

The Sexual State and the Divorce Ideology

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Life in Louisiana:
Two seasons.
From June 1 through
November 30:

Hurricane Season

Rita: 2005



From December 1- May 31: Crawfish Season



Part I: The Ruth Institute dream

*that every child be welcomed into a
loving home with a married mother and
father.*

The Ruth Institute has a dream:

So that:

Every child can have a ***relationship*** with his or her own parents, unless some *unavoidable tragedy* takes place to prevent it.

Every adult, *without exception*, can know his or her cultural heritage and genetic identity.

When these rights are violated, we call this a *structural injustice to the child*.

Competing Worldviews:

- Every child (and hence every adult) has identity rights and relational rights with respect to their parents, *and adults have obligations to provide these things to children.*
- Every adult has a right to the sexual activity they want, with a minimum of inconvenience, *and children have to accept whatever the adults choose to give them.*

Not judging people. Rather:

➤ A sober-minded look at:

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2. What the Divorce Ideology has done to society.
3. The Elite and Statist origins of the Divorce Ideology.

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Does the Government have a duty to the family in general?

To these particular people?



Who are this child's parents?

- Intrinsically a responsibility of the State.
- Need to exclude all possible competitors.
- Use nature as a baseline.



Children's legitimate entitlements

- A relationship with both parents
- Knowing who they are: identity rights
- Therefore: kids have an legitimate interest in the stability of their parents' union.
- Defend these rights proactively, not after the fact
- Marriage is adult society's institutional structure to do this.

Hence, the government's duty:

- At a minimum, to accurately record parental identity on birth certificates
- Refrain from interfering in the relationships between children and parents.
- Do not usurp family's rights.

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Divorce Ideology Defined:



Includes all social structures which separate children from parents at the will of the parents, rather than unavoidable tragedy.

“Alternative Family Forms,”

from the child's perspective.



- Divorce
- Unmarried Parents
- Cohabiting Parents
- Remarried or other step parents
- Anonymous Donor Conception

RISKS for children of divorce:

Getting sick	Dying at a younger age
Falling behind in math	Fewer close friends
Smoking	Suffering academically
Needing Ritalin for ADHD	Not finishing high school
Losing contact with grandparents	Having a stroke
Drug or alcohol abuse	Early sexual activity
Engaging in criminal activities	Sleep problems
Getting divorced as an adult	Less parental supervision
Not finishing college	Not attending church
Doubting parents' religious beliefs	Feeling a lack of compassion from their church
Persistent feelings of loneliness	Thoughts of suicide or violence

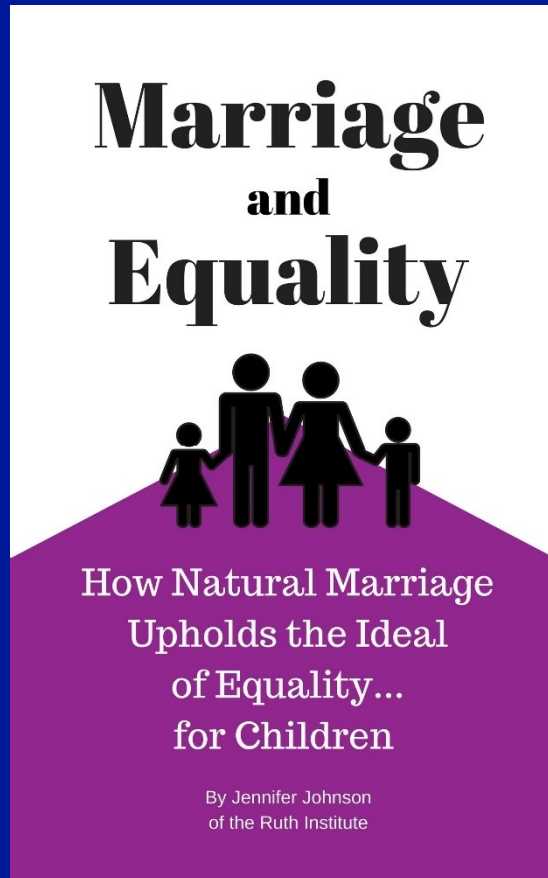


Children and Divorce



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All this is unfair to children!



