



Meet the Parents: The lives of young adults as parents

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**What challenges are you seeing
for today's young families?**



Some good news

– Youth

- Teen pregnancy
- Drug/alcohol use
- Tobacco use
- Youth crime





More good news **– Young adults**

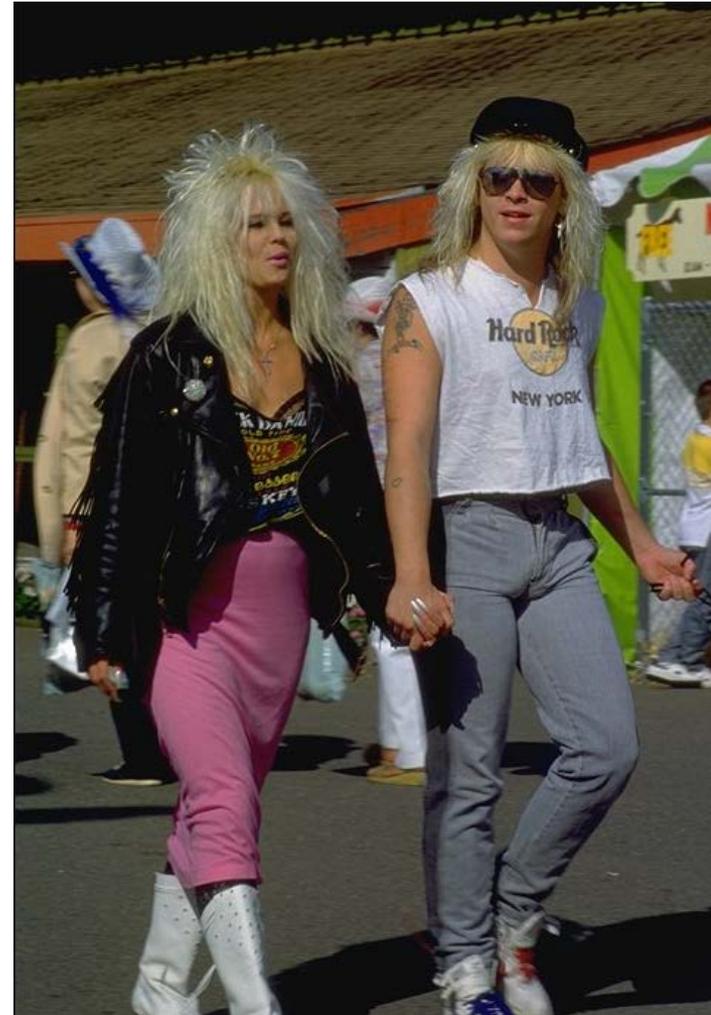
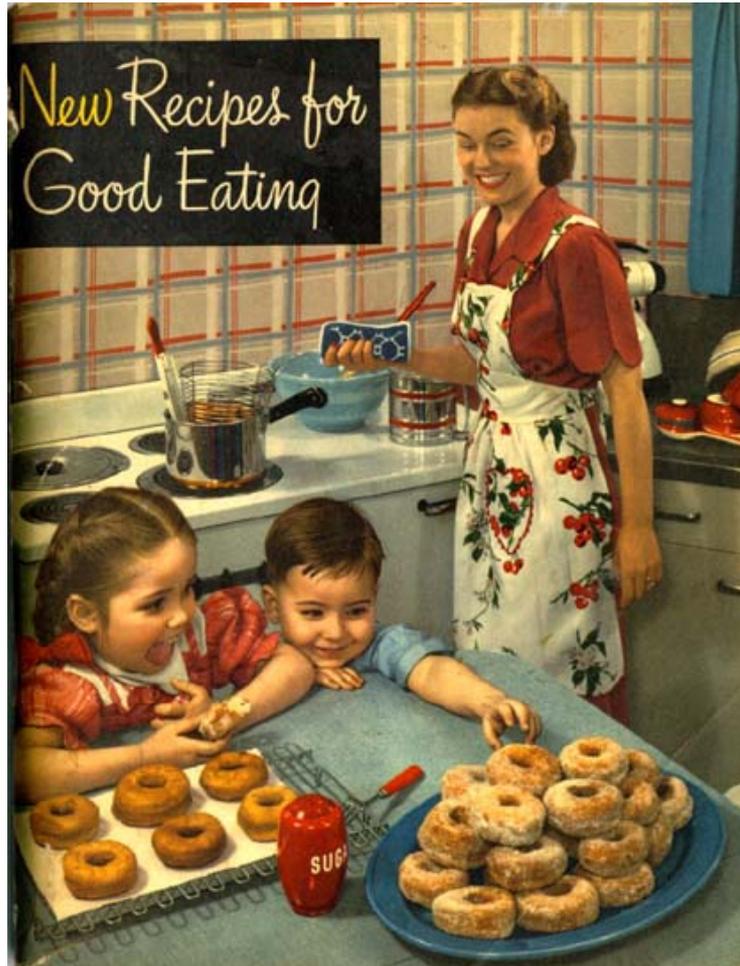
- Delayed marriage/
parenthood
- Education
- Reported family violence

Choices and Consequences

- Out of wedlock births
- Arrest and incarceration
- Higher education costs



Family Expenses: Then and now





Recession Challenges

- Employment
- Housing

