

Do some women don't mind being a single mother?

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I don't mean to cast a value judgement here but are women generally ok with getting pregnant from casual sex and leaving the biological father (even if the father is a positive person). I don't care about people having the freedom to do this more so is this a common thing and will it ever be common? Do women have desire to keep the biological father around or are the averse to this idea? I get that it depends on the women but my question what kind of women are ok with this scenerio and which ones are not? I am more than willing to have my mind changed so please don't feel like I am a stubborn person.

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AcanthocephalaNew9471 points 28 September, 2022 10:45 PM **[recovered]**

It's not that women aim to be single mothers. I think society is attempting to destigmatize it because it's often used as abuse by certain types of men. Imagine having to remain in an abusive situation out of fear of stigmatization, imagine being left and being unable to handle raising your children properly due to shame and financial issues.

The concern shouldn't be do women want to be single mothers it should be why aren't fathers stepping tf up and taking care of what they brought into the world

[deleted] • 4 points • 28 September, 2022 10:52 PM

Yeah that makes a lot of sense actually

YaKnowEstacado • 59 points • 28 September, 2022 09:14 PM

I know a lot of single mothers but I don't know any who got pregnant from casual sex. Most got pregnant with a boyfriend and the relationship ended for some reason.

Pizzashillsmom • 18 points • 28 September, 2022 10:57 PM

My cousin got pregnant from casual sex and then instantly started dating the father. Worked out brilliantly for like a year after the child was born...

Ended up with the biggest fucking mess of a custody battle I've heard of.

C4yourself • 0 points • 29 September, 2022 12:50 PM

As in they both didn't want the baby?

mirrrje • 3 points • 29 September, 2022 06:03 PM

Usually a custody battle happens when both parents want time w the baby. Never seen it work the other way

HazyMemory7 • 8 points • 29 September, 2022 12:25 AM

People in the US should be more responsible about using protection and stop having kids out of wedlock.

YaKnowEstacado • 5 points • 29 September, 2022 01:47 AM

Well like my dad always says - shit in one hand and "should" in the other and see which one fills up faster.

Cancelled_Cultured • 4 points • 29 September, 2022 12:33 PM

The tag line under your username had me stitched ☐☐

YaKnowEstacado • 4 points • 29 September, 2022 12:38 PM

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Cancelled_Cultured • 4 points • 29 September, 2022 12:39 PM

It's clever. I like it. ☐☐

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 September, 2022 10:44 PM

If it was so tenuous that it could end for "some reason" why have a kid with the guy unless they wanted to be single mothers? Shouldn't you wait until marriage for that kind of commitment?

briiiana1122 • 16 points • 28 September, 2022 11:49 PM

Marriages end... it's not a magic cure for breakups lol

[deleted] • 0 points • 28 September, 2022 11:54 PM

Then have a kid with someone you know will stay, or jump down a flight of stairs after he leaves, or have it and stop fucking complaining. Most women have the choice to not be single moms.

historyhill • 17 points • 28 September, 2022 10:46 PM

Chances are they weren't intending to get pregnant but were unwilling to terminate.

[deleted] • 3 points • 28 September, 2022 10:47 PM

They literally have condom bowls at planned parenthood for free to the public, how do you unintentionally get pregnant in this day and age? There are a trillion forms of contraception.

richard_golbes • 23 points • 28 September, 2022 10:55 PM

Is this an exasperated rhetorical question or are you expecting an actual answer as to why young people with raging hormones make dumb decisions and don't always prioritize birth control?

mcove97 • 7 points • 28 September, 2022 11:39 PM

Stupidity. It's always stupidity.

callras • 1 point • 3 October, 2022 08:14 PM

Always!

historyhill • 13 points • 28 September, 2022 10:49 PM

Lack of comprehensive sex ed, lack of access to Planned Parenthood (especially in the past few years), and birth control failure all come to mind.

da_boomerang_u_fear1 points 28 September, 2022 10:54 PM **[recovered]**

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Can't learn how to use a condom on the internet? Pfizer doesn't have a full pamphlet on birth control on their site?

lack of access to Planned Parenthood

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Most unwanted pregnancies happen because of laziness. There is no reason outside of rape that a woman gets pregnant without it being intentional. Take some accountability for once.

historyhill • 13 points • 28 September, 2022 11:07 PM

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Coming from an evangelical background, I knew people in *college* that didn't know pregnancy was caused by sex. Granted, these people were not *having* sex either but I think you'd be shocked by some of the lack of knowledge and/or false beliefs that people hold (such as "can't get pregnant the first time" and "can't get pregnant if the woman is on top")

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Condoms fail 14% of the time under "normal use" (often because of incorrect usage or other problems). It's wise to double up on contraceptives but...like, BC can have awful side effects so I got off it not long after starting it.

I'm not gonna take accountability because I'm not in any of these circumstances, bityi have sympathy for those who are. Often you don't know what you don't know, and sex is especially one of these areas—nothing about sex or contraception is particularly intuitive without education.

[deleted] • 2 points • 28 September, 2022 11:18 PM

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Teach them to use google

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Then drive over to Louisiana, or if you can't afford that or condoms, don't have sex.

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Use it correctly then.

nothing about sex or contraception is particularly intuitive without education.

Condoms are very intuitively designed.

SmoOoothModerator • 9 points • 28 September, 2022 10:54 PM

How you are jumping on the words "some reason"? Lol that's weird. The commenter simply cannot remember the reason or isn't sure.

Weird thing to try and build a point from.

briiiana1122 • 12 points • 28 September, 2022 11:51 PM

Plus relationships generally end for reasons specific to that relationship so being specific isn't really that helpful when talking in the generality of single parenthood.

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 September, 2022 11:06 PM

If pushing the father of your child out of your life for "some reason" was the reason given, then that just means she did something she isn't telling you about.

YaKnowEstacado • 15 points • 28 September, 2022 11:42 PM

I mean no, I left it vague because I know multiple single mothers and don't really care to go through every individual story because it's not really pertinent to OP's question. The point is that these women didn't get pregnant from casual sex, they very pregnant in relationships that didn't end up lasting.

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 September, 2022 11:44 PM

So why did they get pregnant before getting commitment from the man?

YaKnowEstacado • 7 points • 28 September, 2022 11:48 PM

Because these women aren't that smart and don't think that far ahead

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 September, 2022 11:58 PM

And the child has to pay for that idiocy? We just let that child be in a fucked up home?

YaKnowEstacado • 8 points • 29 September, 2022 12:02 AM

What's the alternative? Put every child born to an unmarried mother in foster care? There aren't enough resources for that, and anyway the foster system is horribly abusive and bad for children too.

Look I'm not condoning it, my mom told me in no uncertain terms growing up that having a baby out of wedlock is the worst thing I could ever do, and if I ever have a daughter I'll teach her the same thing. I'm just explaining the circumstances under which it happens. Stupid trashy people are going to do stupid trashy things. Unless you're proposing forced abortions or some kind of eugenics program I'm not sure what you think "we" are supposed to do about it.

