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present

“We do not learn for want of time....

The **SCIENCES** that should become our country.”

Shakespeare, Henry V

“The Truth Will Win Out”

Shakespeare, Merchant of Venice

TURNING POINTS FOR FAMILIES (TPFF) A THERAPEUTIC VACATION

PASG AGENDA

History of Our Program

What We Do and Why We Do It

With Whom We Work and Help

Program Admission Requirements and Services

The Dangerous Misinformation and Lies –

Correctly Labelled

“Noise” by the Courts

Core Concepts Spawning the Birth of TURNING POINTS FOR FAMILIES THERAPEUTIC VACATION

Children require meaningful relationships with both parents – even if a parent has problems – just as long as the parent does not harm the child.

**(And who does not have any problems at all
or never makes any parenting mistakes!?)**

The trust that children place in BOTH parents is to their mental health what the foundation is to a building. If that trust is eroded or demolished, the child lacks stability.

Core Concepts Spawning the Birth of TURNING POINTS FOR FAMILIES THERAPEUTIC VACATION

No child should ever be put in a position of having to sacrifice the love, approval, and support of one parent in order to keep the love, approval, and support of the other parent.

If a parent is prevented from providing love to a child, the child will be “searching for love in all the wrong places.”

Turning Points for Families (TPFF)

(program underpinnings and philosophy)

Guided by of the work of child psychiatrist, *Salvador Minuchin, MD*, who is considered the pre-eminent founder of the Family Therapy Movement ~

Structural Family Therapy

Blending of *Structural Family Therapy* with Science-Based Cognitive-Development Learning

Turning Points for Families Therapeutic Vacation (Admission & Structure)

Admission to the TPFV Four-Day Program is for families who have been *found by a Court* to involve severe parental alienation—or by any other label or terminology used by the Court

TPFF is specifically designed to jump-start the reconnection of children with an unjustifiably rejected parent—*absent a bona fide protective reason*

Turning Points for Families Therapeutic Vacation

Includes a two-day service for the favored/alienating parent to meet with an independent parenting coach (either by Zoom or in-person) to discuss compliance with the Court order—*so that the no-contact period can be lifted sooner than later*

TPFF is in the process of developing a wrap-around aftercare support program in the family's community involving a case management team of a family therapist and individual therapists for the parent(s) if indicated

Goals of the TPFV Therapeutic Vacation

Remediate the **child psychological abuse** occurring in the alienation dynamics— **abide by clinical axiom to *determine treatment priorities***

Remediate the **Family Domestic Violence** occurring in the alienation dynamics—***determine treatment priorities***

Remediate the **Domestic Violence by Proxy** occurring in the alienation dynamics—***determine treatment priorities***

Goals of the TPFV Therapeutic Vacation

Support the growth of healthy family interactions and communications—require civil and respectful interactions and expression

Challenge of the pathological enmeshment—a severe psychiatric condition for the child

Restore healthy family hierarchy

Goals of the TPFV Therapeutic Vacation

Facilitate the child's recognition of *bona fide* child abuse and neglect—*virtually all the 182 children who participated in TPFV were wedded to the false belief of having been abused by their alienated parent and/or suddenly developed very belated, new allegations of having been abused.*

Teach skills for self-protection against bona fide abuse and neglect

Correct the **false** tales regarding the revisionist family history

Goals of the TPFV Therapeutic Vacation

Improve child's reality testing—e. g. seeing both both parents realistically

Inoculate the child against future brainwashing and harmful manipulation—by anyone

Facilitate the child's development of age-appropriate cognitive functioning and self-expression

Strengthen child's self-esteem, self-awareness, and self-actualization

Goals of the TPFV Therapeutic Vacation

Substitute age-appropriate, stage-specific behaviors and self-expression for any existing *antisocial behaviors and antisocial self-expression on the part of the child—such as maltreating the alienated parent, hurting the alienated parent, and violating court orders for the alienated parent’s parenting time*

Help the child to discriminate abusive parenting from appropriate, supportive, and responsible parenting

Summary of the Goals of the TPFV Therapeutic Vacation

HAVE FUN

CREATE NEW CORRECTIVE EXPERIENCES

ENJOY THE ACTIVITIES

LEARN FROM THE ACTIVITIES

CREATE NEW MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME—AND MORE

REBUILD:

TRUST, LOVE, AFFECTION, LAUGHTER, SUPPORT

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME IS STILL A ROSE

Parental Alienation may be referred to by many names:

