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## Left is to blame for family breakdown

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Tim Swarens' effort to construct a moral equivalency between the left-wing statists (I will not call them "liberals"), who have clearly won the culture wars, and bloviating right-wing preachers is misguided. It is the left that has imposed a system that rewards and subsidizes family-destroying behaviors and then calls for more "programs" and subsidies to repair the damage. That the religious right has decisively lost that battle is proven by the statistics on fatherless households. If anyone seriously doubts that welfare state policies are the problem, I suggest they consult not only Daniel Patrick Moynihan, but also Charles Murray, Shelby Steele, Jason Riley and the Cato Institute, all of whom diagnose the problem correctly and place the blame squarely where it belongs.

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