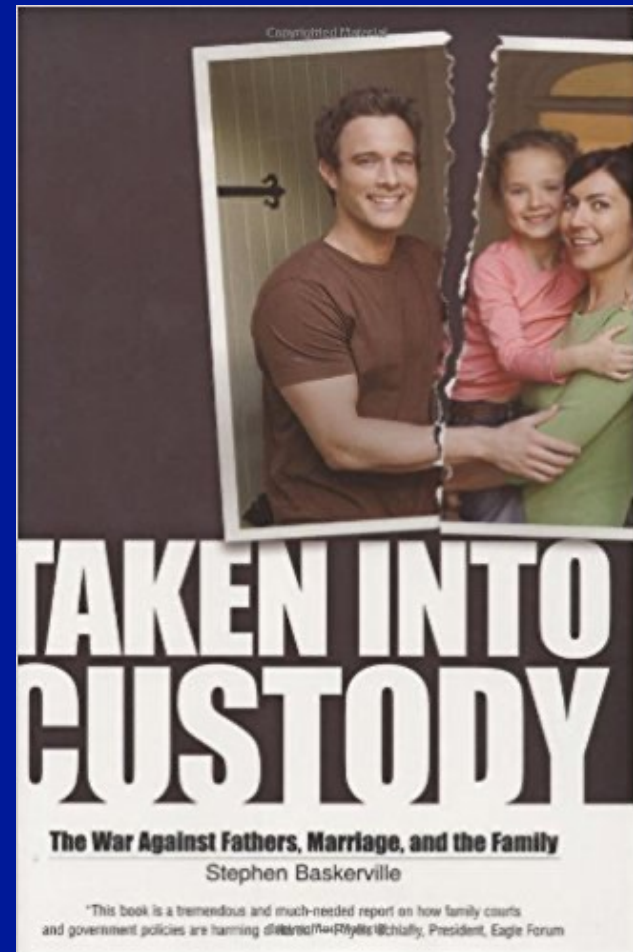
What No-fault Divorce did:

Removes the presumption of permanence

Removes the presumption of sexual exclusivity

No fault divorce Increases State Power

- Loss of privacy due to family court
- Divorce Industry, quasi-governmental structures





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Can you relate?

"Nearly 38 years later, I am still grieving the loss of my parents' marriage. The divorce left me fragmented, vulnerable, angry, and, in some ways, homeless." *Alyssa, child of divorce, from KidsDivorceStories.com*

"If you think I should be praising these reproductive technologies for giving me life, you're not in your right mind." *Donor conceived person, from AnonymousUS.org*

"No one ever told me that sex doesn't mean love." *Handal, refugee from the hook-up culture, from the Ruth Institute newsletter*

"Every year that goes by, I wish I had tried to start a family earlier. The years I spent with the two kids we were able to have and our foster children were the best years of my life. I value those years more than all my educational and professional achievements." *Dr. J, heartbroken career woman*

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Is This You?	Does This Describe Your Situation?	Is This What You Were Told?
Child of divorce	Your parents were divorced	Children are resilient. Children don't need to live with both their parents. The kids are fine as long as the adults are happy. Children have no problem with their parents' new love interests and new children. Children don't care if their parents are married or not.
Child of unmarried parents	Your parents were never married	Children have no problem with their parents' new love interests and new children. Children don't care if their parents are married or not.
Reluctantly divorced man or woman	Your spouse wanted a divorce, but you wanted to stay married.	Divorce is always mutual. Everyone is always better off after divorce. The government does not have a say in divorce and is always neutral.
Reluctantly single parent	You wanted your child's other parent had been an appropriate parent; you would have had to be a married parent.	No single parent ever wished that their child's other parent would stop up and be an appropriate parent. Every unmarried mother is an unstable and selfish individual, who never really wanted to get married in the first place. There are no single fathers.
Heartbroken career woman	You have a successful career, but fewer children than you wanted, and possibly are unmarried.	Unmarried, educated women can "have it all," including marriage and children. Every career woman has complete control over her fertility for her entire career. No career woman ever feels pressured to just let child bearing around the neck of her employer. Children career women have no regrets about being unmarried and are never lonely. Unmarried career women have no regrets about being unmarried and are never lonely.
Donor conceived person	The people who raised you used donor sperm or eggs to conceive you. You may have lived with one biological parent and one "social parent."	Donor conceived persons are thrilled to be completely "wanted" by their intended parents. Donor conceived persons never have thoughts about their biological parents or origins. Donor conceived persons don't mind that money was part of their conception and birth.
Pornography addict and his or her family	You or someone you love is addicted to pornography.	Pornography is a victimless crime. No one ever gets addicted to pornography. No one ever advocates from "innocent" pornography use to criminal or violent activity. No family members are harmed by pornography use.
Post abortifacient woman or man	You are a woman who had an abortion or you are a man whose wife or girlfriend had an abortion.	No women ever regret her abortion. Abortion solves all of the problems it claims to solve. Men don't care about their aborted children. Men don't want to be part of the decision to have an abortion.
Gay lifestyle refugee	You have lived a gay or lesbian lifestyle and now wish to stop. One or both of your parents have been involved in a same sex relationship.	No one who experiences same sex attraction has ever changed their behavior in any significant way. Anyone who says otherwise is either deluded or lying. Everybody opposed to homosexual practice is a bigot and a liar. All children whose parents were involved in some sex relationships are doing just fine and have no issues.
Refugee from the hook-up culture	You have participated in the hook-up culture and now wish to live differently.	Casual sex is harmless, as long as you use a condom every time. No one ever feels used, betrayed, or disappointed from hooking up. No one feels jealous or hurt when their sex partners have sex with others.
Contraceptive with regrets	You had a marriage, live-in relationship with someone you were not married to. You now wish that you had done differently.	Contraception as used in marriage, couples better. No one ever feels that they wasted years of their life cohabiting with someone who turned out to be not "marriage material." Contraception is safe for marriage for women and children. Couples who marry after cohabiting have happier marriages than those who do not.
Person with health problems due to hook-ups, abortion, or contraception	You have health problems such as sexually transmitted infections, depression or high blood pressure that are associated with participation in the Sexual Revolution.	There are no health risks associated with casual sex, if you use a condom every time. There are no physical or mental health risks associated with abortion. "Legal abortion" always means "safe abortion." Contraception does not have any health risks worth mentioning.

