**Example Annotated Bibliography**

Goldschneider, F. K., Waite, L. J., & Witsberger, C. (1986). Nonfamily living and the erosion of

traditional family orientations among young adults. *American Sociological Review*, 51(4),

541-554.

The authors, researchers at the Rand Corporation and Brown University, use data from the national Longitudinal Surveys of Young Women and Young Men to test their hypothesis that non-family living by young adults alters their attitudes, values, plans, and expectations, moving them away from their belief in traditional sex roles. They find their hypothesis strongly supported in young females, while the effects were fewer in studies of young males. Data included 83% of females and 56% of males were impacted in the study. Increasing the time away from parents before marrying increased individualism, self-sufficiency, and changes in attitudes about families. This article helped me understand that the real focus is on the female gender and I am going to narrow my research to just females.

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