[deleted] • 0 points • 29 September, 2022 12:04 AM

What's the alternative?

Put them with their fathers, single fathers are better parents than single mothers. Make the mother's have to earn custody.

Ganajin • 9 points • 28 September, 2022 11:40 PM

What a lot of assumptions.

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 September, 2022 11:43 PM

Why not give the exact reason if he's completely at fault?

Ganajin • 6 points • 29 September, 2022 01:27 AM

Maybe it's private? Maybe she does not want to smear him?

AcanthocephalaNew9471 points 28 September, 2022 10:46 PM [recovered]

Yo why are you worried about what women do? You don't even want us speaking to you remember?

[deleted] • 4 points • 28 September, 2022 10:48 PM

Because it hurts kids. 75% of felons come from single mother homes. Hurt yourself, I don't give a shit, hurt your children, that's different.

mackenzie013_02 • 18 points • 28 September, 2022 10:50 PM

..and how much of a contributing factor is class in that statistic?

[deleted] • 6 points • 28 September, 2022 11:02 PM

Closely correlated, but the number of felons from poverty with two parents in the house is drastically lower. If it was no factor, it would match society 1:1 and currently single mother households are 30 - 35% of total households in the US. 30 -35% of people are producing 75% of the felons.

mackenzie013_02 • 7 points • 28 September, 2022 11:03 PM

What is drastically lower?

What's the % difference between the two?

[deleted] • 2 points • 28 September, 2022 11:05 PM

If 100% is the total of something, and 75% come from single mother households, then it's at most 25%, probably lower when you account for single father households. But it's 1/3rd at most of single mother households.

mackenzie013_02 • 6 points • 28 September, 2022 11:12 PM

That's not what I asked for. I'm referring to low class population - what's the fraction within that group? What is "drastically lower"? And out of the group of single mothers how many are low class?

Also, none of the factors prove causation, just correlation.

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 September, 2022 11:22 PM

Majority of the single mothers were from poverty, that's where most single mothers are. Women don't break up homes that earn a lot of money, just the poor ones. What is your point?

SmoOoothModerator • 7 points • 28 September, 2022 10:55 PM

That's usually single motherhood + poverty.

lovelythecove • 16 points • 29 September, 2022 12:27 AM

So absent fathers create felons? Good to know. Men should ejaculate more responsibly or not have sex until they're ready to be a father.

[deleted] • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 12:36 AM

Are men willingly abandoning their kids or getting pushed out. I can't find any stats on it, do you have any?

lovelythecove • 12 points • 29 September, 2022 03:07 AM*

Men can't randomly be pushed out without reason. Most custody is arranged outside of court, so if men have an issue with custody arrangements, they're more than welcome to work on that with the mother of their child/ren or escalate it to court if she isn't being reasonable. Of course I'm talking about the US so if you live somewhere else, I can't speak to that.

None of that matters pre-conception though, which is when men should be more responsible with when/where they're ejaculating so they don't irresponsibly father children they don't want or aren't ready for. Since women cannot get pregnant by themselves and aren't fertile 25+ days/month (compared to men who are fertile all the time), men cause 100% of unwanted pregnancies, and they should be more responsible in the first place to prevent putting anyone else in the position of needing to decide between an abortion or parenthood.

This would more or less solve the felon problem you mentioned.

SacredEmuNZ • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 07:42 AM

It's this kind of attitude that leads to men being absent. The single parenthood issue is one of both male and female causation to equal levels.

lovelythecove • 4 points • 29 September, 2022 12:41 PM

You mean the satirical response I just made to someone blaming exclusively single mothers for creating felons while they ignored the fact that for a woman to be a single mother, a father has to be absent? No one takes this attitude IRL. That's why it's satire. Everything I said is just what people actually say about mothers. Maybe you missed that?

SacredEmuNZ • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 09:36 PM

I did. If you said that about mothers my comment would be the same

callras • 1 point • 3 October, 2022 08:25 PM

I know a woman who aborted twins, because the guy proposed. Then she turned around and had a baby by a deadbeat 10 years her junior. A lot of women are allergic to masculinity/male authority.

YaKnowEstacado • 5 points • 28 September, 2022 11:41 PM

Because these women aren't that smart and don't think that far ahead, they just get pregnant and think yay baby and that's the end of it.

AstronautLoveShack • 29 points • 28 September, 2022 09:09 PM

Sometimes one finds oneself pregnant and given the choice between aborting the baby or keeping it, they decide to keep it. Sometimes the father stays in the picture and sometimes he does not. While it's obviously better in

most circumstances for a child to have two parents, some women would rather have the baby regardless. Maybe they don't believe in abortion, maybe they believe in it for others but when faced with the decision they just couldn't abort. Maybe she's getting a little older and thinks this is her shot to have a child. And other women head right to the clinic. It's a personal decision for those women and how they view their future, and what regrets they can live with.

itm4l2000 • 4 points • 29 September, 2022 04:18 AM

Sperm donor with benefits. Sometimes I feel women hide their true motivations for being with a man and dehumanise men to get what they want.

Women complain about men objectifying them for their bodies, men need to start being wary about women objectifying them for their resources and sperm. It works both ways.

AstronautLoveShack • 10 points • 29 September, 2022 04:40 AM

What, you think all single mothers got intentionally pregnant? They don't. Despite what you think we don't sit around and contemplate how to entrap men and ruin our own lives by getting pregnant. We just deal with the situation as best as we can (which means different things to different women). On the other hand, maybe if men weren't so condom averse they could take responsibility for their own protection. That might be nice.

[deleted] • 2 points • 28 September, 2022 09:20 PM

Is this going to be way more common and dominant in the future? Like if patriarchy we're to be abolished would we end up living like elephants where women and men go their own way?

[deleted] • 21 points • 28 September, 2022 09:25 PM

No. Relationships aren't about "the patriarchy." Heterosexual men and women have an urge to pair-bond and generally desire companionship with each other.

AstronautLoveShack • 15 points • 28 September, 2022 09:29 PM

I don't think so. If anything the pendulum is swinging back. Fathers are becoming more involved parents and more men are exercising their rights to joint custody. That is a good thing I think.

toasterchild • 4 points • 28 September, 2022 11:37 PM

Yeah, people often talk about so and so is a single mom but yet the father has 5050 custody and they coparent together just fine. I think maybe the words we use haven't caught up with the current conditions yet.

[deleted] • -3 points • 28 September, 2022 10:46 PM

Pregnancy doesn't just happen to a woman, she engaged in irresponsible behavior. There are a trillion forms of contraception on the market and an abortion is a 300 dollar plane ticket away. Unwanted babies don't exist anymore.

It's a personal decision for the women with long lasting effects on the child. 75% of felons came from single mother households, just saying.

AstronautLoveShack • 9 points • 28 September, 2022 11:04 PM

Contraception fails and not everybody wants abortions, as we've already discussed. Maybe fathers should care more about the children they make if you don't like how women do it.

hungrychick404 • 3 points • 29 September, 2022 12:54 AM

There are women who are poor or can't get off work to obtain an abortion. Contraception also fails sometimes.

