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## About the Institute

The Institute for American Values, founded in 1987, is a private, nonpartisan organization devoted to research, publication, and public education on major issues of family well-being and civil society. The Institute's immediate mission is to examine the status and future of the family as a social institution. Its larger mission is to examine the social sources of competence, character, and citizenship in the United States. Accordingly, Institute activities are more than debates about policy. They are also conversations about culture and explorations of the American idea.

By providing forums for scholarly inquiry and debate, the Institute seeks to bring fresh knowledge to bear on the challenges facing the American family and civil society. Through its publications and other educational activities, the Institute seeks to bridge the gap between scholarship and policy makers in government, decisionmakers in the private sector, and opinionmakers in the media.

The Institute has become widely recognized as an important contributor to our national debate. The Institute has an annual budget of about \$600,000. It is financed primarily by tax deductible contributions from foundations, corporations and individuals.

The Institute's president is David Blankenhorn. The Chair of its Board of Directors is Professor Jean Bethke Elshtain of the University of Chicago. The Institute's Council on Families, its Council on Civil Society, and its academic and professional advisory committees bring together many of the nation's most distinguished scholars and analysts from across the human sciences and from across the political spectrum.

Tax deductible contributions are deeply appreciated. The Institute is a small organization with a modest budget. Every contribution is important to us. Copies of Institute publications, such as David Blankenhorn's book, *Fatherless America: Confronting Our Most Urgent Social Problems*; as well as *Closed Hearts, Closed Minds: The Textbook Story of Marriage*, our Council on Families' most recent Report to the Nation; and *A Call to Civil Society: Why Democracy Needs Moral Truths* recently issued by our Council on Civil Society are available for purchase from the Institute. Copies of Institute Working Papers are also available for purchase.

We welcome your questions, comments, and request for further information. Please address your inquiries to: David Blankenhorn, President, Institute for American Values, 1841 Broadway, Suite 211, New York, New York, 10023. Or, you may e-mail us at [iav@worldnet.att.net](mailto:iav@worldnet.att.net). Thank you.

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### About David Blankenhorn

David Blankenhorn is founder and president of the Institute for American Values, a private, nonpartisan organization devoted to research, publication, and public education on issues of family well being and civil society.

A 1998 profile in the *New York Times* describes Blankenhorn as a "consensus builder for a moral base in society." A *USA Today* article in 1999 called Blankenhorn "a pioneer in the fatherhood movement," while a 1995 profile in the *Los Angeles Times* called him "the de facto navigator" of the emerging fatherhood movement. Norval Glenn of the University of Texas calls Blankenhorn's 1995 book, *Fatherless America*, "one of the most important and provocative books of this decade." Mary Ann Glendon of Harvard Law School states: "No one writes about the crisis in American family life with more candor, intelligence, and sympathetic understanding than David Blankenhorn." The *Idaho Statesman* describes *Fatherless America* as "the bible of the fatherhood movement."

Blankenhorn has co-edited four books of essays: *Rebuilding the Nest: A New Commitment to the American Family* (1990); *Seedbeds of Virtue: Sources of Competence, Character, and Citizenship in American Society* (1995); *Promises to Keep: Decline and Renewal of Marriage in America* (1996); and *The Fatherhood Movement* (1999).

In 1994, Blankenhorn helped to found the National Fatherhood Initiative, serving as that organization's founding chairman. He also serves on the board of directors of the National Parenting Association and on the governing board of The City Church, New York. In 1992, he was appointed by President Bush to serve on the National Commission on America's Urban Families. A frequent lecturer, Blankenhorn's ideas have been cited in *Time*, *Newsweek*, the *Economist*, and elsewhere, and his articles have appeared in scores of publications, including the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today*, *The Public Interest*, *First Things*, and *Christianity Today*. He has been profiled by the *CBS Evening News* and other news organizations, and has been featured on numerous national television programs, including *Oprah*, *20/20*, *Eye to Eye*, *CBS This Morning*, *The Today Show*, *Charlie Rose*, *ABC Evening News*, *Equal Time*, and *C-SPAN's Washington Perspectives*.

Prior to founding the Institute in 1987, Blankenhorn worked as a community organizer in Virginia and Massachusetts. He served two years as a VISTA Volunteer.

A native of Jackson, Mississippi, Blankenhorn attended public schools in Jackson and in Salem, Virginia. As a high school student, he founded the Mississippi Community Service Corps and the Virginia Community Service Corps. In 1977, he graduated *magna cum laude* in social studies from Harvard, where he was president of Phillips Brooks House, the campus community service center, and the recipient of a John Knox Fellowship. In 1978, he was awarded an M.A. with distinction in comparative social history from the University of Warwick in Coventry, England.

Blankenhorn was born in 1955. He lives in New York City with his wife, Raina, their son, Raymond, and their two daughters, Sophia and Alexandra.