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Children and Donor Conception and Assisted Reproduction



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Children and Same Sex Parenting



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The state is the direct cause of children losing their parents.



What people want: undisputed parental rights. Only the State can provide this.

- Donor anonymity promised.
- No legal obligations between parent and child.
- Rewriting birth certificates.

Concerns of Donor Conceived Persons

- Confusion about identity
- Anger about secrecy
- Shame at being partially purchased
- Concern about encountering half-siblings
- Longing for the missing parent



If you have used these technologies

Never regret the child.

Every child love into existence by God, no matter the circumstances.

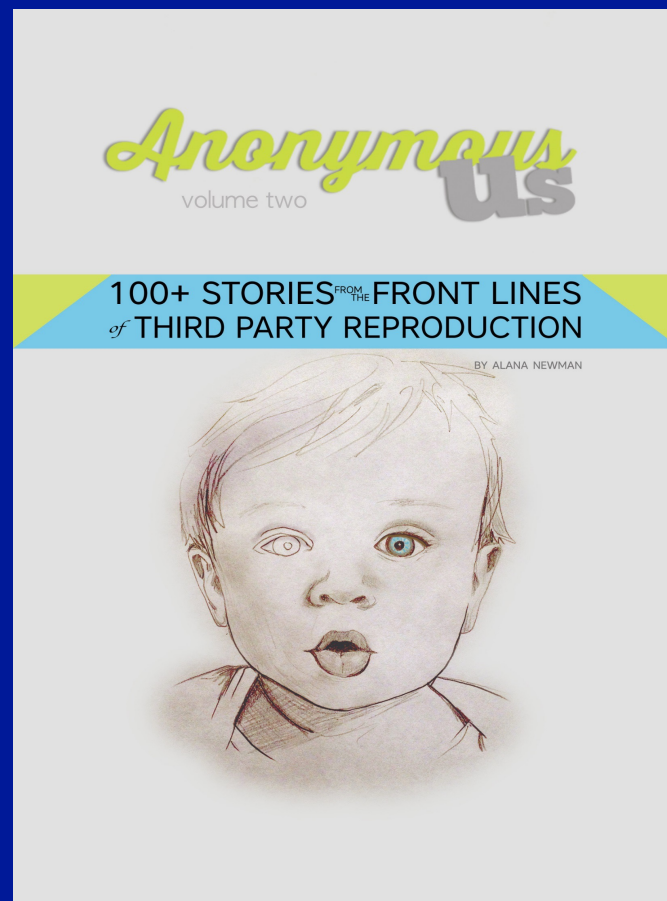
Make room in the family system for the child to express their feelings.