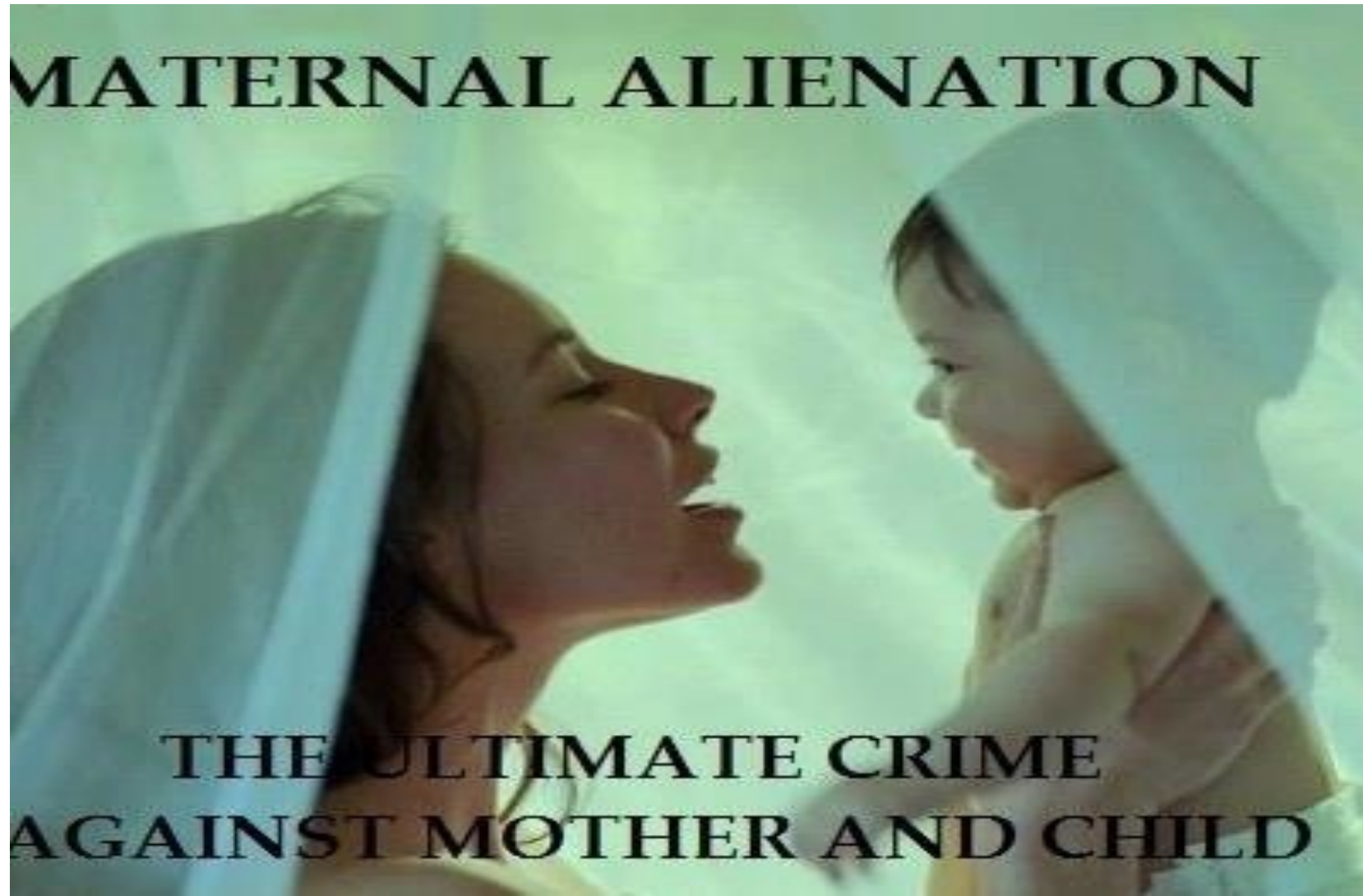
- Hostile Aggressive Parenting
- Coercive Control
- Pathogenic Parenting
- Selfish Parenting
- Family Domestic Violence
- Domestic Violence by Proxy
- **Triangulation—birth of Family Therapy in the 1950s**
- Child Psychological Abuse and Maltreatment



