



The Victims of Sexual Confusion

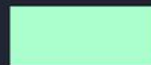


- Suicide
- Youth Homelessness
- Behavior Disorders
- Poverty
- Rape
- Struggling Students
- Addiction
- High Incarceration Rates

Fatherless
Households



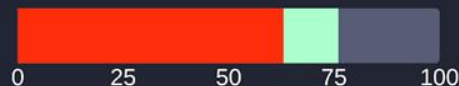
Traditional
Households



Other
Households



Youth
Suicides



63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes. This is 5 times the average. (US Dept. of Health/Census)

Rape



80% of rapists with anger problems come from fatherless homes. This is 14 times the average. (Justice and Behavior, Vol 14, p. 403-426)

Home-
lessness



90% of homelessness and runaway children are from fatherless homes. This is 32 times the average.

High School
Dropouts



71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes. This is 9 times the average. (National Principals Association Report)

Behavioral
Disorders



85% of all children who show behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes. This is 20 times the average. (Center for Disease Control)

Chemical
Abuse



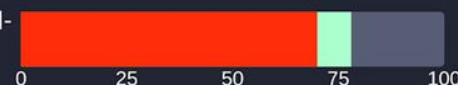
75% of all adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers are fatherless. This is 10 times the average.

Poverty



47.6% of children living in single female backed homes are beneath the poverty line. This is 4 times the average.

Institutional-
ized Youth



70% of youths in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes. This is 9 times the average. (U.S. Dept. of Justice, Sept. 1988)



Children Have A Right to Their Mother & Father



Why these natural rights are so powerful



- Biological Identity
- Safety
- Gender Balance

Biological Identity

Some Adoptees and Donor-Conceived children experience Genealogical Bewilderment & Identity struggles.

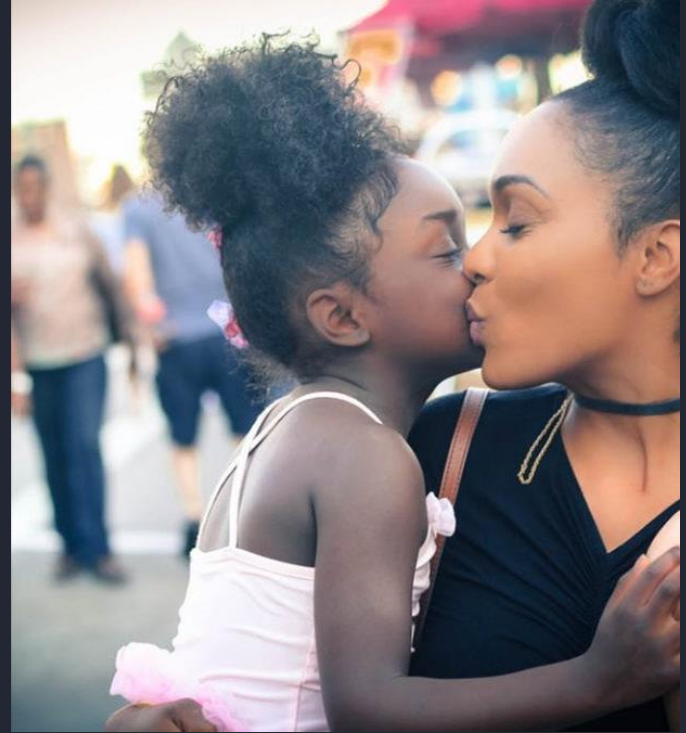
Two-thirds of children created through sperm donation agree, “My sperm donor is half of who I am”

Dramatic shift away from “closed” adoptions- now 95% of adoption are “open.”



Biological Identity

“I cannot describe what it feels like to see your father’s face for the first time.... In that moment, I became whole. The lopsided, half-empty feeling I had every day of my life, suddenly filled. I was a whole and complete person for the first time in my life. I am not the same person I was. I am whole. I have my identity.”



