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Arcane1 wrote on Thu, 10 November 2005 18:10 Unfortunately, morality and decency cannot be mandated or legislated. Making the men that are responsible for the behaviors is not only difficult, but nearly impossible. Using the lack of child support collections as an example makes it clear that the idea of what makes a Father can't be institutionalized.

Laws can be used to greatly encourage people though, and I don't just mean punishing people for their mistakes. The law in America pretty much strips fathers of their rights. A woman can get an abortion without even having to tell her husband. It doesn't even reach the level of debating if a father should have to give consent, he's doesn't even have a right to know about it to begin with. When laws start taking away a father's rights, then men are going to be prompted to ignore their responsibility as well. After all, if you're going to be punished when you don't do anything wrong, why should you do what's right to begin with?

That's the kind of 'morality' that can be put into laws. Give people rights with their responsibilities and they won't be as quick to ignore those responsibilities. Rights and responsibilities go hand in hand. Taking away one removes the point of the other. Sure, there will probably always be people who do the wrong thing anyway, but at least then the law doesn't promote the irresponsibility it seeks to avoid.

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