[deleted] • -3 points • 29 September, 2022 12:56 AM

Then keep your legs closed or double up on contraception. Most unwanted pregnancies were because people were lazy and careless and you know that.

hungrychick404 • 6 points • 29 September, 2022 12:59 AM

Your mom engaged in some irresponsible woman behavior

[deleted] • -1 points • 29 September, 2022 01:00 AM

She was a single mother and I was an accident, so yes. She was a fucking idiot too. How do you think I learned to stay away from single mothers.

You're stuck with me now, blame that bitch for it.

AntWillFortune15 • 4 points • 29 September, 2022 02:37 AM

You clearly have mommy issues

hungrychick404 • 3 points • 29 September, 2022 01:18 AM

I also technically blame my mom for the fact I'm stuck with you

Icky138 • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 03:20 AM

"keep your legs closed" ok buddy. ☐ i'm here to impress you. i bet you're so great.

SoIlikeMangos1 points 28 September, 2022 09:30 PM **[recovered]**

Single moms that I know were all in long term relationship & somehow it didn't work out. He cheated, didn't share the mental or physical load or was physically or verbally abusive.

[deleted] • 3 points • 28 September, 2022 09:44 PM

I am not here to bash on single mother hood, I could empathize with them in those situations

Cancelled_Cultured • -1 points • 29 September, 2022 12:47 PM

Did they not see these red flags before hand?

howdoiwOrkthisthing • 14 points • 28 September, 2022 09:57 PM

There are definitely some single women out there who don't want partners but do want kids- usually they're either low or high socioeconomic status.

But most women would prefer to be in a happy, committed, and stable relationship with the father of their children hands down. The pattern I see emerge in subs like breakingmoms is that her marriage breaks down, she's likely the one to initiate divorce but sometimes the husband goes off the deep end in some way, she becomes a single mom and has little desire to date or marry again because of her experience in the first marriage. There comes a point where sometimes your partner might not just pulling their share of load, they might be actively adding to it and she's literally better off without him. I've seen the phrase "if he won't voluntarily pull his weight I'll force him to" used, basically through shared custody or visitation agreements, child support, etc.

So again, it's not necessarily that being a single mom was their first choice, but that believe it or not it was better than being stuck in a failed partnership.

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 September, 2022 10:23 PM

I am not doubting you I do believe most single women didn't choose this as their first choice. But the bigger picture of what I am trying to communicate is that I am afraid men and women cannot be in a loving relationship. I want to believe we as society can produce healthier and good men and women who can be in a loving relationship. It's just frustrating that know believes we can do it or come close it's almost a taboo to want a better society full of better people.

[deleted] • 4 points • 28 September, 2022 11:54 PM

What confuses me about your bigger fear is that — do you honestly not see or know of any men and women in loving relationships? Because the majority of people I know are either in a loving relationship, or have been in at least one in the past.

howdoiw0rkthis thing • 1 point • 29 September, 2022 02:35 PM

This is an interesting point. Men and women seem to be so simultaneously adversarial and yet complimentary sometimes that it's difficult to imagine how we've made it this far.

A big reason, aside from the fact that we're all human and not just emotionless sex robots as subs like this sometimes make it seem, is that traditionally women need men more than the reverse. Whatever power women had over men was *soft* while the reverse was hard to varying degrees. So cooperation was necessary and enforced.

I don't believe that men and women *cant* be in a loving relationship. But I see the same issues come up in hetero relationships over and over again that really amplify general differences between the sexes that I think are unlikely to change, even as our society tries to change.

smallstarseeker • 23 points • 28 September, 2022 09:50 PM

Women which want to be single mothers can cheaply get sperm from the bank, pick between athletes, professors, 7ft guys and conceive.

However very small percentage of women actually does that.

So my guess is that overwhelming majority of women did not plan to become one.

richard_golbes • 7 points • 28 September, 2022 10:56 PM

7ft guys

lol

Katatonic snake • 1 point • 30 September, 2022 07:43 PM

Probably so. It's increasing in popularity, though. There are activists from many political backgrounds who want free fertility treatment for single women, so it might actually happen.

Lysa_Bell • 9 points • 28 September, 2022 09:06 PM

Women that want kids but not a man. Lesbians for instance. Or just woman that don't want a guy in their life. For some women the biological urge to have children is very strong. But after a certain amount of relationships the urge to be in a relationship for that is maybe not strong anymore.

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 September, 2022 09:18 PM

I wouldn't count lesbians to be part of this scenerio.

jasmine_tea_ • 1 point • 30 September, 2022 11:10 AM

Non-lesbians can also choose be mothers out of choice

doggiedoc2004 • 13 points • 28 September, 2022 10:07 PM

It depends more on the MAN involved my friend. Women would rather be single mothers than be attached to a man baby, cheater, abuser, minimal income, non helpful drag. It's hard enough being a mom. We want and deserve partners. There is no mother I know who would rather be single when there is a good man (or woman) to partner with

[deleted] • 6 points • 28 September, 2022 10:29 PM

That is my folk theory as well like if men were to be good people than single mother wouldn't be so frequent or common. I just want to believe that it's possible for men and women to be in loving life long relationships.

funkster • 0 points • 29 September, 2022 04:33 AM

I am a good guy and single father that got pushed away because the mother just wanted to be a single mom.

[deleted] • 5 points • 28 September, 2022 09:18 PM*

With the caveat that I don't have children and don't have personal experience, I think overall the majority of women would vastly prefer to raise children in a relationship with a good partner. For most people, parenting alone or co-parenting without a relationship is much more difficult than parenting together in a good relationship. It presents more financial and personal challenges, as well as the negative impact on the child if the father is out of the picture entirely.

However, life doesn't always work out that way. Relationships change, and people make choices that don't work out the way they imagined or hoped. So people make do with the situations they are presented with.

And if you have personal values that would make you against abortion, and you get pregnant from a casual encounter, then being a single mother will obviously be preferable to her than abortion and in most cases to adoption.

I do think social and cultural influences play into this a lot as well. If you grew up in a social setting where single motherhood without a relationship or active father in the children's life is very normative, you may be more likely to expect the same for your own life and take fewer steps to avoid it, because you'd see that as the typical way to have a family.

Speaking personally, I'd never in a billion years keep a pregnancy that occurred in that scenario, but people have different values and priorities.

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 September, 2022 09:22 PM

Your third paragraph frightens me, it's the very fear thats been haunting me for a while.

SeveralSadEvenings • 3 points • 28 September, 2022 09:38 PM

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Why? whats it to you?

[deleted] • 4 points • 28 September, 2022 09:44 PM

I don't want humans to end up like elephant herds, I don't want that to be the harmonious state of humanity. I want mother and biological father's to exist harmony I don't want to believe men and women are incapable of loving each other for life. I have OCD and I grew up attached to this model of romance

SeveralSadEvenings • 5 points • 28 September, 2022 10:31 PM

I mean, excuse the appeal to naturalism, thats pretty much how we operated as a species before we decided to give the concept of '*ownership*' a whirl.

