Perceptions on Voluntary Single Parenthood

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Studies show that throughout the past few decades, single parenthood has been on the rise, including voluntary single parenthood. Research on societal perceptions of voluntary single parenthood seems to be lacking. This study broke new ground by exploring societal views, specifically adult Christian views, on voluntary single parenthood by way of adoption, in vitro fertilization, and surrogacy. We hypothesized that college students we survey are more accepting of single persons adopting a child than they are of single persons having a child through in vitro fertilization or surrogacy. We surveyed students from a small Christian college and asked questions about four scenarios on this topic. We compiled our data and ran several chi-squared tests in order to analyze it.