

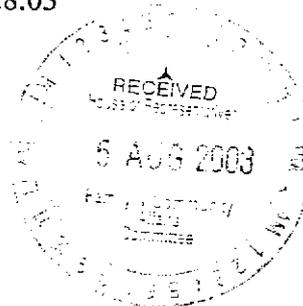
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My submission will be predominantly argue the case to thwart parents that have a 'psychopath bent'¹ to destroy any contact with the estranged parent and more insidiously to corrupt the family environment to prevent a child to identify with that parent. So that whilst predominantly in the care of the controlling/cult parent the child/children are incapacitated to have a personal relationship with the estranged parent using cult socialising processes.

This submission only addresses Section (a) (1) but not where such a presumption could be rebutted.

The idea that children can be 'brainwashed' to prevent a children from seeing an estranged parent is presented to the committee in a document published in the Draft Handbook of the Family Law Reform association, NSW, Inc and The Lone Fathers' Association of spring 1998. The original document that I presented to the committee for editing contained references to numerous affidavits to the Family Law and criminal Courts and Official documents from court experts and government agency employees. Max King the then President of the FLRA edited this document to make it presentable within the framework of the Handbooks requirements. The FLRA article I shall present to the committee, as well as some key official documents. If the committee desires official documentation and a copy of the article with references to these statements and official documents I am more than happy to provide further evidence.

Another disturbing aspect of the article, "In the Image of the child Stealing Parent," is that the legal processes currently employed to deal with Family Law are harnessed effectively to as part of the brainwashing process. The adversarial nature of the legal system, the use of solicitors polarises parents into warring factions, numerous confessions made to social workers, police and to the 'cult' parent by children are all harnessed.

¹ Madeleine Landau Tobias and Janja Lalich, *Captive Hearts, Captive Minds*. Hunter House, Alameda CA pages 69 & page 272 of FLRA Handbook.

Total Control over a particular area of a person's personality in a mind control environment is the goal of a controlling parent. As this will force a person, whether a child or an adult, to align all the other aspects of their personality with that 'controlled aspect of their lives' in order not to cause confusion and conflict (*cognitive dissonance theory*)² within themselves.

Unfortunately when sudden separation occurs when one of the parents becomes absent from the home, almost all physical control over the child/children occurs. The abuse of AVO's achieves this purpose effectively, as well as the current assumption that over 90% of the physical contact with a child remain with one parent only with current Family Law assumption of granting custodial care to one parent, predominantly mothers.

Changing the assumption that both parents' have/share/possess the children on a 50/50 basis will neutralise to a great extent the corrupting influence of an abusive parent. It will be argued that current arrangements have a built in capacity to protect a child almost all the time from an abusive parent. But presently the current arrangement guarantees a cult parents desire. Secondly the System has demonstrated, for a number of reasons, it is incapable of enforcing access orders. **With 50/50 care, hopefully, the moderating influence of the other parent and their family and friends will prevent 'cult socialising processes' gaining momentum or stop them in their initial stages.**

From the beginning of separation my then wife resisted any overnight access. Until I had to take her to court. Which gave me orders for overnight access two years after separation (which never happened). Another consideration is that where a parent is forced to leave their spouse through court orders ie AVO's that such court orders state that that parent is also now separated from their children and has 50/50 custodial care in principle and can make arrangements to act upon it. If contact with the other parent during change over is not possible then a suitable location is to be organised ie-local police station or grandparents home etc. This will establish continuity of the 50/50 principle from the outset of the parent's now 'forced' separation from their children.

Documentation supplied:

1) Article from the 2nd Draft FLRA handbook 1998:

"In the Image of the Child Stealing Parent" By Name Withheld.

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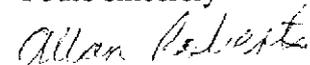
2) Court Expert Report 3.3.94, copied notes-was not supplied a personal copy.

3) Court Expert Report 20/06/95

4) Letter by myself to Dr Milch.

5) Copy of, 'Combating Cult Mind Control', by Steven Hassan.

Yours sincerely



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² Steven Hassan, *combating cult mind control*, Parks Street Press, Rochester, 1990, p. 59-60