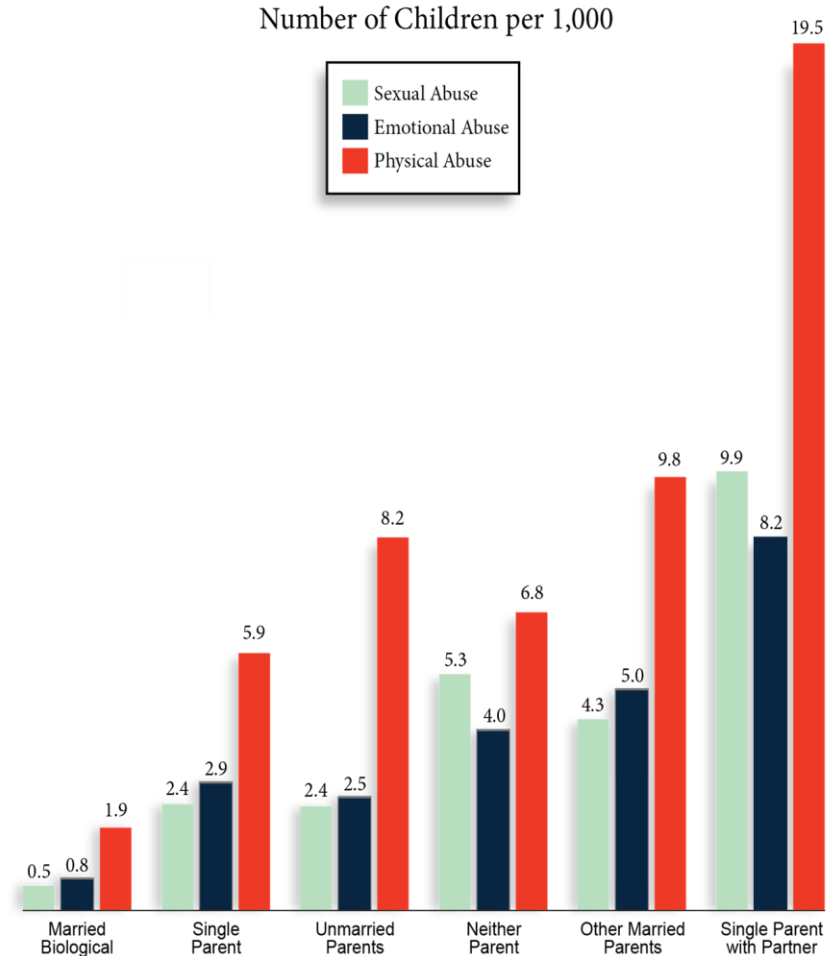
Safety

“Research clearly demonstrates that family structure matters for children, and the family structure that helps children the most is a **family headed by two biological parents in a low-conflict marriage**. Children in single-parent families, children born to unmarried mothers, and children in stepfamilies or cohabiting relationships face higher risks of poor outcomes than do children in intact families headed by two biological parents.”

Child Trends Research Brief, June 2002.



- Children are most likely to be “safe and loved” in the home of their married mother and father.
- Unrelated cohabiting men are (statistically) the most dangerous person in a child’s life.
- Children with step fathers fare no better than children of single mothers.



Safety

“My mom remarried a couple of years after my bio dad left. The man she married took on four kids that were not his own. Unfortunately he was often verbally abusive, ill-tempered and reactionary. My mom was put in the position of protecting us almost daily.

My stepfather and my mother ended up having three children together as well and I saw my stepfather turn into a loving, adoring biological father. He was a different, changed man... toward his own children.” - Alison



