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When is enough going to be enough? When are the thousands and thousands of father's who have been forced out of their children's lives for no other reason than revenge or hatred or anger, going to be given their rights back to be a part of their children's lives?

No one is saying that women are not good parents, but no one is saying that father's make good parents either. Far to often the father's are relegated to a visitor in their child's lives, seeing them once every two weeks and maybe once during the week if they are lucky. Yet, the mother is afforded 24-7 contact with her children, during which time she can bemoan, degrade and destroy any paternal image that the children might have, thus creating children who grew up into adults that cannot function like normal emotionally healthy human beings and who themselves raise more children with the same warped and irrational views of life and family.

When is enough going to be enough? My husband's ex was evaluated years ago and determined that she was deliberately undermining the children's relationship with the father for no reason other than for her own personal selfish reasons. The courts did nothing at that time to stop her, even despite various recommendations and court orders for counseling and orders to stop her from denigrating my husband to the children. It took two more years before a court appointed attorney for the children was assigned, who stated very clearly that my stepson had thug-like tendencies. This is an old fashioned educational term for a child who shows absolutely no remorse for his actions, thoughts or behavior, while hiding all of this anger, resentment and hatred inside. Ultimately, these children explode with violent rage, killing maiming and destroying the innocent people who love them. It is now some 7 years of court proceedings during which time the ex has been caught committing perjury, fraud, forgery, defamation, slander, filing false abuse charges, refusing to comply with three court orders for counseling, refusing to comply with various other court orders and so on. Yet, not once has this ex been held accountable for her actions. Not once has anyone thought that maybe this was the signs of a dysfunctional adult who was not capable of raising two children to be mentally healthy.

Hello out there. If this had been my husband committing all of these crimes, he would have been locked up in a heart beat. But because she is the mother, it is okay. Because she is the mother, taking the children away from her would just hurt the children too much. Well, what about the damages she has already done to these children? Don't these children deserve a fair chance at a healthy and normal life?

Enough is enough. Stop this abuse of the family and the children. Father's have rights too. Children have rights too. Let's get them equalized out so that this is not a world of violent, anger and hate-filled human-beings who cannot control their behavior.