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 September, 2022 10:34 PM

So you think this is how humans should be that men and women are biologically incapable of being in life long relationships? Do you think we have to go back to this way of living?

SeveralSadEvenings • 3 points • 28 September, 2022 10:40 PM

I don't think anyone should *do* anything, environments change because of pressure, and people adapt to that.

Thats neither good nor bad, it just is.

[deleted] • 0 points • 28 September, 2022 10:56 PM

We don't have to be complete slaves to environmental pressures in fact humans are capable of changing the environment. Some animals are capable of changing their environments as well so it's not a sin to change the environment to meet our need. You liberals romanticize freedom but when it comes to changing society or environment for the better you are like 'we have to accept it and we shouldn't do anything about it's' This ideology created doomers and pessemestic people who do nothing but bring other people down.

SeveralSadEvenings • 3 points • 29 September, 2022 01:33 AM

to changing society or environment for the better

Better according to whom, yourself?

Why would anyone abide by what you perceive is better?

Stop_Maximum • 1 point • 30 September, 2022 05:59 AM

Thats exactly what I said. People will end up doing what they want to do in this life and we can't control it. The problem started because someone wanted everyone to have x and z, people discover there are better ways than just x and z. Everyone is different, not everyone wants a relationship and not everyone wants children, should we fight them for it? No!

Suki100 • 5 points • 29 September, 2022 02:12 AM

It does seem sad that most people don't know how to create or maintain a heterosexual family. I think that we live in an era where women have low tolerance for men's nuances. So many of my friends opted out of their marriage for single parenthood. The men all did not meet the women's expectations after the children arrived. I feel for the men, because they truly wanted the nuclear family. But until society reduces the stress of parenthood, we will see more women creating ways to raise children without stressful male partners.

In m personal life, my kids dad is so unstable and selfish. I did not want an abortion. He cannot maintain consistency in his life. The only men who were stable enough to be a dad-like figure /husband are men approaching 50 and 60 years old. It takes most men a VERY long time to step into responsibility and manhood. Even men who were in their 40s wanted to surf, play golf, go to strip clubs, spend money on frivolous things over caring for their family. There is no way a woman caring for a kid can tolerate this behavior in the home.

[deleted] • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 02:22 AM

Thank you for sharing your story, it's shitty that your former husband was an asshole. I definitely want to be the man taking responsibility as a father honestly, I want to be involved in my kids life and teach them all the shit I learned. I just want a society where men and women can maintain a happy healthy life long relationship. Life is already hard as it is and as a man I want to make it easier for as much people as possible.

chalkandapples • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 08:02 AM

If it helps, there are plenty of social circles where a full family that stays together helps each other is very common. The vast majority of the family I know are still together and the fathers are very involved in their children's lives.

[deleted] • 3 points • 28 September, 2022 09:51 PM

I assume you mean fourth paragraph, and I will say that those social environments tend to be ones that involve poverty and an enormous amount of intergenerational trauma, both of which play a role in sexual decisions and what is perceived as normative for families. It's not a thing that's becoming widespread outside of that.

[deleted] • 0 points • 28 September, 2022 10:00 PM

Yeah I do mean the fourth one. Do you think if we reduce poverty things will change for the better?

[deleted] • 5 points • 28 September, 2022 10:08 PM

Yes, but with family structures it's more the intergenerational trauma than the poverty — though both feed into each other — and fixing that is a staggeringly long and difficult process.

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 September, 2022 10:26 PM

Most things in life are long and difficult process

[deleted] • 3 points • 28 September, 2022 10:56 PM

Not like that. Fixing these kinds of issues requires decades of effort at all levels, from the individual level to the neighbourhood level, to the highest level of government. It requires changes in policy, changes in certain social structures and massive financial investment, plus the political will and public support to do all those things, which requires research and advocacy to drive those changes. Then it also intensive community-level efforts to heal broken families and communities almost one-by-one. It's a systemic problem, not a personal challenge.

neutralhumanbody • 9 points • 29 September, 2022 12:03 AM

Before I met my husband, I was okay with the idea of being a single mother (adoption, sperm bank, etc.). I've

always been invested in being a mother, not as much being married.

Most women I've met are far happier as single mothers than not. Their partners typically weren't very helpful or made parenting a lot more annoying.

[deleted] • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 12:30 AM

But what if the father was a good and caring person would women still leave them?

neutralhumanbody • 8 points • 29 September, 2022 01:10 AM

Being a good father does not mean you're a good husband.

I've met couples that coparent extremely well, but not the majority. Typically the father of the child willingly leaves and stops trying.

funkster • 1 point • 29 September, 2022 04:46 AM

In my personal experience, yes. I was simply tossed aside.

SmilesLikeMardiGras • 23 points • 28 September, 2022 09:13 PM

lower class women are often better off being single mothers, they get benefits and lower class men are abusive drains to them. marriage isnt attainable for every class and women want kids

Mydragonurdungeon • 6 points • 28 September, 2022 10:20 PM

Why are lower class men default abusive

Over_Noise3530 • 2 points • 28 September, 2022 11:42 PM

Because if they were better people and made better decisions they would go to college and get better jobs, lifting them out of the lower classes. Low class men are often unemployed drunks and drug addicts. If they work they are doing hard labor and come home stressed out and angry

Mydragonurdungeon • 10 points • 29 September, 2022 12:16 AM

Let's suppose this absurd statement, that the wealthy and educated are inherently good and the poor are inherently bad (which is completely ridiculous) why would this phenomenon be limited to men

Over_Noise3530 • 3 points • 29 September, 2022 02:14 AM

Wealthy people may not be inherently good, but have generally easier lives less likely to result in misery. I never said that the phenomenon is limited to men. Poor people of either sex are more likely to have addictions and other problems resulting from socioeconomic status

Mydragonurdungeon • 3 points • 29 September, 2022 04:28 AM

I think when it comes to the rich they are no different in terms of addiction but they are better able to cover it up better since the drugs they do are less damaging.

Look at Downey dude did enough coke to fill a city block but he's still all there mentally nice teeth etc.

It isn't that he was less addicted he had access to better drugs

Over_Noise3530 • 4 points • 29 September, 2022 04:46 AM

Very rare example of a celebrity. Even rich drug addicts marriages often fail. You really can't dispute that poor communities have higher crime rates including drugs

Mydragonurdungeon • 1 point • 29 September, 2022 04:57 AM

Oh most definitely. Addicts who commit crime are certainly overwhelmingly poor.
Rich people just have enough money to buy their drugs.

Over_Noise3530 • 1 point • 29 September, 2022 01:13 PM

A poor person in jail cannot be a present father. There's your answer

SmilesLikeMardiGras • 6 points • 29 September, 2022 12:20 AM

i am not saying anything about "inherently good" or moralizing in any way, i am stating the facts on the ground of reality, not judging it. lower class women cannot afford to wait for marriage if they want children, because of money, benefits and the natures of lower class men. this is just reality im sorry. no ones saying theyre "good"

Mydragonurdungeon • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 12:30 AM

I don't think it's a stretch to say abusive is correlated with being bad.

