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Present tense = a continuous act

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Divorce in America

A photograph with a torn white border showing a woman in the foreground looking back over her shoulder. In the blurred background, a man is walking away. The text '41%' is overlaid in the bottom right corner of the photo.

41%



“National studies show that children from divorced and remarried families experience more depression, have more learning difficulties, and suffer more problems with peers than children from intact families.”

Wallerstein, Lewis, & Blakeslee, “The Unexpected Legacy of Divorce: A 25 Year Landmark Study” (p. 2)



“Children from divorce and remarried families are two to three times more likely to be referred for psychological help at school than their peers from intact families.”

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“More of them end up in mental health clinics and hospital settings. There is earlier sexual activity, more children born out of wedlock, less marriage, and more divorce. Numerous studies show that adult children of divorce have more psychological problems than those raised in intact marriages.”

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“virtually every major personal and social pathology can be traced to fatherlessness more than to any other single factor”

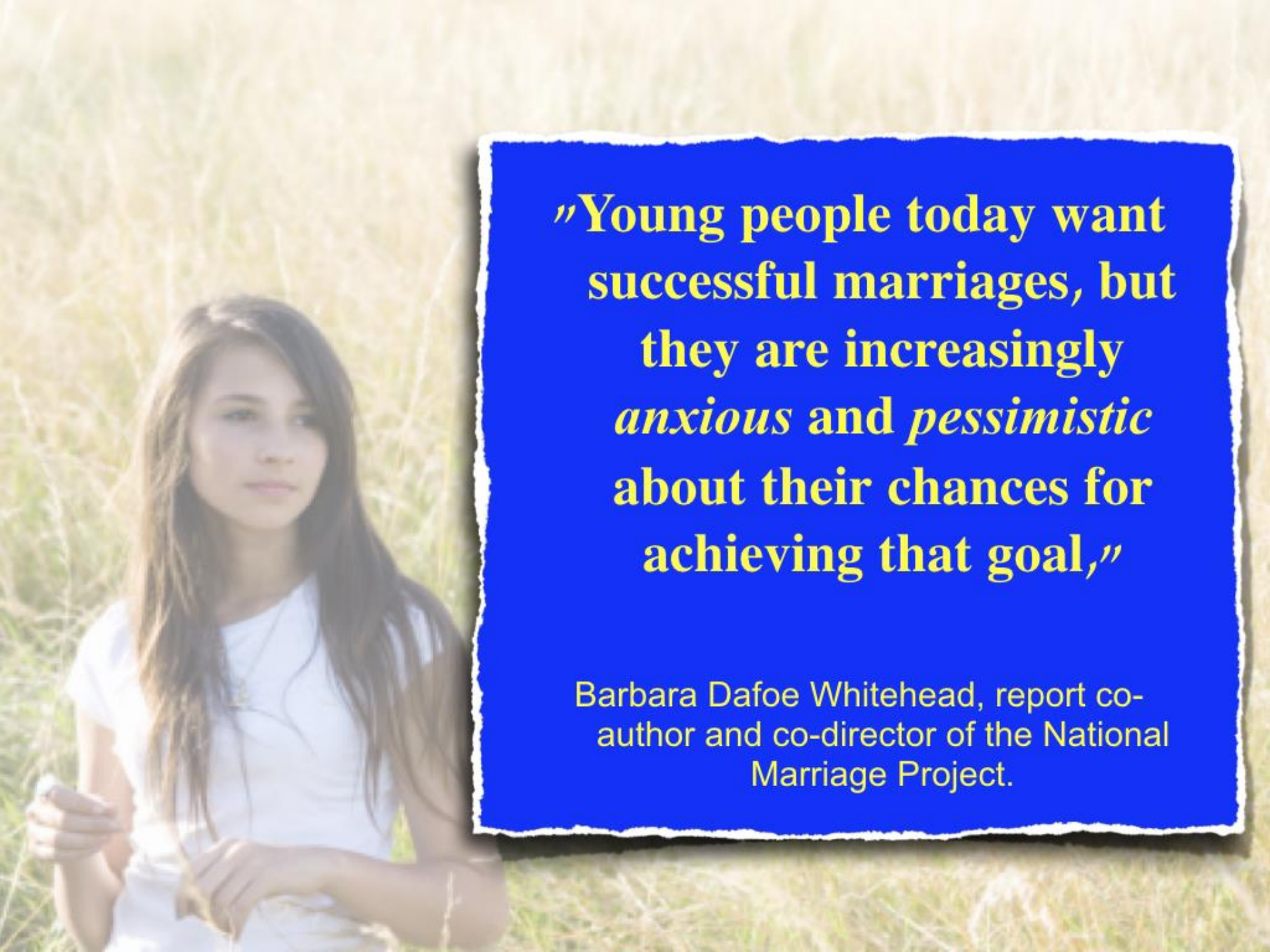
Stephen Baskerville, “Divorce as Revolution” Salisbury Review

When considering
violent crime,
substance abuse,
unwed pregnancy,
suicide, and others

*“Fatherlessness far
surpasses both
poverty and race as
a predictor of social
deviance.”*



“Divorce as Revolution” Salisbury Review, vol. 21, no. 4 (2003)



**“Young people today want
successful marriages, but
they are increasingly
anxious and *pessimistic*
about their chances for
achieving that goal,”**

Barbara Dafoe Whitehead, report co-
author and co-director of the National
Marriage Project.

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***Not all are willing to accept because
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