Gender Balance

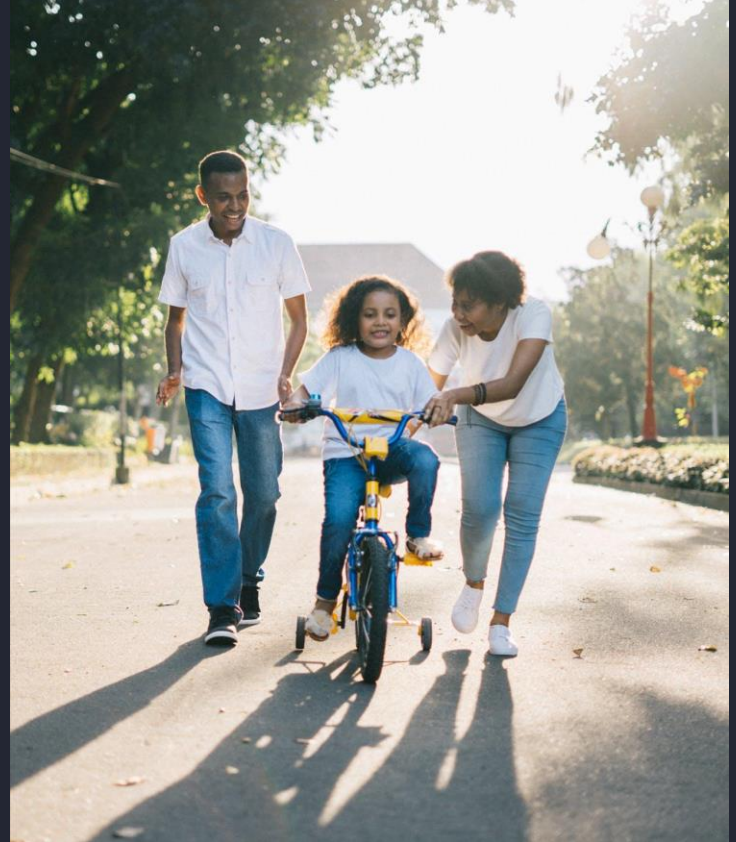
Mothers and fathers:

- Parent Differently
- Play Differently
- Communicate Differently
- Discipline Differently
- Prepare Children for Life Differently
- A glimpse of their future selves
- A glimpse of their future spouse



Gender Balance

“My Moms [family motto] was “Smile and pretend to be happy.” But I didn't feel happy every time I came home from a friends house and saw how different it was. My best friend's dad was the greatest guy. He was funny and nice and always taking us places. He listened to us. I was jealous of my friend and wrote the word “Daddy” on a piece of paper and put it under my pillow. I wanted a Daddy like my friend had.” - Anonymous





When a child loses a
parent to death, **it's a
tragedy.**

When a child loses a
parent intentionally,
it's an injustice.

“Modern Family” is code for Child Loss

- No-Fault Divorce
(Loss of stability)
- Same-Sex Parenting
(Loss gender balance)
- Sperm/Egg “Donation”
(Loss of biology)
- Surrogacy
(Loss of birth mother)

No Fault Divorce

Instability: “Divorce is deceptive. Legally it is a single event, but psychologically it is a chain—sometimes a never-ending chain—of events, relocations, and radically shifting relationships strung through time.” - Judith Wallerstein

Declining Parental Involvement: By adolescence (between the ages of twelve and sixteen), fewer than half of children living with separated, divorced, or remarried mothers had seen their fathers at all in more than a year, and only one in six saw their fathers once a week.

No Fault Divorce

Two Homes/Two Personalities: 50 percent of children felt like a different person at each home, reported each parent's version of truth was different, were asked to keep important secrets from the other parent.

Emotional Health: One study found the death of a parent inflicts less psychological damage on a child than divorce.

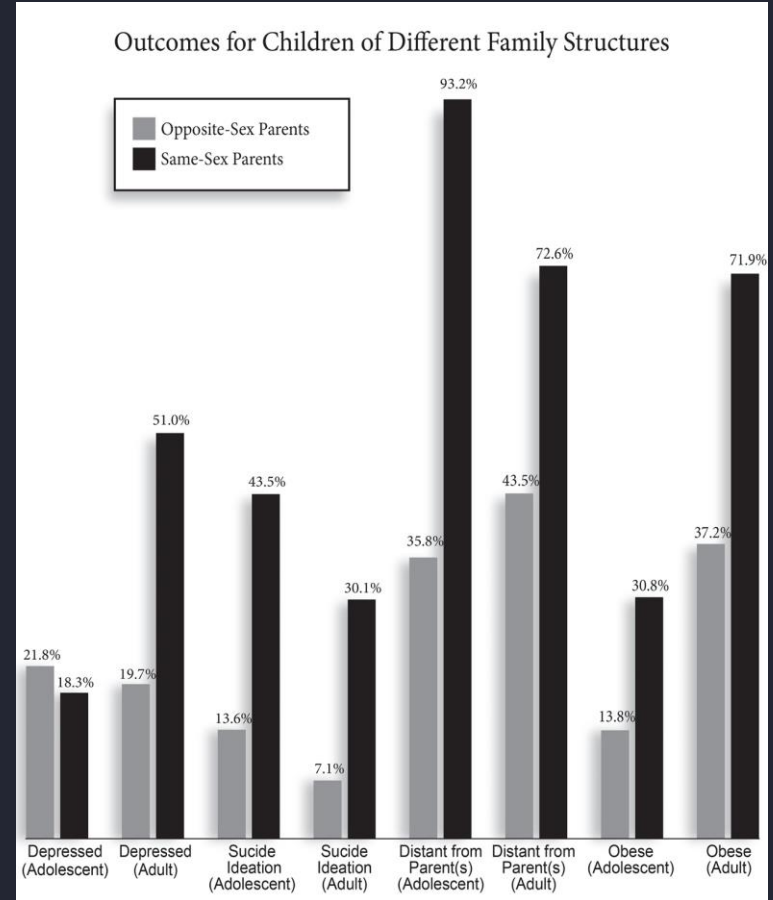
Physical Health: Adult children of divorce are more susceptible to catching colds, have an increased risk of developing cancer, and autoimmune disorders, and suffering a stroke.