You're not explaining why women who are low class are not similarly abusive I suspect the whole "morality" spiel you gave was a dodge to not answer that very simple question.

If low class man=abusive then surely low class woman=abusive too right?

SmilesLikeMardiGras • 4 points • 29 September, 2022 12:39 AM

im sorry im not living in your moralizing universe. yes, lower class women are more likely to be abusive too? why do i have to talk about them, the Q was about women "minding" becoming single moms, of what relevance is their potential for abusiveness to that

Mydragonurdungeon • -1 points • 29 September, 2022 12:41 AM

I was simply interested in hearing if you thought everyone who was poor is abusive or just men.

SmilesLikeMardiGras • 1 point • 29 September, 2022 12:47 AM

i dont believe "everyone" of any class or group is anything.

Mydragonurdungeon • 1 point • 29 September, 2022 12:57 AM

Seems to run counter to your earlier point but okay

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RIPGeorgeHarrison • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 04:31 AM

None this explains how lower-class men are inherently abusive as you implied which is the crux of the issue.. The only thing you have managed to come up with is "lower class men are abusive because they don't make as much money as someone not lower class"

SmilesLikeMardiGras • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 04:33 AM

I didnt offer any explanation at all

RIPGeorgeHarrison • 1 point • 29 September, 2022 04:34 AM

Well thanks for saying it out loud like this that you are wrong and don't think before you speak.

SmilesLikeMardiGras • 1 point • 29 September, 2022 04:38 AM

not offering an explanation doesnt mean I don't have one

RIPGeorgeHarrison • 1 point • 29 September, 2022 04:39 AM

then lay it on me.

SmilesLikeMardiGras • 1 point • 29 September, 2022 04:40 AM

<https://www.apa.org/pi/ses/resources/publications/violence> do you think this is remotely controversial in the social sciences universe? why don't you have a google

RIPGeorgeHarrison • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 04:44 AM

your basically saying "Why don't you just spend the next 15 minutes trying to prove my argument for me because I'm too lazy to do it"

Secondly, this still doesn't prove they are inherently abusive, maybe just more likely to be.

dbz19_kai • 3 points • 29 September, 2022 09:27 AM

Does that apply to lower class women too?

Over_Noise3530 • 1 point • 29 September, 2022 01:12 PM

Yes

ashleyrose56 • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 09:17 AM

What an ignorant comment. Classist bullshit. Domestic violence rates don't have that much to do with socioeconomic level. There is as much abusive men who are well-off as blue collar workers.

Over_Noise3530 • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 01:11 PM

So then why do you think poor women are more likely to be single? Would you want a poor guy living in your house?

SmoOoothModerator • 4 points • 28 September, 2022 10:56 PM

Stupidest shit I've read all day.

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 September, 2022 09:22 PM

This could be fixed hypothetically but changing our economic system

MAGA-Latino • 0 points • 28 September, 2022 09:43 PM

Wow you're pretty cynical.

SmilesLikeMardiGras • 5 points • 29 September, 2022 12:16 AM

i dont understand what is cynical here. it is facts.

TermAggravating8043 • 14 points • 28 September, 2022 09:20 PM

I think if we were to actually find a study to show this, the vast majority of single mothers are only single because they either got abandoned by the kids dad, or the kids dad is an asshole who's only going to make life harder

[deleted] • 2 points • 28 September, 2022 09:45 PM

I think you maybe correct here since my irrational fear was developed from the articles I read. I read articles regarding tribal society and these authors always highlight the fact biological fatherhood doesn't exist and how divorce is common and love doesn't last and it seems like they want that for our society

YasuotheChosenOne • -3 points • 28 September, 2022 09:47 PM

I've never known a man to abandon a kid he wanted ☐☐☒☐

TermAggravating8043 • 15 points • 28 September, 2022 09:50 PM

He might have wanted the kid but did absolutely fuck all to help raise it and make life harder in the mother

YasuotheChosenOne • -2 points • 28 September, 2022 09:51 PM

Then he didn't want the kid...

TermAggravating8043 • 15 points • 28 September, 2022 09:54 PM

Oh he did, he wanted to tell everyone he was a father and give the child his name and talk about what they'll be when their older and maybe fix a car with him one day

But he didn't want to do they day-to-day parenting shit like nappies, bottles, teaching, cleaning, night feeds, taking them to the park, organising play dates and parties, all the real shit

YasuotheChosenOne • -3 points • 28 September, 2022 09:57 PM

Hmmm I'd still argue they didn't really want the kid. Sounds like the male version of a single mom. Just want that status, no responsibility.

TermAggravating8043 • 14 points • 28 September, 2022 10:02 PM*

The status of being a single mum? There is no status, it's constant work with no breaks, the strong single mum thing is a coping for their shitty situations. Unfortunately a lot of guys like the idea of being a father, passing on their genes and giving them their name but lots of them bail when they realise it's like 90% hard work and only about 10% of fun stuff, or they get dumped by the mother for not pulling their weight

AcanthocephalaNew9471 points 28 September, 2022 11:06 PM **[recovered]**

Status? What status do single mothers have and who's raising these children if the responsibility isn't on a single mother so these kids just float in the abyss while mom and dad pretend to raise them?

YasuotheChosenOne • 1 point • 28 September, 2022 11:17 PM

Yes. Single motherhood is like a war badge these days. She's always the victim of some evil mans choices and she's so brave for raising her own child.

And yes these days most kids are just floating thru the abyss that is the internet. Being raised by... who the fuck knows online.

AcanthocephalaNew9471 points 28 September, 2022 11:53 PM **[recovered]**

Tell me you don't know what goes into raising a kid without telling me you don't know what goes into raising a kid.

I disagree that they're given badges it's more push back against stigmatization and acknowledgement.

Sorry it's just incredibly ridiculous to be angry at the parent that stays, it's screams trauma, I won't participate.

YasuotheChosenOne • 0 points • 29 September, 2022 12:24 AM

Lol yeah Idk I've "raised" kids and it's not some insurmountable obstacle. Literally any random person can raise a kid (and they do). Tons of parents just give their kids an ipod/phone and let them do their thing. And once a kid is in school, lol, your workload decreases substantially.

I mean, it's rightfully stigmatized. The majority of single moms definitely should have just aborted (and I too was born of a single mom).

I disagree. Again, the majority of the time the child should have been aborted. The fact you choose to start your child off with such an extreme handicap is beyond selfish and shortsighted. And then to believe you've done the right thing? When you probably got pregnant on accident/being neglectful? It's borderline child abuse.

Ppdebatesomental • 7 points • 29 September, 2022 01:12 AM

I know of one guy in particular who talked his girlfriend out of an abortion and now works under the table at odd jobs to try and avoid child support. Sees his son every once in a while at his moms house

Freevoulous • -1 points • 29 September, 2022 07:06 AM

but divorcing that man makes it actually much worse than being stuck with him. The woman gets 200% more stress and fights, but 0% help.