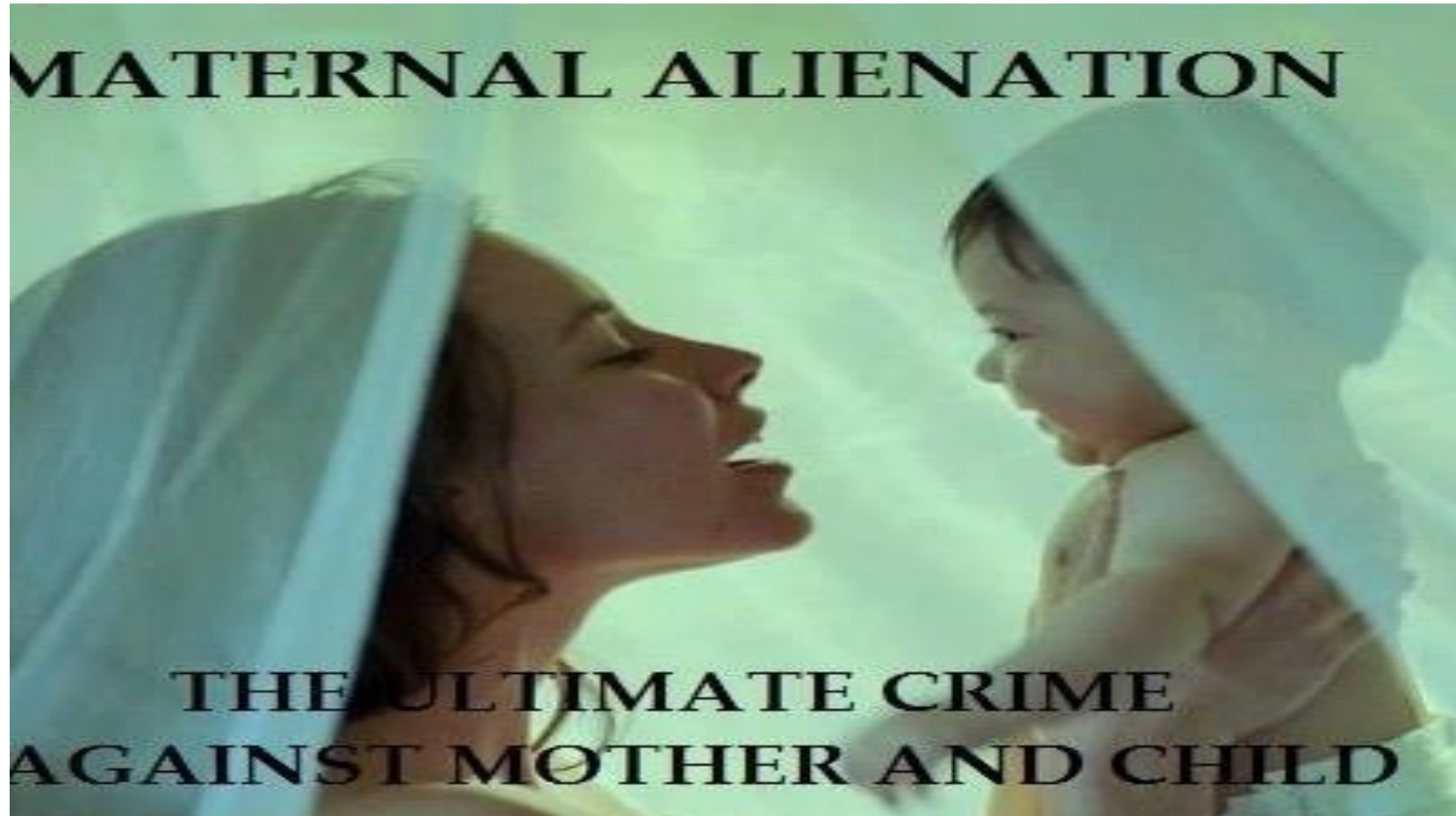
Or in terms already on the books in virtually all—if not all—States:

- Undermining, interfering with, limiting, and/or severing the relationship between the other parent and their child—*absent a bona fide protective reason*