No Fault Divorce

“I lost myself in every effort to appease each side of my family. Shuffling alone between two separate lives meant that I was on the fringe of each family, never an insider. The people I loved most were never in the same room together, and many of them barely even knew each other existed. I missed out on events and celebrations because I would have to spend time with my other family.”

Same-Sex Parenting

“No Difference”
actually means
“huge difference.”



Same-Sex Parenting

Father/Mother Hunger

“My formative years were almost entirely devoid of women. I didn’t even know that there was such a thing as a mother until I watched *The Land Before Time* at school. My five-year-old brain could not understand why I didn’t have the mom that I suddenly desperately wanted. I felt the loss. I felt the hole. As I grew, I tried to fill that hole with aunts, my dads’ lesbian friends, and teachers. I remember asking my first-grade teacher if I could call her Mom. I asked that question of any woman who showed me any amount of love and affection. It was instinctive. I craved a mother’s love even though I was well loved by my two gay dads.”

Sperm/Egg Donation

Identity Struggles

“I do not have a father, or the sense of identity that goes with one. I do not have any knowledge of half of my roots, my father, my medical history...so every time a doctor asks me, “Any family history of...?” I have to tell them I do not, and cannot, know.”

Sperm/Egg Donation

Dozens/Hundreds Half Siblings

Tyler spent his first eighteen years as an only child, then he took a DNA test and discovered his forty-nine (and counting) half-siblings. He describes meeting his half-sister for the first time:

“I couldn’t shake a feeling of familiarity. I didn’t have any expectations from what would come from meeting her.... But, after she left, I walked over to a friend’s house and collapsed to the floor in tears. After spending the first eighteen years of my life focusing on why I felt so different, I could finally see myself in someone. Nothing could have prepared me for that.”

Sperm/Egg Donation

Commodification

45% donor-conceived children agree: “the circumstances of my conception bother me.”

“I knew from an early age that I was purchased and selected from essentially a catalog. I knew that my blonde hair and blue eyes was somehow valued above other colorations—because my mother never fell in love with my father, he was never a full human being to her only a handful of breeding details. I always knew that I was purchased and created precisely to make her happy, that was my *raison d’être*.”

Surrogacy

A la carte Mothers: Surrogacy segments one woman—genetic mother, birth mother, and social mother—into three separate, and optional, women.

Disposable Babies: According to one study, only 7.5% of lab-conceived babies are born alive.

Abortion: When intended parents are paying six figures for a child, abortion serves as both quantity and quality control.

Surrogacy

Primal Wound:

“Children of surrogacy, just like children of a traditional adoption, deal with all the traumas that go along with adoption. We want to know where we come from. We want to know who our biological mothers are. We want to know who gave birth to us and what they are like.... When we have children in this world who already need homes, why are we intentionally creating children [via surrogacy] to go through adoption traumas?”

Adoption Supports Children's Rights

Adoption

- mends a wound
- the child is the client.
- adult supports child
- is sometimes necessary

Sperm/Egg donation & Surrogacy

- inflicts a wound
- the adult is the client
- child supports adult
- is never necessary



**When we prioritize
children's right to
their mother and
father, the result is
good personal
decisions and good
public policy.**