TermAggravating8043 • 3 points • 29 September, 2022 07:20 AM

How does she get more stress and fights? The person making her stressed and fighting with her has gone away, yeah it'll be hard with a baby in her own but I've heard a lot of single mums say it gets soo much easier once they dump their lazy partner as there's one less person to cook/clean for and nobody making snidy comments or demanding their attention as soon as they baby was sleeping, their was actually more peace without him there and there was breaks since he was now forced to take the baby every 2nd weekend on his own

Freevoulous • 0 points • 29 September, 2022 09:45 AM

aking her stressed and fighting with her has gone away

but he is NOT gone away, he is still there, likely fighting for custody and getting it, at least partially. Which either means a long and brutal custody battle and THEN Child Support battle

and then visits, or at the most optimistic a 50/50 custody split which means she has to deal with him at least bi-weekly. Divorcing a man does not instantly kill him, he is still around, but this time enraged and at your throat about custody and/or money.

Basically, the only situation where this turns for the better is when the Dad is by nature a meek and agreeable man, or completely uninterested in child custody. I option 1 then why even divorce him, if option 2, why even get impregnated in the first place?

TermAggravating8043 • 3 points • 29 September, 2022 01:37 PM

But no more daily battles, no more unnecessary mess and having to constantly ask for help only to end up doing the job yourself. More peace in the house.

If he wants joint custody great! Means she's not stuck a sahm and can actually work again and get breaks away from the baby, also means he'll actually have to look after the kid.

In hindsight, of course nobody wants this, but so many women get trapped this way and it takes them years to realise their so much happier with a deadbeat dad living in the same house

Freevoulous • 1 point • 29 September, 2022 02:03 PM

I agree, what you describe can happen. But it 100% depends on the man's personality, and is outside her control.

TermAggravating8043 • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 02:39 PM

That is true, each situation is always different to the next and it's probably best to say couples want to avoid situation from happening

Financial_Leave4411 • 4 points • 28 September, 2022 10:01 PM

Women would rather have a loving caring partner to raise a child with but sometimes problems arise. Problems like not finding a good partner so they decide to do IVF and raise a child alone rather than forgoing motherhood or having a child with someone they thought was a good partner but ended up not working out. It is worth noting that it is very rare for a woman to try to have kids and raise them on her own.

[deleted] • 3 points • 28 September, 2022 10:25 PM

So If women are presented with loving and caring partners you'd think they would want to be with that partner for life?

Financial_Leave4411 • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 09:17 AM

Yes, provided they also shared the same life goals. For example if a man is loving and caring but doesn't believe in marriage or splitting house hold responsibility fairly or raising the kids to follow a specific religion or there isn't enough money between the two of you to afford to have kids at all then the relationship will not work out. You need more than love for a relationship to last.

mackenzie013_02 • 4 points • 28 September, 2022 10:56 PM

What is the definition of a single mother tho? - father completely out of the picture - any split arrangement - widows - etc. ?

I'll assume most don't plan on becoming single mothers, but relationship has ended/they got divorced.

briiiana1122 • 2 points • 28 September, 2022 11:56 PM

Ya the first seems pretty rare when the couple is adult enough to be having a kid (age varies here, I'm talking maturity level.)

Split arrangements where it's close to 50/50 I wouldn't call anyone a single parent. It's pretty disingenuous actually to call someone with a dad who had equal time and financial commitment to the kid a "single mom".

mackenzie013_02 • 1 point • 29 September, 2022 12:21 AM

Yeah, hence I was curious what their "definition" was. □□♀□

[deleted] • 0 points • 28 September, 2022 10:57 PM

The fear I am talking about involves women proactively wanting to be single mothers ie leaving the biological father completely

mackenzie013_02 • 3 points • 28 September, 2022 11:00 PM

I'd assume that's a very small fraction of women and would be some outlier where she'd pick that over going to a sperm bank. It would come with a massive legal headache and next to impossible to cut the father out of the child's life.

Stop_Maximum • 1 point • 30 September, 2022 06:09 AM

With sperm bank it wouldn't come with legal implications because if done correctly the donor is signing away their parental rights. It might be a problem is you have a child with someone you know without a legal contract where they sign away their parental rights. Signing the birth certificate would also be a way to stop it but it's always better to do sign a contract to enforce this.

SmilesLikeMardiGras • 5 points • 29 September, 2022 02:50 AM

this is neurotic and not a thing. stop it

roseonyxa1 points 29 September, 2022 03:03 AM **[recovered]**

How is this neurotic, it's definitely a thing though, women like you want to get pregnant from a complete stranger and leave him.

wtknight[M] • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 05:20 PM

Don't make things personal.

ChadChasingB • 3 points • 28 September, 2022 10:02 PM

Some women don't mind and do not want a man involved in at all. They usually adopt, use a sperm bank, or get pregnant intentionally from a hook up and never inform the dad. That's not the case for most single mothers. Most were in relationships at the time she got pregnant and some times for years after that before the break up/divorce. Single mothers usually have the fathers in their lives too, just not living together. Some even have 50/50 custody, but studies show that most men never file for custody of their kids for whatever reason.

GlamSunCrybabyMoon • 3 points • 29 September, 2022 12:19 AM

I don't think what you're asking about is common and I don't think it will be. All the single mothers (myself included) I know were in relationships and it either just didn't work out or their boyfriends/husbands started cheating, being abusive, or just changed their mind. Being a single isn't the ideal for most women but it's better than having a child and a physically present partner draining you.

[deleted] • -1 points • 29 September, 2022 12:28 AM

I am talking about women leaving good and caring biological father, like having aversion to biological fatherhood

GlamSunCrybabyMoon • 5 points • 29 September, 2022 12:34 AM

That doesn't sound common at all, it also doesn't make sense to me why a woman would have aversion to fatherhood, she'd be a mother so fatherhood isn't something she'll ever experience. The only way that being averse to fatherhood makes sense is if the woman is a lesbian.

Men could be good and caring fathers but I'd assume that he was a bad partner to the mom and she doesn't want to be in a relationship with him if that's the case. I know great dads but they are horrible to their girlfriends/wives.

Willow-girl • 1 point • 30 September, 2022 03:49 AM

I think it happens, although I don't know how common it is. It is a protective instinct; any man, even the biological father, presents as a possible danger.

I got pregnant accidentally; the father was a good man who wanted to make an honest woman of me, and we did in fact get married, but if I had had the resources to support myself and my child, I would have preferred to go it alone. And this was before I was old enough to realize the ways in which my mother had protected me from my own father and his nasty temper ...

[deleted] • 1 point • 30 September, 2022 03:50 AM

So do you think by nature women hate having biological father around?

Willow-girl • 1 point • 30 September, 2022 04:17 AM

I think it's possible there is a sort of hyper-protective instinct, yes, because I've felt it myself. How common is it? couldn't tell ya.

[deleted] • 1 point • 30 September, 2022 04:28 AM

Why do women hate the concept of raising a baby biological father so much?