Websites:

AnonymousUs.org

DonorChild.com

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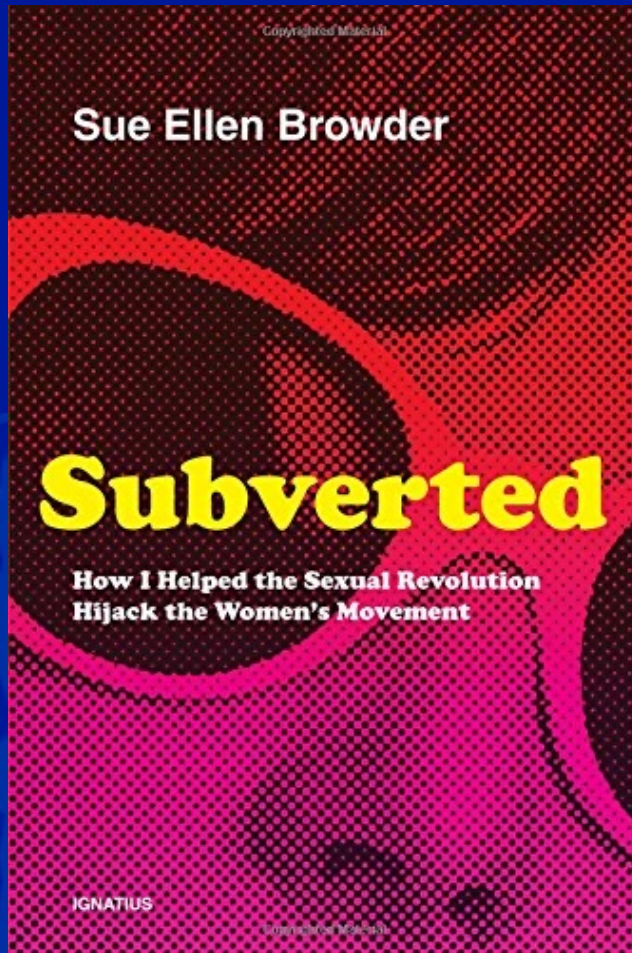
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Origins of the Divorce Ideology



- ❑ No-fault or unilateral divorce
- ❑ American Law Institute
- ❑ Fertility industry.
- ❑ Lobbying from the Gay political establishment.
- ❑ The Family Law Bar keeps it going.

The Sexual Revolution:

Is irrational and impossible.

It cannot stand on its own. It requires:
force
propaganda

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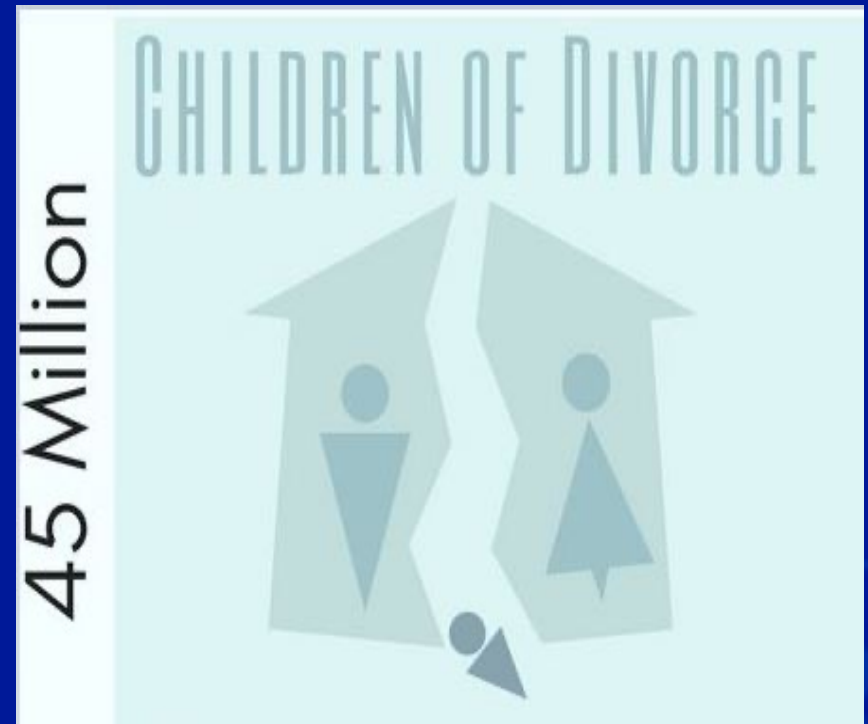
Are we being too tough on the pagans?

A ***totalitarian*** ideology that no Christian should have anything to do with.

All these issues create separations among people.
But what we really want is reliable love.

How Many Victims?

- **Divorce Ideology:**
- **Children of Divorce:** About **1 million children per year**, every year since 1972.
- Children of unmarried parents: About 1 million children per year, every year since 1988.



I can't count some categories!

We don't keep the data.

- **Reluctantly Divorced**
- **Reluctantly Single Parent**
- **Donor conceived persons, very imperfect records.**

*Hasn't this gone on long enough?
Isn't it time someone did something
about this?*

We think it is!!

Ask me what we're doing about it!!

“Put on Love”

- *“And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”
Colossians 3:14.*



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