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The Honourable Michael Harris, Premier of Ontario
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Dear Premier Harris:

RE: Abuse of children paid by taxpayers of the Province of Ontario

Attached, please find a recent two page article called "Mothers of Deception". It is about the abuse of children by mothers with the support of the family courts. Although this article was published by a major newspaper in the UK, the same sort of abuse of children described in this article is happening right here in the Province of Ontario. I know, because my family is tied up in family court and I know of many other children and good loving fathers who are being persecuted in the same manner as myself.

I have been battling in the family court system to be part of my children's lives for years now but am being fought ever step of the way by a welfare mother who is using every free means at her disposal to destroy my children's relationship with their father.

Her main weapon is the unlimited resources made available to her by the Province of Ontario through legal Aid, welfare, etc. **To date, her bitter and vengeful battle to destroy my children's relationship with me have cost the taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars!** I know that my case is not unique but only one of many being funded by the taxpayers of this province.

My formers wife is on record as committing perjury, yet she continues to get taxpayer's money through legal Aid to abuse the court system with impunity. She has been reported by Police and Children's Aid of coaching the children, yet even after this was disclosed to the Legal Aid plan, she continues to get money from the Province of Ontario to continue to abuse my children. She knows the courts are biased in her favour and she knows the Province of Ontario will continue to fund her path of revenge and destruction. Perfect reasons why she is not afraid to lie and not afraid to continue to go back to court until she achieves her goal of destruction of the children. Free services continue to be available to welfare mothers even after they lie and abuse the system.

No wonder the Province of Ontario can't afford to pay teachers, nurses or doctors. The Family Court System is literally ripping much needed money away from our children and health care

services and giving it to greedy lawyers, who are literally getting rich from the destruction of families in this province.

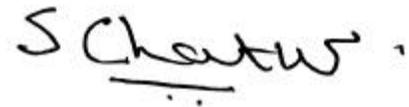
I ask, why is this abuse of children and taxpayers allowed to go on? I would love to get my children off welfare and provide them with a stable home and school environment, but I am not even given the chance by the government. It seems that the Province of Ontario would rather keep mothers and kids dependant on welfare and keep fathers out of the picture.

I would certainly like to know when the politicians in this province are going to wake up. Will they every wake up and see the light before it is too late for the children of this province? Every day that goes on, countless children are being destroyed by our biased and unjust family court system and more fathers like myself are forced to divert their energies and productivity towards defending their children, rather than contributing to this province prosper through payment of taxes and the raising of well-balanced children.

Al Palladini recently passed away when he was in the midst of an acrimonious divorce. We lost a good man and I believe that the family court system played a significant part in his early death. If you are parent yourself with a male offspring, you had better sit down and educate yourself and consider the reality that your own son or grandson may be the next victim of the family court system that has lost all sense of justice.

Your comments would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Chatur". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the first few letters of the last name.

S. Chatur

cc: all MPP's, Province of Ontario
various MP's
United Nations
Various news agencies

Mothers of deception

The Observer - Sunday June 10, 2001
By Cristina Odone

"The selfish women who deprive their children of a father's love"

My friend Paul shows me the photos of his newborn baby, cradled in his wife's arms. 'This is Sara... with Millie.' He can hardly keep the anger from his voice as he names his wife. No wonder. Within a few weeks of meeting Paul, Millie got pregnant. They moved in together, got married, and Sara was born. As soon as Paul's name was on the birth certificate, Millie changed the lock on their front door. He's seen his baby only once a week ever since - that's when Millie doesn't change her mind at the last minute. Despite this limited access, he pays his wife £750 a month in child maintenance.

Millie is the ultimate sperm'n'cheque woman. They are the women who want a child, and someone to finance their child, but have no wish to share their life with a man. What motivates them to perpetrate this fraud? Hatred of men? Certainly, in these women's eyes men are fungible - Paul could just as well have been Tom, Dick or Harry - victims of deceit. Control freakery ('I must be in charge of my destiny - and my child's') plays a part, too; and the kind of impatience that refuses to enter into the daily compromise that is marriage. Why put up with another grown-up's demands and criticisms when you can just enjoy being everything to a wee little creature?

Whatever the trigger, these women are many - and growing in numbers. According to Jim Parton, chairman of Families Need Fathers, experiences such as Paul's are ever-more commonplace among the 3,000 male members of his association. And these figures don't take into account the countless other fathers who are marginalised and paying, but who refuse to

publicly admit that their women tricked them into this emasculating situation.

Last week three children's charities - the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the Child Poverty Action Group and Barnardo's - marked the election by producing a joint manifesto of five commitments they want from politicians. Top of the list was a children's commissioner who will listen to children's needs and advocate on their behalf. But to help children we need to do more than appoint a commissioner; we need to change family law. Only in this way can we stop the sperm'n'cheque women in their tracks.

If the law is an ass, family law is a mangy, limping one. It backs mothers but condemns children and fathers to life-long estrangement. Judges, in 90 per cent of cases, award custody of children to mothers. Though parental responsibility (the right to be consulted over major issues such as education, or a child being moved abroad) is a married father's automatic right, an unmarried one must go to court for it. In deciding who obtains custody or parental responsibility, the judges have no precedents to go on, for no research exists to determine what the consequences of their decision has been on the children involved after, say, 10 years. Nor are these decisions ever subject to scrutiny: family court judgments go unreported - unless there is an abduction case - out of concern for children's right to privacy.

A child's right to a father, however, is overlooked. Family law values only money, and reduces fathers to piggy-bank status. The Child

Support Agency it set up is intent on chasing fathers for maintenance (with no concern about his financial status or who dumped whom) rather than securing their access to children. The CSA treats men as unwilling fathers, who will only cough up when threatened with confiscation of their driving licence or their passports, or imprisonment, yet 75 per cent of unmarried fathers sign birth registers - hardly evidence of their shirking their duty.

All these humiliations are heaped on men in order to drive home the unequivocal message that they are expendable, as husbands and fathers. For shame! I'm not sure that husbands are necessary - thus far, I have felt no urgent need for one myself, but I am positively certain that a father is key to the welfare of his child. This is not to detract from the extraordinary work of those awe-inspiring women who manage to raise children on their own; but these are women whose solo parenting was forced upon them - he drank, he beat her up, he walked out. Unforgivable, though, is the woman who could offer her child a father and chooses not to - or limits his access to infrequent, and as a consequence, strained, visits which fail to dispel suspicion and stunt any hope for intimacy.

These women are not rare: the Government's Children First consultation paper found that 40 per cent of the divorced or separated mothers admitted to thwarting child-father contact. We've never been here before. Once upon an un-enlightened time, a man could choose a

virgin with a sizeable dowry and then treat her abominably. But even then he recognised that her role as mother was sacrosanct, and did his best to foster it. Nowadays, there are women who will strip men of even their right to parent.

The fall-out of this campaign affects us all. You don't need to regurgitate any of those studies that show that children without fathers fare worse at school and later in life; it is clear that, in terms of plain happiness, a child who is forever asking 'who is my papa?' or 'where is my papa?' lags behind those unencumbered by these questions. Emotionally bruised and confused, the child who has no contact with his father will view the relationship between men and women as adversarial or non-existent; and between father and child as temporary. Who wants to share a classroom, an office, let alone a bed with someone like this?

Fatherhood is an inalienable right, for both child and father, and we should defend it from those women bent on trampling it. Otherwise we risk living in a world where Philip Larkin's verse, 'they fuck you up your mum and dad', may well be edited to 'she fucks you up, your mum, about dad'.

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