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WELCOME TO THE FATHERHOOD MOVEMENT

This newsletter came into being because the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has declared war on the fathers in this state. You have received this newsletter on purpose. You may be a father who loves his children, a relative who is concerned about the state of families in today's society, or someone with the power to influence the making and amending of divorce law in this state. On these pages, the men who represent the fathers of Massachusetts will reveal the nature of this war, and show how it will be brought to a successful conclusion.

Today in Massachusetts, a father's rights to life, liberty, property and most importantly, to his children, exist at the whim of his children's mother. Today, a wife who murders her husband will most likely avoid any meaningful time in prison. Yet today, a father can be jailed without a jury, without a lawyer, without a trial, and without even committing a crime, merely by falling a few hundred dollars behind in court ordered payments to the mother of his children. Our state government has made fatherhood a crime. Because of the destruction of their civil and human rights over the last thirty years, fathers are uniting, organizing and fighting back. This newsletter will show how the men in this state intend to change the laws and end gross injustices suffered by fathers and to stop the incalculable harm inflicted on our children by our state government.

The Fatherhood Movement is a recent phenomenon resulting from the evolution of divorce and family law over the last several decades. These changes were initiated by a consortium of radical feminists, lawyers, and unprincipled politicians. Through relentless effort, these activists have insured that fathers are routinely separated from their children without due process of law. Massachusetts Probate and Family Court judges now have unlimited discretion to encumber fathers with ongoing fines called child support and alimony, fees for unwanted services of professional pseudo-psychologists, fees for opposing lawyers, fees for visitation centers, costs for children's college tuition, and on and on.

The United States currently has the largest prison population in the free world, and a large percentage of the inmates are fathers who have not committed a crime. Routine domestic interactions have become criminalized. Police forces are trained to arrest the father, automatically and without cause, when called by the mother. Fathers are denied the presumption of innocence and are being put on probation without a trial. They may be jailed without any of the Constitutional protections routinely granted to common criminals.

Today, when a father - married or unmarried - is brought into a Probate and Family Court, usually against his will, he has no chance of retaining custody of his children and little chance of maintaining a meaningful role in their lives, unless the children's mother grants him these rights or is herself undeniably incompetent. In about 90% of the cases of divorce and separation, the mother is granted legal custody and the father is then forced to pay so-called child support, with the courts getting a kickback from the Federal government for every dollar assessed. Family courts routinely allow mothers to move the children away without their father's consent.

Separated fathers have little chance of remaining in their homes or even affording to live in their own towns. To facilitate the process, restraining orders have become ubiquitous. Fathers may be removed from their homes and separated from their children through a blatantly unconstitutional process whereby these orders are granted in civil courts with no standards of evidence, and enforced in criminal courts. The laws allowing this destruction of father's civil liberties were enacted incrementally by the legislature with no appreciable public support or awareness over the last three decades.

Now it is the father's time. The victim pool has reached critical mass. Fathers, grandparents, siblings, second wives, children - 85% of the voters - want the war on fathers to end. We in the Fatherhood Movement are leading the way. We welcome you to join us. You may have no choice.

GLOUCESTER TEENS DEMONSTRATE THE PROBLEM OF FATHERLESSNESS

Rinaldo Del Gallo, III

It's often odd what people focus on. Was there a "pact" in Gloucester, Massachusetts for young girls to become pregnant or were these girls simply individually irresponsible? While the perversely salacious idea of simply using men as sperm donors literally made headlines around the world, what is more important is the fact that Gloucester is seeing a spike in teen pregnancy, pact or no pact.



Teenagers know what causes pregnancy. They know how to prevent pregnancies. It does little to assume that these teenagers have the IQ of grapefruits and the worldly sophistication of a toddler. What we don't need is yet another government program. Teenagers become pregnant because they lack values. So too with teenage boys that impregnate them. They lack values because they lack fathers.

The high correlation between father absence and early teenage sexual activity and pregnancy has long been noted and is a conceded point. According to divorce magazine.com, "Fatherless homes account for . . . well over 50 percent of teen mothers." U.S. Department of Health and Human Services summarizes the risks of sole custody, single parent families: "More than a quarter of American children - nearly 17 million - do not live with their father. Girls without a father in their life are two and a half times as likely to get pregnant." They may have understated the case.

Anti-fathers' rights groups have been trying to dismiss this data as misleading by arguing that while there is a high correlation between fatherlessness and teen pregnancy, there was no cause and effect relationship. But a relatively recent longitudinal study (2003) shows that the cause-and-effect relationship between teen pregnancy and fatherlessness may be much stronger than people thought.

