an opinion:

WHERE ARE THE HUSBANDS AND FATHERS?

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I have worked for many years as a hospital Paramedic and then emergency room Nurse in urban areas. I have been into the homes, communities, streets and families of many urban minority Americans. The following sad event sums up much of what is so wrong with - not just minority American communities - but all of American society today. I recall once caring for a minority baby in a Catholic hospital emergency room for a minor ailment. As we Nurses are obligued to do, I inquired as to permission for treatment from the parent or legal guardian of the child.

The older lady holding the baby was the grandmother. I asked where the baby's father was, and she simply told me he was nowhere to be found. I then asked where the baby's mother was, and the lady told me her teenage daughter - the baby's mother - had "run away" and left the baby in her care, thus making her the baby's legal guardian. The lady then wondered out loud to me, "I don't understand why my daughter ran away and left her baby. She had welfare. She had food stamps. She had Medicaid. She had free housing. She had everything she needed. What more could she have asked for?"

In my mind, I answered silently, "Your daughter wanted for the most important thing - a husband to love and care for her, and a father to love and care for the baby." In my usual charitable and respectful Christian manner, I simply replied, "Yes, Ma'am. If you say so." In my heart, mind and soul - as I walked away to attend to my Nursing duties - I felt such sadness for the baby, the baby's mother, father and grandmother. I felt sadness most of all for the baby whose mother was the Nanny State and whose father was The Welfare System.

No man present to fulfill the GOD-ordained role of being the baby's father. No man present to fulfill the GOD-ordained role of being the mother's husband. The husband and father roles of men made obsolete by the wicked, heathen, controlling hand of Big Brother. We have forgotten The Words recorded by Saint Paul:

I TIMOTHY 5:8

But if any [man] provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel! ¹

And the supposed wise rulers of America ask, "What more government programs can we provide?" Truly, it is so, as Saint Paul says:

GALATIANS 6:7

Be not deceived; GOD is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap! ²

Wiser rulers would ask, "Where are the husbands and fathers?"

¹ KJV, I TIMOTHY 5:8.

² KJV, GALATIANS 6:7.

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