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A Fatherless Child

Children need to grow up in loving homes with both their fathers and their mothers by their side, but, in many cases, this does not happen. As of today, the number of children living in homes with only their mothers continues to grow (Blankerhorn 320). As the number of fatherless children is continuing to rise, more children are forced to face the absence of a father, become victims of depression, and are susceptible to rebellion.

Children do not have a say in deciding if their fathers stay in their life or not; it all depends on their parents’ relationship. Growing up without a father can take a toll on children even if they choose to not show it. As children continue to grow up without their father, it will cause a long-term effect in many ways including depression.

As a result of their father’s absence, children often develop depression. Without a father-figure in children’s lives, children would not know what it is like to be surrounded by a father’s love. Being without a father can make children create a barrier and not allow any individual to know what is going on within them.

The children who grow up without their father are more likely to result in rebellion against their mother and other adults. Children tend to not have a loving relationship with any individual they come in contact with. Once children have built a lot of resentment, they tend to lash out on any individual that tries to fill in the hole left by their father. Since a father is supposed to be the “discipliner” of the children, they may not respect the disciplinary actions their mother ensures because it is not as forceful as a father’s.

Children without a father in their life will have to face the absence of a father, become prone to depression, and cause rebellion. A fatherless child is a trend that is becoming to be more common than it should be. Parenting should not be considered an option because children being brought into the world is a blessing.

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