Bruce J. Ellis of the Department of Psychology at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand performed a study in conjunction with the National Institute of Mental Health and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development in the United States. A huge sampling body was used for the study - 242 girls living in one of three U.S. cities and 520 girls living in Christchurch. The participant girls were interviewed annually from age 5 to 18, as well as their mothers. These longitudinal studies are exceedingly laborious but produce data that are hard if not impossible to obtain by a study done at one

particular moment of time. This is the type of quality study that must be taken seriously.

Fatherlessness was hardly the only measure being taken. The multiple interviews and questionnaires administered over the years to both parents and children yielded data that covered everything from family demographics to parenting styles and child behavioral problems to childhood academic performance. "A widely held assumption is that it is not father absence per se that is harmful to children, but the stress associated with divorce, family conflict, loss of a second parent, loss of an adult male income, and so on," Ellis stated.

What Ellis does not mention (and rightfully so since his was a scientific work) was that the not-so-hidden political agenda was to stop the compelling argument for shared parenting legislation so that fathers could be more involved in their children's lives, but rather to advance arguments in favor of greater child support awards and enforcement, plus domestic violence legislation.

The study found that girls who grew up in otherwise socially and economically privileged homes were not protected. "Father absence was so fundamentally linked to teenage pregnancy that its effects were largely undiminished by such factors as whether girls were rich or poor, black or white, New Zealand Maori or European, cooperative or defiant in temperament, born to adult or teenage mothers, raised in safe or violent neighborhoods, subjected to few or many stressful life events, reared by supportive or rejecting parents, exposed to functional or dysfunctional marriages, or closely or loosely monitored by parents," Ellis reported. Wow!

Ellis concluded, "The current research suggests that, in relation to daughters' sexual development, the social address of father absence is important in its own right and not just as a proxy for its many correlates."

It was found that "father absence was an overriding risk factor for early sexual activity and adolescent pregnancy." Conversely, father presence was a major protective factor against early sexual outcomes, amazingly, even if other risk factors were present.

The city of Gloucester, Massachusetts, America, and frankly the nations across the world need to wake up. The problem of teen pregnancy is one of fatherlessness.

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CHILD SUPPORT

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2nd pair must be of equal or lesser value

"...for everything else, there's Child Support"

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THE FACTS ABOUT SO-CALLED CHILD SUPPORT

- "Child support" is a dishonest term for fines imposed by the Probate and Family Courts
- There is no requirement that these fines be used to support a child
- The amount of these fines is not based on the expense of supporting a child
- The amount of these fines is only based on the imputed incomes of the parents
- These fines are imposed and men jailed without due process of law or Constitutional protections
- The only crime of the accused is being a father
- These fines are the only unforgivable debts in the United States
- Fathers have been jailed for falling behind \$1000 or less in payment of these fines
- Debtors prison have been considered cruel and unusual punishment in the US since 1833
- The Probate and Family Courts and so-called judges get a kick back for every dollar collected
- These fines are not paid to children, but to women who can spend the money without limitation
- Many of these fines are paid in behalf of adults, not children, aged eighteen to twenty three

If the money from "child support" fines is needed to support children, why are fathers jailed when they fall behind? It's a bit hard to support your kids when you're in jail, don't you think Mister Speaker? We think it's past time to end debtor's prison for fathers, don't you Mister Senate President. Why take away a man's professional and driver's license if you want him to support his kids, Your Excellency? Can you spell e-x-t-o-r-t-i-o-n?

CHILD SUPPORT: ISN'T

Are you, or someone you love, victimized by the servitude called "child support"? We're **The Fatherhood Coalition**. We're here to help. Call us toll free at 617-723-DADS or visit us on the web at www.fatherhoodcoalition.org. By definition, a father is a man who supports his children.



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The Fatherhood Coalition

FATHER'S BILL OF RIGHTS

Equal Parenting Rights

Every father has the right to the custody, upbringing, support, guidance, education, and domiciling of his children. This right of the father is equal in every way to the right of his children's mother. No father may be deprived of this right or equal custody of his children unless he is found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt for a crime that is directly related to his fitness to be a father to his children.

