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Family Affairs – Is the Decline of the Black Family More Fiction Than Fact?

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The statistics would have you believe the black family is an endangered species.

The New York Times previously reported that for what experts say may be the first time, a majority of American women -- 51 percent --

number for black women is even higher -- 70 percent. Coupled with statistics that say the out-of-wedlock birthrate is also about 70 percent, there is an image that suggests, for whatever reason, that black Americans have abandoned traditional family arrangements.

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"Statements on the decline of the black family and its imminent demise are greatly exaggerated," said Faye Wattleton, president of the Center for the Advancement of Women and a longtime advocate for reproductive rights and health.

cal trajectory of the black community," Wattleton said. "The structure of the family has been disrupted in profound ways in a historical context ever since we came to this country ... black women have been in a position of raising families and being head of the household histor-