

The Administration's Marriage Initiative

Misconceptions and Realities

A Public Statement, Report, and Panel Discussion

Tuesday, February 17, 2004
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
National Press Club
529 14th Street NW, Washington, DC

In response to the intensive but poorly informed current public discussion of the Administration's marriage initiative, marriage educators and experts from across the political spectrum will clarify the content of the initiative and explain why they support it. A joint public statement and a new report will be released.

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Agenda

10:00 Release of Statement

Why We Support the Administration's Marriage Initiative

Panelists: William Doherty, University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN)

Rozario Slack, First Things First (Chattanooga, TN)

Marline E. Pearson, Madison Area Technical College (Madison, WI) and author of the curriculum, *Love U2: Getting Smarter About Relationships, Sex, Babies, and Marriage*

10:25 Comments on Backgrounder

Framing the Public Debate on the Administration's Marriage Initiative: An Analysis of Media Coverage, 1/1/04 to 2/16/04

Commentator: Barbara Dafoe Whitehead, National Marriage Project (New Brunswick, NJ)

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10:30 Q & A

11:00 Panel Discussion: "Can Government Strengthen Marriage?"

Release of Report, **Can Government Strengthen Marriage? Evidence from the Social Sciences**

Moderator: Roland Warren, National Fatherhood Initiative

Panelists: Lorraine C. Blackman, African American Family Life Education Program, Indiana University

Maggie Gallagher, Institute for Marriage and Public Policy

Norval D. Glenn, University of Texas

Rev. Sarah Woods, Healthy Homefronts (Anne Arundel County, MD)

Q & A

12:00 Adjourn

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