Child Support Rights

It is a father's right, when ordered by a court to pay fines, fees, awards, or other payments for the support of his children, to pay no more than the true expenses related to supporting the children. All such fees must be based solely on the actual cost of supporting the children and must terminate when the children reach the age of 18. Every father has the right to accurate and periodic accounts of how his child support money is spent. No divorced father shall be required to pay college or other expenses that are not required of a married father. No father who is denied access to his children shall be required to pay for their support, unless he is found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt for a crime that is directly related to his fitness to father his children. No father shall be jailed for nonpayment of child support unless he is found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt by a jury of his peers.

Restraining Order Rights

It is a father's right to be secure in his home from unreasonable searches and seizures.¹ Every father accused of abuse or domestic violence, whether in civil or criminal court, shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime is alleged to have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.² No father charged with abuse or domestic violence shall forfeit property or parental rights unless he is found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt by a jury of his peers.³ No father may be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor be denied the equal protection of the laws.⁴

Marriage Rights

Every father has the right to a secure and meaningful marriage contract. Marriage is a solemn contract between a man and a woman that is entered for their mutual benefit and for the raising and protection of their children. When children are involved, a marriage contract may not be terminated by one party without just cause. A mother desiring to break the marriage contract without cause must render the father harmless and forgo all claims to alimony and to the father's property. Every decision relating to divorce or separation by a Probate and Family Court judge shall be subject to a speedy and meaningful appeal with a trial by jury.

Mother's Bill of Rights

Mother's rights are equal in every way to father's rights.

¹ From the 4th Amendment, Constitution of the United States

² From the 6th Amendment, Constitution of the United States

³ The 7th Amendment, Constitution of the United States: "In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law."

⁴ From the 14th Amendment, Constitution of the United States

FATHERHOOD ORGANIZATIONS

Massachusetts Organizations:

The Southeast Chapter of the Fatherhood Coalition.

Meets on the first Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 PM in the Boyden Library in Foxboro center. We are working to promote shared parenting and to end the discrimination and persecution faced by divorced and unwed fathers. We offer support and education to men and women victimized by Probate and Family Courts. All are invited. For more information, please contact Dan Iagatta at 508-505-8956. www.massdads.com

CPF The Fatherhood Coalition is an all volunteer, non-profit organization of men and women advocating for the institution of fatherhood, encompassing the full range of human behaviors and endeavors that flow from the father-child relationship. We work to promote shared parenting and to end the discrimination and persecution faced by divorced and unwed fathers. Local chapters meet regularly around the state.

PO Box 700, Milford, MA 01757, 617-723-DADS www.fatherhoodcoalition.org

State Chapters:

- Southshore Chapter - 1st Monday of Month
- Northern RI Chapter - 3rd Tuesday of Month
- Worcester Chapter - 4th Thursday of Month
- Southeast Chapter - 1st Tuesday of Month.
- Northeast Mass Chapter - 2nd Thursday
- New (Boston) Chapter - 1st Thursday
- Fall River/New Bedford Chapter - 4th Monday
- NH (Concord, south) Chapter - Developing
- Brockton Chapter – Developing

Liberty Bell Union (LBU) is a nonprofit organization whose interest is (1) in making people aware of their constitutional rights, (2) present governmental policies which violate those rights, and (3) educating people whose rights are being violated to take action to remedy the violation. LBU accomplishes these interests through (1) dissemination of literature, (2) speaking engagements, (3) course offerings, and (4) manuals. 508/478-8738 www.liberty-bell-union.org

The Berkshire Fatherhood Coalition, Family Law Attorney Rinaldo Del Gallo, spokesperson
www.BerkshireFatherhoodCoalition.com

Fathers and Families (F&F) is a Massachusetts non-profit organization advocating for the right of every child to have two parents. F&F engages in lobbying and holds regular meetings and events.

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National Organizations:

ACFC American Coalition for Fathers and Children dedicated to the creation of a family law system, legislative system, and public awareness which promotes equal rights for ALL parties affected by divorce, and the breakup of a family or establishment of paternity, 1718 M. St. NW #187, Washington, DC 20036 Telephone: 800 978-3237 www.acfc.org

Children's Rights Council (CRC) is a national non-profit organization based in Washington, DC that works to assure children meaningful and continuing contact with both their parents and extended family regardless of the parents' marital status. 6200 Editors Park Drive, Suite 103. Hyattsville MD 20872 www.gocr.com

Jail for Judges J.A.I.L. is a single-issue national grassroots organization designed to end the rampant and pervasive judicial corruption in the legal system of the United States. J.A.I.L. recognizes this can be achieved only through making the Judicial Branch of government answerable and accountable to an entity other than itself. www.jail4judges.org

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, home site: www.mass.gov, General Laws: www.lawlib.state.ma.us