50%+ of our three caseloads consist of Alienated Mothers

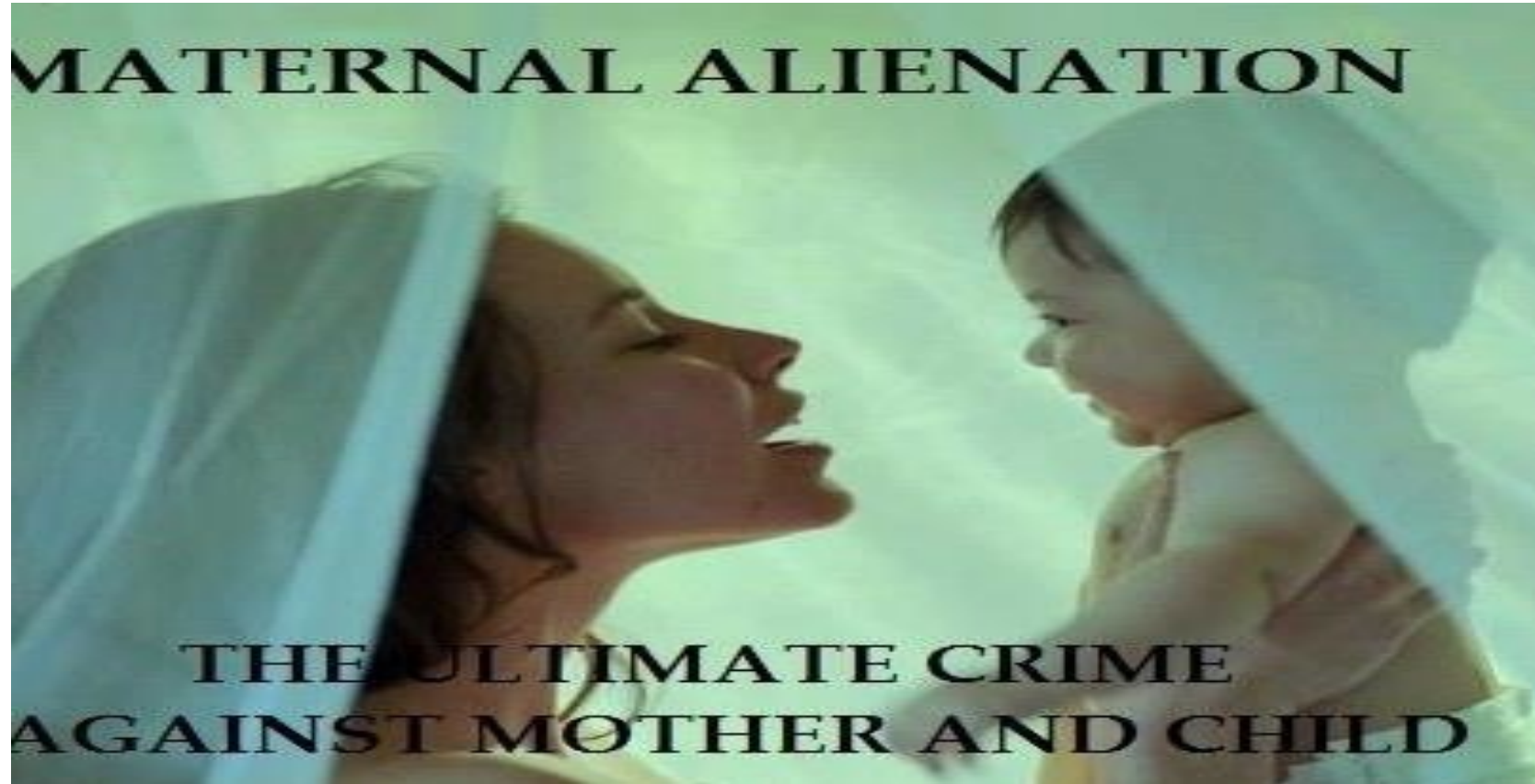


Because of the glass ceiling and undervaluing of women



**We have found that alienated mothers are at a severe disadvantage
Compared to father's in pursuing legal remedy**

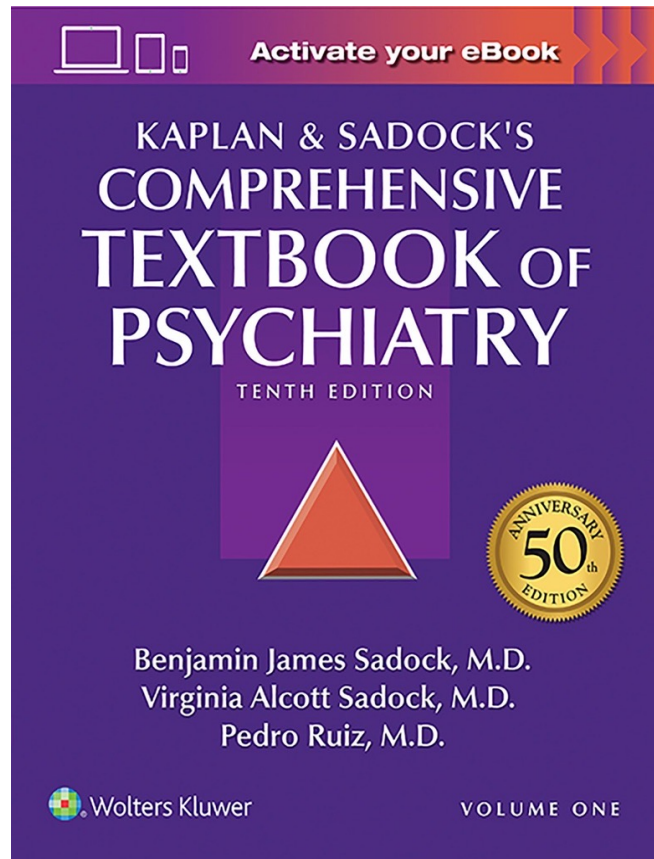
Perhaps a research study regarding
the extent and severity of maternal alienation



may just sway the likes of Meir and Mercer and others

ALIENATION IS SETTLED SCIENCE

*Under the section of psychological abuse,
the following is written:*



