

# The crazy alternative lifestyle of marriage and children

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I have five kids. I thought I was sane, but apparently, I'm living a crazy alternative lifestyle.

Freestyle halfpipe skier David Wise won gold at Sochi. NBC, rather than being impressed with his world-class athleticism, focused on his "[alternative lifestyle](#)." You see, Wise is married to Alexandra, and they have a young son. Wise is also considering becoming a pastor.

San Diego Chargers quarterback Phillip Rivers has had his critics in terms of his play, but there are also critics of his "alternative lifestyle": he and his wife, Tiffany, have six kids (they recently had a seventh child.) ESPN noted with this comment:

*Six kids? Regardless of your profession, it's impossible to be a good parent to six kids. Not enough hours in the day.*

One headline even read: "[Phillip Rivers Is An Intense Weirdo](#)," and blamed his "weirdness" on the fact that there were "eight people running around his house."

Why is our society so afraid of families and children? Why is there a backlash against women being fertile and men raising their own children? [Mollie Hemingway at The Federalist](#) has some thoughts.

*The media remind us regularly that the most important cultural value relative to family life is what's euphemistically called "choice." The choice of whether to have kids or not is held so sacrosanct that our laws permit the decision to be made many months after a new human life begins. Some even advocate extending the choice to a period of time after birth. So why the weird reaction to people receiving children as a blessing instead of fighting them tooth and nail with hormones, chemicals, surgery and scissors? Do we need some remedial courses in how babies are made? It's entirely natural, of course, for babies to be conceived when men and women have sex. Treating the entirely*

*expected procreation of children as something to be avoided at all costs — and an unspeakable atrocity if one has, say, three children already — would be weird even if our culture weren't obsessed with sex at all times, in all places, in every context, at every moment.*

Hemingway goes on to point out that the press seems to give a pass to scoundrels like former Denver Bronco Travis Henry, who has eleven children with ten different women or NBA player J. J. Reddick, who



made sure he wasn't going to be responsible for any children. She tells:

*...a supremely weird and horrifying tale of a 2007 contract drawn up by*

lawyers representing NBA player J.J. Redick and his then-pregnant ex-girlfriend Vanessa Lopez. The document discusses how Lopez's abortion of an unborn child should be handled, including that Redick was not admitting paternity.

Another guy living the crazy alternative lifestyle of marriage and children is comedian Jim Gaffigan. [Let's give him the last word--](#)

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--on why he and his wife live this way:

*Well, why not? I guess the reasons against having more children always seemed uninspiring and superficial. What exactly am I missing out on? Money? A few more hours of sleep? A more peaceful meal? More hair? These are nothing compared to what I get from these five monsters who rule my life ... each one of them has been a pump of light into my shriveled black heart.*

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