



Fathers' rights are children's rights, because kids need dads.

- Single parent families are nearly twice as likely to be in poverty as those in couple parented families.¹
- Fathers' involvement with children is linked to higher educational achievement and occupational mobility, and increases a boy's chances of escaping poverty in particular.²
- Fathers' involvement is associated with fewer child behavioural problems.³
- Fathers' involvement is associated with lower criminality, 76% of children and young people in custody have an absent father,⁴ compared with the national average of under 25%.⁵
- Fathers' involvement is associated with less substance misuse and addiction.⁶
- Greater father involvement is associated with higher levels of self-respect and self-regulation.⁷
- Fathers' absence is associated with earlier sexual activity and teen pregnancy.⁸
- Children with single parents show increased risks of psychiatric problems, suicide, attempted suicide.⁹

Dads need kids.

Parenting charities and support groups for fathers deprived of access to their children consistently report high rates of suicidality in the men they work with. Suicide is the leading cause of death of men under 45 in the U.K.

The Family Justice System is Biased Against Men.

- Of more than 2.8 million single parent families in the U.K.,¹⁰ 92% of non-resident parents are fathers.¹¹
- Fewer than half of non-resident parents are awarded staying contact with their children.¹²
- Day visits (without overnight stays) are ordered in 20% of cases.¹³
- No contact, indirect or supervised contact is ordered in 31% of cases.¹⁴
- Almost equal caring occurs in 3% of cases at best.¹⁵

****Enforcement:***

In 2018, while 17% of contact applications were for enforcement orders for contact orders that had been breached, just 0.2% of applications for enforcement orders were upheld by family courts.

¹ Rabindrakumar, S., 2018, *One in four – a profile of single parents in the U.K.*, Gingerbread, p.10

² Collins, William (2019), *The Empathy Gap: Male Disadvantages and the Mechanisms of Their Neglect* (London: LPS publishing), pp.364-6

³ Ibid., 366.

⁴ Ibid., 366-7.

⁵ Gingerbread, 2019, *Single parents: facts and figures*, <https://www.gingerbread.org.uk/what-we-do/media-centre/single-parents-facts-figures/>

⁶ Collins, William (2019), *The Empathy Gap: Male Disadvantages and the Mechanisms of Their Neglect* (London: LPS publishing), pp.366-8

⁷ Ibid., 366.

⁸ Ibid., 367-8.

⁹ Ibid.

¹⁰ Office for National Statistics, 2018, *Families and Households: 2018*

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/families/bulletins/familiesandhouseholds/2018#links-to-related-statistics>

¹¹ Collins, William (2019), *The Empathy Gap: Male Disadvantages and the Mechanisms of Their Neglect* (London: LPS publishing), p.318

¹² Ibid.

¹³ Ibid.

¹⁴ Ibid.

¹⁵ Ibid.