“In contentious divorces, one of the parents may indoctrinate the child to fear or dislike the other parent, thus causing parental alienation between between the child and the rejected parent. Depending on the circumstances, **parental alienation** may be identified by one or more of these DSM-5 terms: child psychological abuse, parent–child relational problem, or child affected by parental relationship distress.” (pp. 3828)

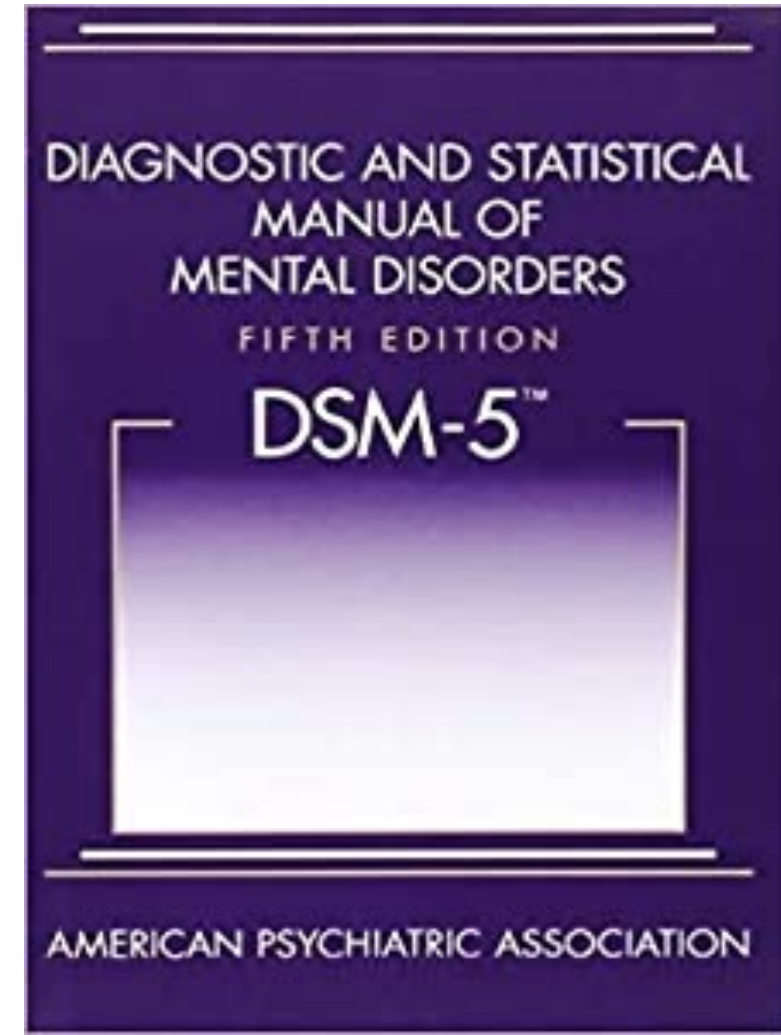
William Bernet, MD

This is the basic textbook for students of psychiatry

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1. “Parent-Child Relational Problem” (V.61.20)

