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The research will analyze the economic consequences of divorce on men and women in the United States of America. The complex multiple roles of both women and men focusing on work and family commitments, and how these may affect quality of their lives after divorce, will be studied. The project will be informed by the social categories of race-ethnicity and class. In other words, economic consequences of divorce for men and women will be studied for different racial groups. In addition, the penalty of divorce would be different depending on the “class” of the people who are going through this process. Therefore, these factors will be of important consideration on this study. The research will show that mothers are more likely to take care of the children than fathers after divorce. This factor suggests that divorce poses a greater economic hardship for divorced women than for divorced men. We will review various evidence indicating that divorce diminishes the economic well being of the family, which has negative consequences for educational attainment and employment. In conclusion, we will offer programs and policies that encourage marriage, not divorce, in the family.