Willow-girl • 2 points • 30 September, 2022 04:51 AM

Maybe because men *can* pose a danger to small children? Maybe we are the descendants of mothers who protected their children from men, including their fathers, and that instinct is encoded somewhere in our DNA ...

[deleted] • 1 point • 30 September, 2022 05:40 AM

What if men become better people?

Stop_Maximum • 3 points • 29 September, 2022 06:30 AM

I think some don't mind, especially if they have the necessary resources to bring up the child. There are women that adopt or have children on their own and are doing okay, but they are usually better off financially. While others might not be because they ended up pregnant by chance, sometimes from a relationship, a FWB or ONS. They might keep the baby although they might realise it's not that easy, but doesn't mean they won't do a good job.

In the case of women choosing to have children on their own, the biological father usually isn't present but other father figures are. In the case of women getting pregnant by chance, the father might be aware but the choice is

theirs to be involved or not.

[deleted] • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 03:06 PM

So does that mean humans are going to end up like elephants where the absence of the biological father is the norm.

Stop_Maximum • 1 point • 29 September, 2022 03:32 PM

To be honest I don't know, people will do what's easier for them.

[deleted] • 1 point • 29 September, 2022 05:01 PM

Is it easiest without the biological father around

Stop_Maximum • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 05:24 PM

For some people it's easier or not as hard. Some people might struggle because they're not stable financially, mentally and are not able to control emotions. While others have nothing of the sort to worry

[deleted] • -1 points • 29 September, 2022 05:55 PM

So you want to abolish biological fatherhood as a concept?

Stop_Maximum • 3 points • 29 September, 2022 06:12 PM

People are doing it currently and we didn't abolish anything. Lol

[deleted] • 0 points • 29 September, 2022 07:21 PM

So you don't want biological father's involved in parenting or being in relationship with mother?

Stop_Maximum • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 07:49 PM

I repeat people should do what's easier for them.

[deleted] • 1 point • 29 September, 2022 08:11 PM

Stop weasiling and tell me what kind of society you want ideally it doesn't have to be realistic but just tell me

januaryphilosopher • 3 points • 29 September, 2022 08:59 AM

I don't think many people really prefer it or would choose it, but some will accept ending up in that scenario. I don't think it'll ever end up that common as raising human children is a collaborative effort abd doing it on your own is very hard.

blockboii190 • 3 points • 29 September, 2022 05:56 PM

Bro go talk to woman lol you have a wild thought process

[deleted] • -1 points • 29 September, 2022 05:57 PM

So are you ok with abolishing the concept of biological fatherhood

blockboii190 • 3 points • 29 September, 2022 06:00 PM

When did I say that lol look woman don't want to be single even more so with a kid you have a fake

woman in your head that represent all woman.wait are you a girl?□

[deleted] • 1 point • 29 September, 2022 07:31 PM

I am a man, this fake women was developed from reading bunch of articles and interacting with women online. These articles were women magazines and stuff on tribal societies. These articles mention how biological father hood is not present in some tribes, how love is not meant to last, and how some girls get pregnant from casual sex and is ok with raising the baby by themselves. This makes me believe that this is the true nature of humanity and that the only reason men and women are together is because of cultural and economic pressure.

I also believe humans are solitary animals because I heard there is a hamster species that are social but once given resources they all seperated from each other. And people keep saying we have more freedom and I am noticing more asocial identities like introverts, aromatics, touch averse, etc...

Things were more social for me in the past and I had good friend group but now they are gone and I feel alone. These are the reasons why I believe humans will become solitary. I have OCD so I ruminate about these thoughts everyday

blockboii190 • 3 points • 29 September, 2022 07:33 PM

Bro please frfr just talk tomorrow woman irl not online

blockboii190 • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 07:34 PM

*to more

risdeveau • 2 points • 28 September, 2022 09:19 PM

In some places is it normalized, yes

[deleted] • 1 point • 28 September, 2022 09:20 PM

Like where?

risdeveau • 3 points • 28 September, 2022 09:29 PM

Poor areas, where it's already common

darkvalleys • 2 points • 28 September, 2022 10:59 PM

If everyone around them is, they will too.

RocinanteCoffee • 2 points • 28 September, 2022 11:14 PM

Some women choose it, but usually only if they are wealthy or if they have a great support system.

Quite a few upper middle class career women decide to have a child before they age out of their childbearing years and by artificial insemination or surrogate. They can afford to have additional paid for care while they are working.

That being said it's much more common for women to have babies in a loving relationship (or at least the relationship starts as loving).

briiiana1122 • 2 points • 28 September, 2022 11:47 PM

I don't know anyone with any degrees of separation who had a child from casual sex. I've known 2 people to break up while pregnant and keep the child so I guess they are choosing something like single parenthood but in both cases both parents are very in the picture and work together with 50/50 custody.

I don't really know why the average person would choose to be a solo parent, but someone with enough money to hire full time help, I do get it if they want a child but haven't found the right person. I don't know anyone who's done this though.

[deleted] • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 12:43 AM

Most women I know who were/are single moms got pregnant with a partner then either broke up or had relationship issues, or sometimes the man didn't commit. I don't know anyone who got pregnant from casual sex, but I'm certain it happens.

One situation was actually a statutory rape where my coworker (back when she was 15, way before I knew her) was "dating" a 30 year old and got pregnant. She lived in a state with strict abortion laws and, because she was a minor, was essentially unable to go get an abortion and was forced to have the kid. Obviously the guy did not stay in that picture for many reasons.

Overall it doesn't seem like women want to be single mothers, they simply see it as the better option to being with an abusive or shit partner, or the partner leaves. None of them actively decided they were going to get pregnant and raise it on their own. They all seemed to think there would be a partner there.

NoCall6197 • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 03:01 AM

I think the appropriate question would be: why are the number of single mothers only ever increasing?

Women have become more empowered, or rather learnt to grow. We live in an ever more self-absorbed, individualised society where the value of a family isn't even appreciated in 2 parent families.

When you become a parent you transition in personality, and outlook on life because the centre of your existence becomes the children. But no one wants to accept that reality, people just want to carrying on living their free single lives as they did before the child was born hoping to 'have it all'.

[deleted] • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 03:07 AM

Yeah this definitely makes sense, it's just no one wants to reduce the number of divorce or single parenthood. It's almost as if these people feed off this shit

HobbitShaker88 • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 03:31 AM*

Yes its true.

I dont know of any women getting purposefully pregnant by a man and leaving the man out though...I meet a wide variety of people at my very social job and have met 3 women who never met the right man, used a sperm donor and are happy single mothers by their accounts. Id never do that but I dont judge others that do it.

However, all of these women were financially set. 2 of the 3 have alot of support. If children were cheaper there'd be more women doing this, its a common reason to not pursue it.

Alot of women get pregnant and decide against abortion (many in red states arent given that option now) and the man doesnt want to be involved. I also know several women like this and despite their struggles, they state their child is a blessing.

You should read the singleparents subreddit on here. There are many people there that prefer being a single parent over a married parent or co parent because their ex/co parent is an awful person and their life is better without their presence. This is the reason why I know single parents that are happier than married parents.