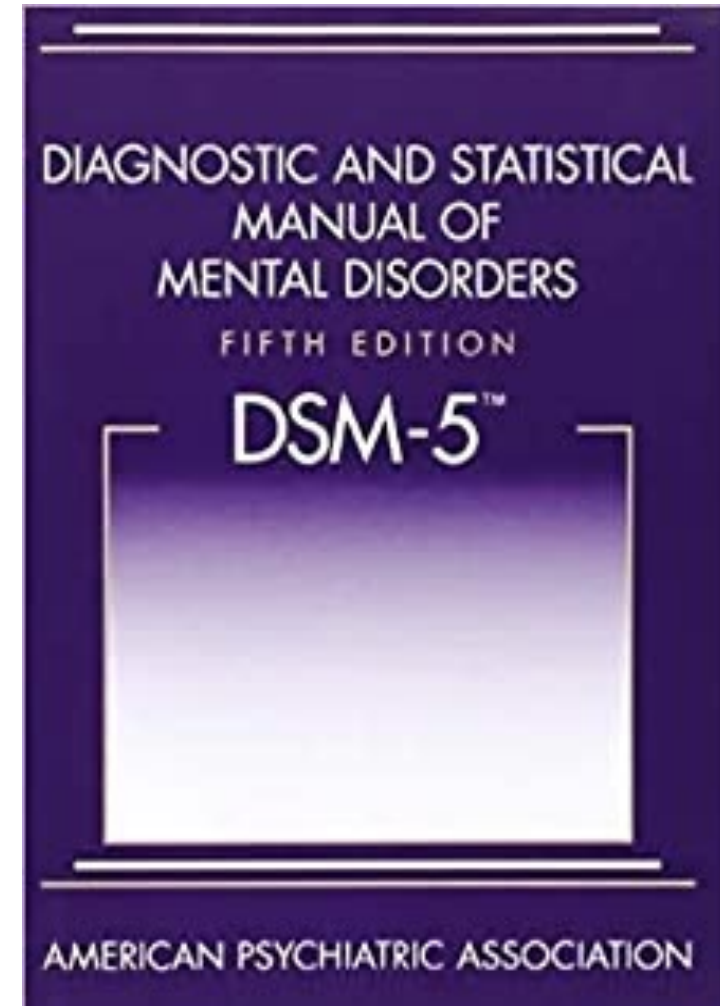
This category should be used when the main focus of clinical attention is to address the quality of the parent-child relationship or when the quality of the parent-child relationship is affecting the course, prognosis, or treatment of a mental or other medical disorder. Typically, the parent-child relational problem is associated with impaired functioning in behavioral, cognitive, or affective domains....



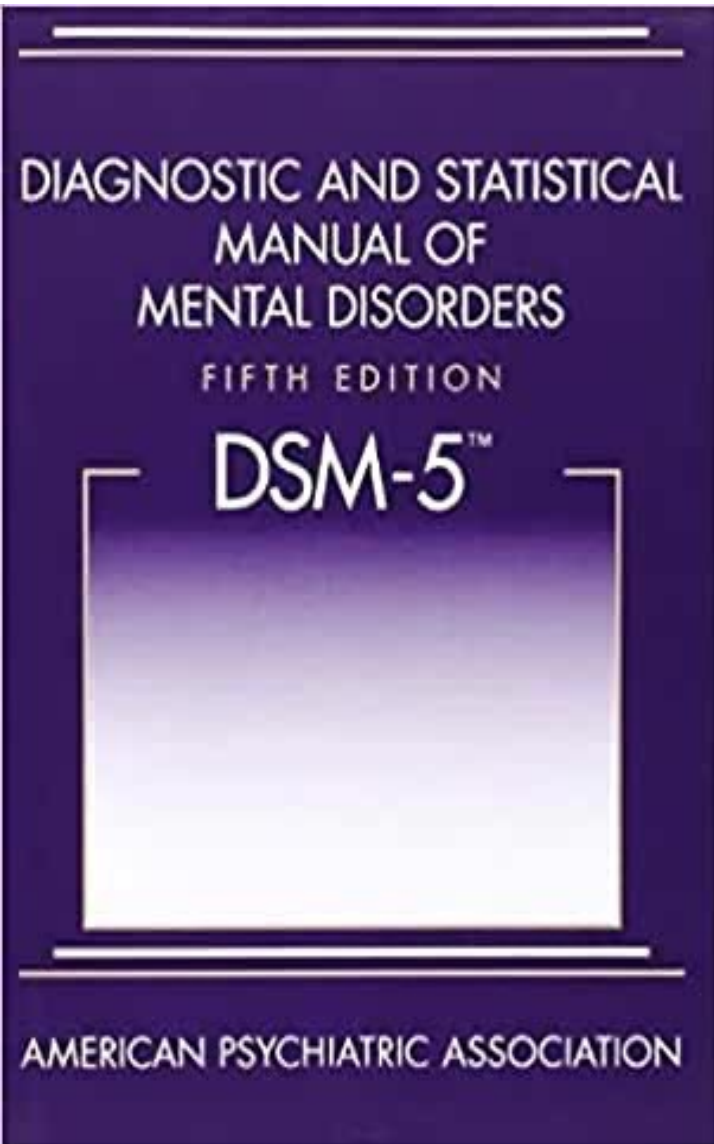
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2. “Child Affected by Parental Relationship Distress” (V.61.29)