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## Affiliate Scholars

### Enola G. Aird

Enola G. Aird is an activist mother. She is the Chief Executive Member of Motherworld Productions, L.L.C. (in formation) and currently serves as producer of *The Electric Drum* and *Urban Families*, broadcast on WYBC-FM in New Haven, Connecticut.

Ms. Aird received her B.A. in Political Science from Barnard College, *magna cum laude*, and her J.D. from the Yale Law School. Prior to launching Motherworld Productions, Ms. Aird was a corporate lawyer, worked as a full-time mother, and served as the Director of the Children's Defense Fund's violence prevention initiative and as the Acting Director of the Black Community Crusade for Children. She is a member of the advisory council of the Communitarian Network and serves on the board of the National Parenting Association.

### Maggie Gallagher

Maggie Gallagher is a leading voice in the movement to reform no fault divorce and strengthen marriage. She is the author of two books, *The Abolition of Marriage: How We Destroy Lasting Love*, published in May of 1996 by Regnery, and *Enemies of Eros: How the Sexual Revolution is Killing the Family, Marriage and Sex* (Bonus books, 1989).

Miss Gallagher's articles have appeared in many magazines and newspapers including *The New Republic*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *National Review*, *Cosmopolitan*, *New York Newsday*, and *The New York Times*. She has lectured at many colleges, universities, and other forums, including the Federalist Society, Princeton, and Yale. She has appeared on numerous television and radio show, including *Politically Incorrect*, *CNN & Co.*, *Think Tank*, and others.

Miss Gallagher has worked as an editor of *National Review*, and as one of the founding editors of the Manhattan Institute's *City Journal*. Her nationally syndicated column, carried by Universal Press Syndicate, is carried in over 80 papers nationwide, including *The New York Post*. A Graduate of Yale (class of '82), she lives with her husband and children in Westchester, New York.

### Dana Mack

Trained as a classical pianist and a scholar of East Central European history, Dana Mack holds a B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley, and a M.A. and a M.Phil. from Columbia University, where she taught history during her graduate years.

Between 1982 and 1989 Ms. Mack lived in Europe, where she wrote music criticism, taught piano and lectured in history for the University of Maryland's European program in Germany. Since 1992, she has been associated with the Institute for American Values as an Affiliate Scholar.

Dana Mack's essays on education, family issues and cultural and historical topics have appeared in *Commentary*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Washington Times*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, *USA Today*, the *New Criterion* and the *Oesterreichische Musikzeitschrift*, among many other publications. She is the author of *The Assault on Parenthood: How Our Culture Undermines the Family*, published in May 1997 by Simon and Schuster and of the forthcoming, *Kid's Culture: The Mis-Education of the American Senses*

Ms. Mack lives with her husband and daughter in Wilton, Connecticut.

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### Publications List

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#### Books

**The Fatherhood Movement: A Call to Action** edited by Wade F. Horn, David Blankenhorn, and Mitchell B. Pearlstein. (Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 1999.) \$14.95.

*The fatherhood movement has established itself as an innovative and effective response to the most daunting crisis facing American families. Written by the movement's founders, The Fatherhood Movement illustrates methods for reconnecting men with their children and restoring the fragile bonds that hold our society together. It provides valuable insights into the historical, social, economic, and spiritual dimension of the "disappearance of fathers from society."*

**America's Promise: Civil Society and the Renewal of the American Culture** by Don E. Eberly (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 1998.) \$23.95.

*"No one who cares about the future of America's civil institutions, no one who has a head and heart for the plight of our most truly needy fellow citizens and young people, can afford to miss Don Eberly's masterful new book America's Promise. Eberly is one of our few intellectual and moral statesmen, and America's Promise is his blueprint for civic renewal (John DiIulio, Professor of Politics and Public Affairs, Princeton University).*

**The Assault on Parenthood: How Our Culture Undermines the Family** by Dana Mack. (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1997.) \$25.00.

*"In this devastating critique of contemporary culture, Dana Mack shows how we have waged a veritable war against moms and dads." (Sylvia Hewlett, President, National Parenting Association).*

**Promises to Keep: Decline and Renewal of Marriage in America** edited by David Popenoe, Jean Bethke Elshtain, and David Blankenhorn. (Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 1996.) \$21.00.

*"An enormous contribution by an impressive set of family scholars. Promises to Keep is packed with information and should be 'must reading' for family researchers, students, religious leaders, mental health professionals, and policymakers. The thoughtful recommendations should spark discussion and controversy and ultimately help lead us to a national consensus on how to protect and preserve marriages" (Howard J. Markman, University of Denver, author of Fighting For Your Marriage).*

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**The Abolition of Marriage: How We Destroy Lasting Love** by Maggie Gallagher. (Washington, DC: Regnery Publishing, 1996.) \$24.95.

