

Divorce

Over the past 20 years divorce in the United States has skyrocketed to astronomical proportions.. These break-ups are bad experiences for both members of the couple, but children in particular are most effected by the separation of their parents.

Divorce occurs for countless reasons, but in my opinion the main factors are lack of communication, selfishness, and an unwillingness of one or both members of a couple to make the relationship work. Often times people change during a marriage. A couple committed to each other will give the extra effort needed to overcome these changes. The primary tool for this is communication. It is simply imperative for a couple to be able to discuss open and freely their thoughts and emotions. Obvious examples of a lack of communication in "Kramer vs. Kramer" are Mrs. Kramer's inability to effectively express her feelings of dissatisfaction and uselessness and Mr. Kramer's inability to notice his wife's unhappiness or set aside any time for meaningful discussion. From most of the divorces I have seen or been effected by it always seems one or both spouses are being selfish. This can range from not wanting to contribute to household chores to extramarital affairs. In any case both partners must first of all want a marriage to work, and second must be willing to work for it.

Divorce is a terrible thing, physically, emotionally, and mentally. A separation from anything that becomes part of one's life is always difficult, but a divorce, in particular, is especially trying because there is such a strong emotional bong between two married people. On the surface divorce causes numerous hassles and problems. Who moves from the original living space? How is the money divide? Often times, the most crucial question is "Who gets the kids?" This problem became the focus of "Kramer vs. Kramer". Regardless of the outcome the process and results are never perfect. One or both parents will undeniably feel cheated or inadequate. Another thing common to all divorces involving children is they get hurt the worst. What is a small child to think when one parent simply isn't around anymore. Regardless of age children are confused and hurt by divorce. Ideally every child should receive the benefits of having two parents. No matter how hard they try or how good of a parent they are, a daddy can never truly replace a mommy, and a mommy can never truly replace a daddy.

Although divorce is evil concept, it is at times necessary. If a marriage just will not work, there sometimes is no other option. Extreme circumstances, such as crime, addiction, or infidelity also may justify divorce. As far as children are concerned, if it is truly beneficial to a child for his parents to get separated, it must be done. But even though there are situations the call for divorce, a couple should do everything in their power to make it work.

I see divorce as another example of the irresponsibility and selfishness that plagues are society. People, today, generally are rash and don't take enough time to consider marriage and that it requires. I

feel one of the greatest causes of the steady increase in the divorce rate is the changing role of the sexes. Fifty years ago it was almost assumed the man would make the income for a family, and the woman would stay at home to raise the children and care for the home. This type of set-up, which dominates history world wide, often didn't allow the woman enough freedom to explore other aspects of life. But the two working parent homes, that dominate are culture, are even worse because the child in the family loses. A key