

"Never give up for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn." Harriet Beecher Stove

"I watched a small man with thick calluses on both hands work 15 and 16 hours a day. I saw him once literally bleed from the

bottoms of his feet, a man who came here uneducated, alone, unable to speak the language, who taught me all I needed to know

about faith and hard work by the simple eloquence of his example." Mario Cuomo, Governor of NY Commenting on his father,

address to Democratic National Convention 16 Jul 84

"I just owe almost everything to my father [and] it's passionately interesting for me that the things that I learned in a small

town, in a very modest home, are just the things that I believe have won the election." Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister of

Great Britain Quoted in New Yorker 10 Feb 86.

"A father's interest in having a child—perhaps his only child—may be unmatched by any other interest in his life. It is truly

surprising that the state must assign a greater value to a mother's decision to cut off a potential human life by abortion than

to a father's decision to let it mature into a live child." William H Rehnquist, Associate Justice, US Supreme Court Minority

opinion in 6-3 ruling that prohibited states from requiring women to obtain their husbands' consent for abortions, 1 Jul 76

"It's only when you grow up, and step back from him, or leave him for your own career and your own home—it's only then that you

can measure his greatness and fully appreciate it. Pride reinforces love." Margaret Truman Address to joint session of Congress

on centennial of birth of her father President Harry S Truman, 8 May 84.

"It is a wise father that knows his own child." William Shakespeare.

"I Cannot think of any need in childhood as the need for a father's protection." Sigmund Freud.

"Children are our most valuable natural resource." Herbert Hoover.

"The interests of childhood and youth are the interests of mankind." Edmund Storer James.

"The first duty to children is to make them happy. If you have not made them so, you have wronged them. No other good they may

get can make up for that." Charles Buxton.

"In my judgment, one of the basic reasons we have had crime, lawlessness, and disorder in the United States has been the breakdown

of the family." Robert Kennedy.

"By profession I am soldier and take pride in that fact. But I am prouder-ininitely prouder-to be a father. A soldier destroys in

order to build; the father only builds, never destroys. The one has the potentiality of death; the other embodies creation and life.

And while the hordes of death are mighty, the battalions of life are mightier still. It is my hope that my son, when I am gone, will

remember me not from the battle but in the home repeating with him our simple daily prayer." Douglas MacArthur.

"When men abandon the upbringing of their children to their wives, a loss is suffered by everyone, but perhaps most of all by themselves.

For what they lose is the possibility of growth in themselves for being human which the stimulation of bringing up one's children gives."

Ashley Montagu

"None of you can ever be proud enough of being the child of such a father who has not his equal in this world-so great, so good, so

faultless. Try, all of you, to follow in his footsteps and don't be discouraged, for to be really in everything like him none of you,

I am sure, will ever be. Try, therefore, to be like him in some points, you will have acquired a great deal." Queen Victoria.

"Although the dispute is symbolized by a 'versus' which signifies two adverse parties at opposite poles of a line, there is in fact a

third party whose interests and rights make of the line a triangle. That person, the child who is not an official party to the lawsuit

but whose well-being is in the eye of the controversy, has a right to shared parenting when both are equally suited to provide it.

Inherent in the express public policy is a recognition of the child's right to equal access and opportunity with both parents, the right

to be guided and nurtured by both parents, the right to have major decisions made by the application of both parents' wisdom,

judgement and experience. The child does not forfeit these rights when the parents divorce."

--Presiding Judge Dorothy T. Beasley, Georgia Court of Appeals, "In the Interest of A.R.B., a Child," July 2, 1993

"The single biggest social problem in our society may be the growing absence of fathers from their children's homes because it contributes

to so many other social problems." President Bill Clinton