*"The Abolition of Marriage is a compelling critique of the damage that the 'culture of divorce' has wrought" (William J. Bennett, Co-Director, Empower America).*

**Seedbeds of Virtue: Sources of Competence, Character, and Citizenship in American Society** edited by Mary Ann Glendon and David Blankenhorn. (Lanham, Maryland: Madison Books, 1995.) \$27.00.

*"Seedbeds of Virtue explores the question of how virtue...can be strengthened in a society in which so many virtues have been depreciated, indeed trashed" (Nathan Glazer, Professor of Education, Harvard University).*

**Fatherless America: Confronting Our Most Urgent Social Problem** by David Blankenhorn. (New York: Basic Books, 1995.) \$23.00.

*One of the most urgent and controversial books of the '90s, "Fatherless America" has instantly become a catch phrase" (Los Angeles Times).*

**Rebuilding the Nest: A New Commitment to the American Family** edited by David Blankenhorn, Steven Bayme and Jean Bethke Elshtain. (Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Family Service America, 1990.) \$16.00.

*"These distinguished scholars . . . drive home one basic point: we face no more urgent challenge than to strengthen our society's most important institution: the family" (Thomas B. Wheeler, President and CEO Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company).*

### **Reports**

**The Age of Unwed Mothers: Is Teen Pregnancy the Problem?** by Maggie Gallagher, Principal Investigator. (New York: Institute for American Values, 1999.) \$7.00. Bulk discounts available.

*Why have three decades of intensive national effort to reduce teen pregnancy not been more successful? Because for three decades, we have misunderstood the problem, says Maggie Gallagher in a major new report that fundamentally challenges a generation of expert and popular thinking on this subject. The Age of Unwed Mothers is a richly detailed, comprehensive review of the current scholarly literature on teen pregnancy. Carefully documented, it also draws upon interviews with experts in the field, school personnel, social workers, and teen mothers themselves.*

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**Turning the Corner on Father Absence in Black America**, a statement from the Morehouse Conference on African American Fathers. (Atlanta: Morehouse Research Institute & the Institute for American Values. 1999.) There is no charge for this document.

*Written by a politically and racially diverse coalition of reformers, community leaders and scholars, Turning the Corner on Father Absence in Black America is a powerfully worded statement that exhorts the federal, state, and local governments, and the leadership of the African American community to recognize the high priority of restoring the black family, and to be creative about capitalizing on opportunities to act when they present themselves.*

**The Course of True Love: Marriage in High School Textbooks** by the Council on Families. (New York: Institute for American Values. 1998.) \$7.00 each. Volume discounts available.

*Written by Professor Paul Vitz of New York University under the auspices of the Council, The Course of True Love examines the most widely used high school health textbooks dealing with the subjects of marriage and the family. The report concludes that there is both good news and bad news regarding these texts. The good news is that they reveal sincere efforts to pass on basic values such as teenage sexual abstinence and the importance of commitment in marriage. The bad news is that they do not address many of the core questions confronting today's teenagers.*

**A Call to Civil Society: Why Democracy Needs Moral Truths** by the Council on Civil Society. (New York: Institute for American Values. 1998.) \$7.00 each. Volume discounts available.

*The Call helps us to re-call what is vibrant and energetic about our democratic tradition at its best — its commitment to self-help, mutual aid, and respect.*

**Closed Hearts, Closed Minds: The Textbook Story of Marriage** by the Council on Families. (New York: Institute for American Values. 1997.) \$5.00 each. Volume discounts available.

*In this critique of twenty recently published undergraduate marriage and family textbooks, Professor Norval Glenn of the University of Texas, one of the nation's leading family scholars, finds that what we are teaching the next generation about marriage is probably doing more harm than good.*

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**Marriage in America: A Report to the Nation** by the Council on Families. (New York: Institute for American Values. 1995.) \$5.00 each. Volume discounts available.

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*Marriage in America describes how the divorce revolution, or the steady displacement of a marriage culture by a culture of divorce and unwed parenthood, has failed. Strategies for rebuilding a family culture based on enduring marital relationships are addressed to each major sector of society.*

### **Quarterly Publications**

**Propositions: A Letter of Inquiry and Findings.** Published quarterly by the Institute for American Values. Subscriptions are \$18 for one year and \$32 dollars for two years. Gift subscriptions are also available for \$12 each.

*Propositions is the new quarterly letter of inquiry and findings from the Institute designed to help Institute friends stay engaged in the ongoing debate about family, civil society and the state of the culture. Edited by David Blankenbom, Propositions seeks to provide a framework for thinking coherently about the ideas and trends shaping our culture. David will also share his own insights — framed by a larger set of truths — on the most important issues of the day.*

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