SwimmingTheme3736 • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 04:38 AM

Me no I'm not ok with that. I have three children, my oldest 2 with my ex husband youngest with my current. I would not of kept a child from a hook up.

My best friend was a single mother as her long term boyfriend left when she was 28 weeks with their planned child.

I don't know any woman in real life that got pregnant from a random and kept it.

I know a lot where marriages or relationships have broken down

mandoa_sky • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 05:41 AM

one of my neighbours is divorced. she told me she likes being a "single mother" even with all of the court visits since the ex was acting too much like son no.3

ashleyrose56 • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 09:14 AM

I am not comfortable with the idea of being a single mother, I wouldn't ever possibly be in the position of getting pregnant from a random because I don't have casual sex BUT I life happens and the future baby Dad's could turn around and be nasty, and in that case some men are better as absent fathers than anything. Or he could cheat on me, so I would divorce. Or he could die. That's why I wouldn't have more than 2 children because that's the amount I'm comfortable raising by myself if for whatever reason I end up being a single mother.

I think the majority of women don't willingly put themselves in the position of being single mothers, it just happens. Unless they are terribly irresponsible and have a baby from someone they have known for less than 2 years.

KombuchaEnema • 2 points • 28 September, 2022 09:05 PM

Women are only genuinely happy to be single mothers if they are focused 100% on their own needs (i.e., they don't care if their child is happy). A mother who knows anything about child psychology would never be *genuinely* happy to raise her children as a single parent.

Most women who claim to be "proud single mothers" are only doing so to combat the stigma. In reality they'd prefer an intact family with a good husband and father.

But at some point you have to look at your own past and say "yeah I slept with a POS and this is my life now and I can either beat myself up or make it work."

Some women go overboard and act proud to be single mothers. That's just a cope. Being a single parent is hard. Some people can handle all the hard work (cooking, cleaning, working full time, childcare) but they still can't confront the shame of having slept with the wrong person and bringing a child into a shitty situation.

SkookumTree • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 11:59 AM

There are some women that choose to be single moms.

[deleted] • 0 points • 28 September, 2022 09:16 PM

It's not so much as being proud of being a single mother bothers me but the thought that women actively want this for themselves. But I understand what you mean, maybe these are just irrational thoughts I have

bunnakay • 2 points • 29 September, 2022 01:01 AM

I don't know any women who got pregnant from casual sex.

Bekiala • 0 points • 28 September, 2022 11:36 PM

I remember a story about a woman that dated a guy just to get pregnant. She really didn't want anything to do with him just wanted a baby.

Be careful out there guys if you don't want to be a sperm donor don't let it happen.

I don't mean to cast a value judgement here

Why not? I sure as hell am, but I digress.

but are women generally ok with getting pregnant from casual sex and leaving the biological father (even if the father is a positive person).

It sure seems so from my POV as a woman. Personally though, I would not be okay with that, but that's because I'm generally not at all ok with getting pregnant at all considering I'm childfree and have a strong dislike and disinterest for pregnancy and children. I think having children is vastly overrated and I do not personally value it at all, despite the fact that I'm a woman, and while I'm at it I'm gonna judge the hell out of uteruses and call them fucking bloody cramp machines, that to me as a woman has zero value at all considering I'm childfree. Anyway, yes most women are indeed ok with it? Why, I have no idea.. other than the fact that they must like or want kids, for some unfathomable reason I personally can't grasp (poop diapers and all. Disgusting.. ya know)

I don't care about people having the freedom to do this more so is this a common thing and will it ever be common?

It already is common yeah, cause women want kids and don't necessarily care if the dude with the sperm does. Then thats how it goes.

Do women have desire to keep the biological father around or are the averse to this idea?

Depends it seems. If they like them then yes, if they don't like them, then likely no.

I get that it depends on the women but my question what kind of women are ok with this scenerio and which ones are not?

The ones who are desperate to have kids probably is fine being a single mother. People who really want something are willing to suffer for it.

I am more than willing to have my mind changed so please don't feel like I am a stubborn person.

You seem pretty open minded to me

AutoModerator[M] • 1 point • 28 September, 2022 09:00 PM

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Laurely4u • 1 point • 29 September, 2022 04:00 PM

If I had plenty of money I might consider becoming a client of the repository for germinal choice in Escondido California. I don't necessarily see myself Tinder dating anytime

hdksndiisn • 1 point • 29 September, 2022 05:49 PM

What's this repository do/offer?

Wide-Illustrator2906 • 1 point • 29 September, 2022 11:57 PM

Most single mothers I've met were casually fucking a guy and got pregnant. They were trying to be in committed relationships with these guys but it never went that far.

Most women hope the guy they get pregnant by sticks around and they become a family but this rarely happens because they weren't in a relationship to begin with.

Katatonicsnake • 1 point • 30 September, 2022 07:41 PM

I wouldn't mind. If I was single and wanted a child, I would just pay for sperm. I see no issue, really. Casual sex is not my thing, and if my primary goal in life was to have a child, I wouldn't make a random choice like that.

I have many friends who are considering independent motherhood as an option, three women I know have already done it. They are all financially stable with a high education, and are quite artistic, but that describes my circle of friends anyway. My great aunts were single mothers and their children are doing well, so I guess I always grew up thinking that was a choice among others.

[deleted] • 1 point • 30 September, 2022 07:50 PM

How come they don't want a man helping them raise their kids? No judgement

Katatonicsnake • 1 point • 30 September, 2022 07:57 PM

They haven't found the right one, and don't want to have kids with someone who'll just do. Sometimes life happens, and you realize you're at that age where it's time to think about family, but you don't have a man. I believe it's partly because (in many European countries at least) young single women live, study, and work in different areas than men around their age.

The single mothers I know have other support networks. Some of them have found a man after kids.

[deleted] • 1 point • 30 September, 2022 08:16 PM

If men were better people would we see women choosing single parenthood less?

Katatonicsnake • 1 point • 30 September, 2022 08:24 PM

Men are good people, humans usually are in my opinion. It's more about different lifestyles, wanting different things, and timing. One of my best friends is considering buying sperm. She likes men, but she doesn't get them I think - and men don't get her. Maybe it's because she didn't interact with boys and men growing up, maybe she just isn't there yet. But if she wants kids and is ready for that, she shouldn't wait.

There was a study in my country just recently. It concluded that half of single men in their late 20s and early 30s hadn't even thought about having kids. That's unfortunate, because that's the best age for women to have kids. And since most people want to have a partner who's around the same age as them, things get difficult.

[deleted] • 1 point • 30 September, 2022 08:26 PM

Maybe society can make it easier to raise kids so men would want to have kids earlier. I

honestly want them earlier so I can be apart of their life longer.

Katatonicsnake • 1 point • 30 September, 2022 08:40 PM

Maybe society can make it easier to raise kids

What do you mean?

[deleted] • 1 point • 30 September, 2022 09:07 PM

Social welfare system, have grandparents and other relatives co parent, decrease working hours etc...