This category should be used when the focus of clinical attention is the negative effects of parental relationship Discord (e.g. high levels of conflict, distress, or disparagement) on a child in the family, including effects on the child’s mental or other medical disorders. (p. 716.)



Alienation is a form of Child Psychological Abuse



3. Child Psychological Abuse 995.51

“Child psychological abuse is nonaccidental verbal or symbolic acts by a child’s parent or caregiver that result, or have reasonable potential to result, in significant psychological harm to the child... examples of psychological abuse of a child include berating, disparaging, or humiliating the child; threatening the child, harming/abandoning—or indicating that the alleged offender will harm/abandon—people or things that the child cares about.” P. 719

The Brainwashing Process by the Alienating Parent

Assaults the Child's Mind and Emotions in which

Love becomes Hate

Protection becomes Danger

Affection becomes Physical Abuse;

Appropriate limits become a Boundary Violation;

Requiring Respect becomes Emotional Abuse;

Trust is Non-Existent

Reality becomes delusion

The Brainwashing Process by the Alienating Parent

**turns healthy children who had been functioning well within normal limits prior to the alienation
*into severely disturbed children***

A proper causal analysis will reveal this to be so

Alienating parents are emotionally abusing the child by “Visiting the Sins of the Parent Upon the Child”

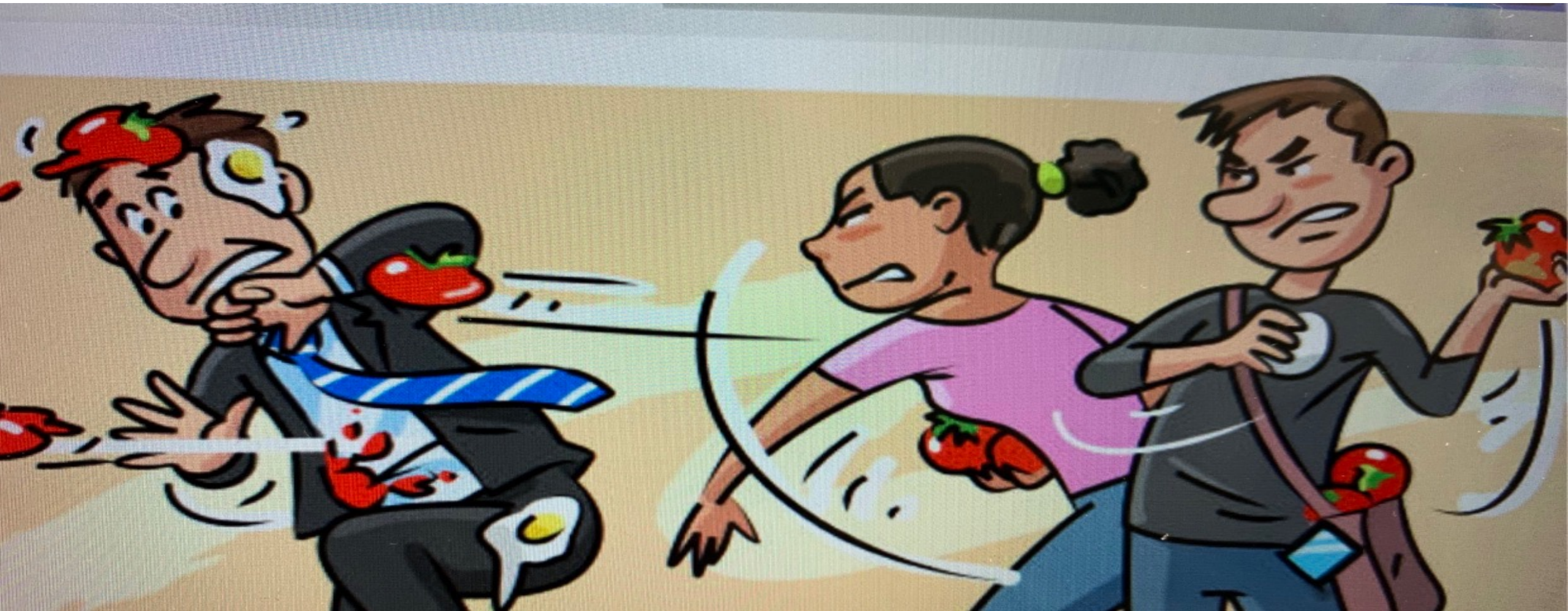
**with their cowardly claim that the child had
freely chosen to reject, maltreat, and defy a parent—
and sometimes physically abuse their alienated parent**

