

## Top judge says mothers should have children taken away if they don't let fathers see them

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Mothers who refuse to let separated fathers see their children should have them taken away, a senior family court judge said yesterday.

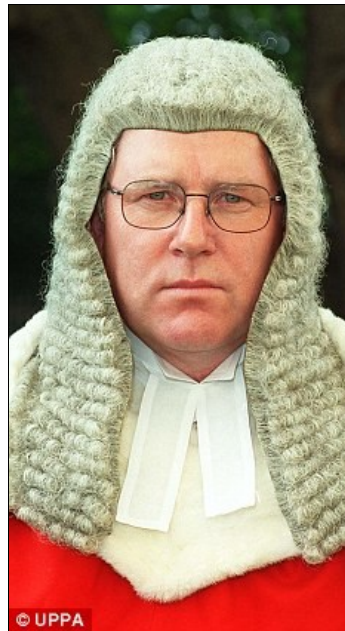
The children should be handed over to the full time care of the father if the mother persistently defies court orders, Mr Justice Coleridge said.

He called for a 'three strikes and you're out rule' by which children would be taken away if mothers ignored three court orders.

The judge said that family courts are losing their authority because so many people take no notice of their judgments.

Around 5,000 new cases a year come before the family courts in which parents – almost always mothers – defy orders to let the other parent have contact.

Judges are extremely reluctant to jail such mothers because of the damaging effects on the children, so many continue to get away with it.



Mr Justice Coleridge: Called for 'three strikes and you're out' rule

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Mr Justice Coleridge, 61, said: 'If I were to call it three strikes and you're out it sounds insensitive but something like it perhaps should be the norm.'

He added that occasionally it might be necessary to send a mother to jail.

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Hannah, London, 6 years ago

I agree. It appals me that so many women do this - they're as bad as the men who drop their kids and try to avoid paying child support. If a mother is so disinterested in their child's emotional health, she should not be the primary carer.

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Pete, London, UK, 6 years ago

Absolutely right! My ex told my children lies and made them hide them every time I called to see them and I didn't see them for more than a year. When they got older they told me what their mother had done. It stays with you and the children all your life. Three strikes is too many though!

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biddie, west midlands UK, 6 years ago

I agree - but can we have the same ruling for men who fail to turn up and constantly let their children down when they are due to see them>

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George Miller, Basingstoke, United Kingdom, 6 years ago

Family courts long ago lost their authority: Firstly for the reasons the judge outlines here, secondly for the sinister way in which innocent parents have their children kidnapped & forcibly adopted on trumped up charges by corrupt social workers. The entire family courts system needs to be done away with & replaced by OPEN hearings with NO reporting restrictions.

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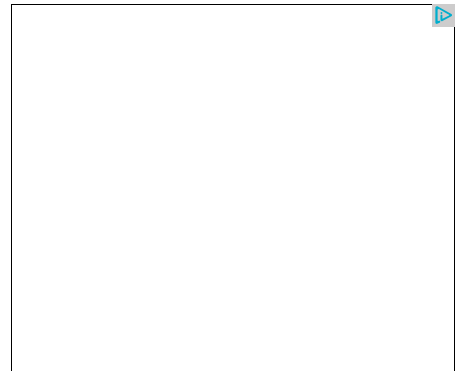
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	<b>Missy</b> , North Yorkshire, 6 years ago	Children have a right to see their fathers and vice versa regardless of the state of the relationship between parents. If a father withheld the children from the mother, he would almost certainly lose custody! The current system seems to treat divorced Dads very unfairly. Not all divorced Dads are either uninterested and irresponsible or militant activists as the media would have us believe!	
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	<b>Isabel</b> , Bucks, 6 years ago	Two wrongs dont make a right. What if the father is violent, abusive, aggressive, controlling or has drug or alcohol addictions? Many times, though not always, a mums decision not to let the child see its father is the right decision. The childs needs and wellbeing should come first, whether the child lives with their mum or dad.	
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	<b>Saddened Englishman</b> , Witham, 6 years ago	Sense at last! But the mothers who do this wicked thing will still get away with it while the family courts and social workers are mostly run by women!	
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	<b>ah egypt</b> , Sharm el Sheikh, 6 years ago	AT LAST !!! someone with common sense .. trouble is nobody will listen.	
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	<b>Honest Bob</b> , Houghton-le-Spring, 6 years ago	At last... someone speaking up for the many thousands of victims of this crime, where the bitter ex partners get away with alienating the children from their fathers and grandparents, brainwashing the kids into believing that daddy doesn't love them anymore!.... we need legislation urgently!!!	
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	<b>Britbloke</b> , Gaithersburg.MD.USA.Expat, 6 years ago	I totally agree with him.	
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