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My name is [REDACTED] I am 15 yrs old. [REDACTED]

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Most of the people gathered here, or all, are minor parents or grandparents of minor parents. If this is really about kids, & whats best for them, I want to know why no major custodians are here. ~~the~~ For myself, I am lucky & I like my current situation. Because my parents COOPERATE & AGREE. I believe that, & this has been said before, that at the time of divorce, there needs to be more work done on reconciliation. Just as kids need a higher authority. (like parents), ~~to~~ to break up fights & find a balance. so parents need a higher authority to impose rules to make them agree. I say AGREE, because they don't have to LIKE each other, just agree & cooperate for the sake of the kids.

~~My mom~~

When my dad asked to have extra time, ie every weekend, my mum opposed this because she wouldn't get us for as long, because she had work, we had school etc.

However, although my mum supports children having a say, I think its hard for anyone who has power to give it up.

But if ~~we~~ we're starting from scratch, before power is given out, & an equality is established, then a balance is produced & then no one feels spiteful at the other having more power, & the other doesn't feel pressed, or spiteful, to use their power. Because their power is equal & to work for each other & helping themselves & their kids, they must agree.

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