

Dads Shouldn't Have To Fight To Make An Impact On Their Kids' Lives | Clips | Dad Saves America

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SUMMARY

The discussion highlights the undervaluation of fathers in society, particularly in media portrayals that often depict them as incompetent or irrelevant. The speaker emphasizes the crucial role fathers play in their children's lives and the need for society to recognize and appreciate their contributions.

- Fathers are often portrayed negatively in media, leading to a lack of appreciation.*
- The concept of toxic masculinity can undermine men's roles as leaders and caregivers.*
- Fathers face societal pressures to conform to certain parenting styles, often dictated by women.*
- Many fathers are separated from their children, especially in divorce situations, making it difficult for them to maintain relationships.*
- The speaker credits his father for instilling values and keeping the family on a positive path.*
- There is a call for greater recognition of fathers' efforts, especially in public settings like sports events.*
- The conversation advocates for a shift in how society views and supports fathers.*

- You know, fathers don't get appreciated enough. I mean, if I didn't have my father in my life, I don't know where I would be, but today, if it's in media, if it, you know, in music, you know, fathers are dumb. Fathers don't know what's going on. - Yeah. - In their kids lives. - Fathers are all these things. This is what they're portraying like, you know, - We're Homer Simpson. - Yeah, yeah. - At best. - Right, or Al Bundy.

- Yeah. - You know what I mean? - Like even the term toxic masculinity is stripping and emasculating men from being, you know, who they, when I said that men are innately born to direct and correct, right? But we are not really, we're not really being able in this society, it's very hard to really own up to that and going yeah, because you have to, or at least, you know, I know that talking to a lot of my friends who are fathers you know, the pressure to work within the space that is acceptable to women, right?

Into this where, oh, you
have to father like this. You have to father, like being able to give
men the opportunity to really lead their
family, to lead their kids. We live in a society that
does not appreciate fathers and are removing fathers from the home. Even in divorce, you see
how fathers are separated - Yeah.

- From their kids, - and it's easy for fathers
to be moved off to the side and not be a part and, you know, you hear
some of these life commands like, "Well, he's gotta fight
to be in his kids' life."

Well, why does he have to fight to be in his kid's life if he
wants to be in his kid's life? And that to me is just
one of those things. So I always, you know, I try to make sure that I keep the legacy of what my father has done
for me with my kids as well and letting them know the
importance of that presence because, you know, it could
have been like, seven kids at that time in South Los Angeles and not that my dad should
get some big sticker, but I mean, that's very hard to go like.
- Right.

- And all of us on the
straight and narrow path, all of us on the straight and narrow path, you know what I mean? No, I mean that's no
drugs, no alcohol, no, like, none of that. Like, but that was because there was a
presence of the father. But you know, many may go, well, you know, that was supposed to happen. Like, no, no,
no, no. Like my father needs, if my dad won't say but I'll say my father needs a lot of credit for that 'cause
he did a magnificent job.

And there are so many
other fathers who are doing a magnificent job. You don't hear after games, people say, you know, hey, thank
you dad. Right? They don't give dads love. And I think dads need the love. And I love that you're doing this
because dads need to be seen in a different light than
the way they're viewed today. - If you enjoyed this clip, we've got more where that came from. Be sure to check
out my full conversation with Akbar Gbajabiamila.

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