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Child custody arrangements in the event of family separation

Principals and paradox

A single parent family is the sociological equivalent of cloning. A step on from marrying your sibling. Children being baby humans can often suffer from adversity and disadvantages and even turn them into strengths. A baby might be raised by wolves and survive.

However the most successful child measured in whatever terms you like will most likely have a mother and father in the conventional nuclear family (Except in terms of brutal despots and flesh eating homicidal maniacs.) As the genetic mixing of our DNA makes a more robust child is the social mixing of the ying and yang of mother and father makes a more rounded personality. Every effort should be made to allow each male and female parent time with their child.

By law men are required to pay child support. Men and women accept this. Apparently men have a responsibility. It therefore follows that men have a voice in how and where their child is raised.

We love the mums of this world new and old.

Though Mums some how decide what a good Father is. While mums are accepted as a given I have two divorced sisters and a former wife. All of who think the children's fathers are useless. But somehow my 2 sisters think I am a fantastic dad. ??????

All 3 of us were chosen by these mothers to father their children. And should be allowed to as we see fit. Just as mothers are. Only then can we reach maximum parenting.

The non-custodial parent has to deal with separation from his children, distance (in my case 300km) Has to pay for his kids but doesn't get the love and nurturing in return that the custodial parent does. So the non-custodial parent can never be as effective a parent as if he was living with his children.

The non-custodial parent incurs extra costs in terms of terms of time, emotional energy, financial and any other kind.

The custodial parent will withhold information unavoidably, unintentionally or maliciously.

The non-custodial parent in the real world has no recourse. Is entirely reliant on the goodwill of the custodial parent. Legal action will most definitely be detrimental to his child. So is immediately ruled out.

The father is a second-class citizen in marriage. Because the mother always has the option of walking out and starting an alternative parenting arrangement - the father will continue to be responsible financially regardless. A father is committed to the mother in some sense from the date of conception.

The mother is not similarly committed to the father.

Mothers most likely never want this but it is the way it is.

The effect is a man has to marry a really generous woman or do as he is told for the rest of his life. Its pathetic to watch. No wonder young men are choosing no children.

A recent stopover in Dubai made me realize how after 40 years of feminism men are under valued here in Australia.

The Aussie male has built one of the safest, prosperous progressive country's in the world. Men must be to blame because we cause all the violence and problems (Bulletin letter of the week 15.7.03) and yet we cant be trusted with our children. Australia and its women have to start supporting its men. Because there are 500 million dirt poor bitter resentful nuclear armed Muslims who have a completely different ways of thinking including women's place in society. If we can't have peace between the sexes we will surely have no chance of coming to terms with foreign peoples. Aussie men are bucking brilliant.

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