The Economic Thread of A Woman’s Life

1 in 3 individuals does not advance beyond a 6th grade reading level. (3)

12% of girls fail to graduate high school on time. (4)

Average marriage ends in divorce after 8 years. (10)

75% of women applying for welfare cite divorce as the reason. (11)

Average income of a woman with only a high school degree is $31,123. (5)

The US poverty threshold for a single person is $12,760. For a family of four, it is $26,200. (6)

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In the first year of eligibility, 1 in 3 women takes Social Security benefits out of necessity. Claiming early reduces benefits. (13)

Minimum age to receive full Social Security Retirement benefit.

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7 out of 10 caregivers are women. (14)

A 50+ woman who leaves the workforce early to care for an aging parent loses more than $324,000 in wages and retirement. (15)

THE RETIREMENT YEARS

46% of women enter retirement financially insecure. (16)

Single black women over 60 with a college degree have only $11,000 in wealth. Single white women with a college degree have $384,400. (17)

Women retiring into poverty

46% of Black Women
28% of Asian Women
45% of Hispanic Women
27% of White Women (18)

THE EARLY CHILDHOOD YEARS

Foundational language skills are acquired and built in the first five years.

Children who enter kindergarten behind their peers academically are more likely to stay behind. (1)

1 in 6 children lacks consistent access to sustenance, leading to lower math scores, grade repetition, and arriving late to school or missing it entirely. (2)

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Women live longer than men and half of today’s newborns will live to be 100. (21)

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