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Subject: Men's rights

I would like to express my support for the sharing of rights after separation/divorce. Children are entitled to share both parents.

My son, was married for just 4 months when his wife walked away with their daughter who was then 11 months old; she said she did not love him and just wanted to be a princess for the day. Since January, she has not allowed my son to see his daughter unless she is with him; he was a good father so there was not reason for this. She took out a DVO for no reason yet two days afterwards, continually harrassed him by mobile - day and night. He has been ordered to pay child support but does not see his daughter; this is not fair. If child support were taken away from her, she would definitely hand over her daughter.

Today, Child Support stripped his monthly pay from the bank leaving him with no money for the next month. He has been left with nearly \$100,000 worth of debts, his car has been resposessed, yet she has bought a new car and goes out partying all the time while the child stays with her grandmother and friends. She works three days a week when he could look after his daughter, but instead the child goes to her Grandmother. So tonight, my son is on life support because he overdosed on pills because he could not take the unfairness of the situation any more.

My suggestion to the Government is: if men are denied access to their children by former spouses, then the spouses receive NO Child Support or at the very least, child support be paid into a trust account for the child's education. Too many women just spend this money - the children very seldome get any of it. For my son's sake, please consider such an arrangement.

Regards
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