne Moton testified against her former boss, Kermit Gosnell, near one of the clinic's rusty abortion tables that had been brought into court for his murder trial. She said he taught her to snip the spines of newborn babies born alive after abortions, which she did at least 10 times.

If you haven't seen the movie, *Gosnell: America's Biggest Serial Killer*, I encourage you to do so. If you have no clue who Gosnell is, then you are a victim of media censorship.

Kermit Gosnell had a medical clinic in Philadelphia that brought in \$10,000 to \$15,000 cash per night, not counting the income from illegal drugs. What "medical service" was he offering to get that kind of cash? The Health Department (who never entered the clinic in 17 years) called it "abortion," but the rest of us would not.

According to the Grand Jury report:

Patients were given labor-inducing drugs by staff who had no medical training. Once labor began, the patient would be placed on a toilet. After the fetus fell into the toilet [alive], it would be fished out, so as not to clog the plumbing. Then the staff or Gosnell would sever their spinal cords with scissors.

That's not abortion, that's infanticide. The police raid brought out huge trash bags filled with fetal remains, at least 47 corpses and jars of baby feet that appeared to be "trophies."

The media had to be shamed into covering the 2013 trial, by a tweeted picture of rows of empty seats in the courtroom.

Here's the other part you probably didn't hear... The Gosnell movie came in at #6 at the box office in its opening weekend, without being reviewed

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This is GREAT NEWS for parents who are raising teens with sexual self-control. Remember, teens using condoms and birth control still have higher pregnancy rates than adults (because of “user error.”) So the ability to CHOOSE to delay sexual activity, while a difficult skill to master, will also PAY OFF in a greater chance of economic success.

There are NO benefits to adolescent sexual activity, and there are huge disadvantages for teens who are, beyond pregnancy. Teen sexual activity is associated with:

- ◆ Depression,
- ◆ Additional risk behaviors such as substance abuse and smoking,
- ◆ Poor school performance
- ◆ Inability to bond
- ◆ Serial relationships
- ◆ Sexually transmitted infections
- ◆ Pornography & porn-addiction
- ◆ Strained parental relationships
- ◆ Increase in suicidal thoughts and attempts
- ◆ Cutting
- ◆ Bullying

No one wants that for their kids!

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Starting a discussion about abortion with a child is never easy. And since 43% of the women in the US have had one, chances are the parent who needs to have that discussion has had their life touched by an abortion decision. Young or immature children are usually unable to process their own parent's previous abortions, so unless there is a compelling reason to disclose it, we don't recommend that parents reveal their experience. Kids find it psychologically difficult to grasp “if mom didn't want me, I wouldn't be here.” That doesn't mean you should avoid it. But its easier to process in the 3rd person. There is less trauma in the discussion when it isn't about your own “missing” brother or sister. Use someone else's situation if you can. Of course, if your child has seen a **Positively Waiting** presentation you can use our story.

It's an important conversation to have, if nothing else to clarify and pass on your own values about it.

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by the majority of movie critics.

The movie has no political message, and surprisingly its **not** grisly, but there is no escaping it does expose the way abortion language is white-washed to cover up what it really is.

NPR and Facebook refused to run ads promoting it. Many theaters were pressured into dropping it after its opening in spite of sold out crowds. The screenplay was written from court transcripts and grand jury testimony.

By trying to protect “access to abortion,” a serial killer was given cover by every organization that failed to protect both the women and the babies he preyed on.

See the movie, and make up your own mind.

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