***How cruel to impose this burden of guilt for life on the child—
should the known safe and effective
treatment programs be outlawed***

**Alienating parents are committing
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BY PROXY**

**By modeling, permitting, and encouraging
their children to
emotionally and physically abuse
and cruelly treat
their alienated parent**

No child would have the hybris to do this—
unless standing on the shoulders of the other parent



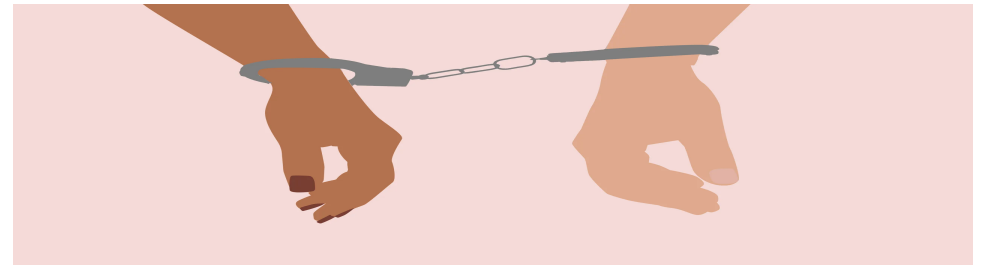
This dynamic is a form of ***Domestic Violence by Proxy***

Children are NOT healthily bonded to an alienating parent

They are pathologically enmeshed with a severely alienating parent

**Pathological Enmeshment is a severe boundary violation
of the child by the alienating parent and is therefore
a severe psychiatric condition for the child**

Adultification, Parentification, Infantilization



But alienators claim to be honorable and protective parents

The Pathologically Enmeshed Child

**The child becomes an emotional cripple—
Dependent upon the whims of the alienating parent
In constant fear that a slip of the tongue or a slip of behavior—
will reveal the child's true loving feelings and need
for the alienated parent.**

**Given the potential for a slip to occur, the child lives in dread of
being “greeted” with the alienating parent's hostility,
disapproval, and rejection.**

***But alienators declare us to be the abusers while self-declaring to be
honorable people who protect children.***

Severe Alienators likely have at least one Personality Disorder



“An enduring pattern of inner experience and behavior that deviates markedly from the expectations of the individual’s culture, is pervasive and inflexible, has an onset in adolescence or early adulthood, is stable over time, and leads to distress or impairment.”

DSM-5 (p. 645)

Psychopathology of severe alienators

- **Cognitive distortions.**
 - ♦ **Examples: Bizarre, delusional or paranoid thinking; identify disturbance; splitting; others.**
- **Emotional dysregulation.**
 - ♦ **Examples: Impulsivity; wild mood swings and emotional instability; inappropriate anger and rage; hate and hostility; irrational fear; lack of empathy; lack of guilt or remorse; others.**
- **Pathological and/or extreme behavior.**
 - ♦ **Sociopathic; antisocial; reckless; impulsive; abusive; addictive; self-destructive; others.**



Let the Truth Be Told

Alienation is a form of Child Psychological Abuse

CHILD ABUSE

PARENTAL ALIENATION

- The systematic manipulation of a child, by an adult, into actions and thoughts that serve the purpose of the manipulator
- Actions that the child would NEVER independently entertain
- The showering of attention, in order to demonstrate that they are the only person that truly cares
- The removing of the child from the very people that do truly care for the child
- Will leave devastating and lasting psychological scars on the child

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CHILD GROOMING

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ILLEGAL

BOTH ILLEGAL

Dear Sophie



**TPFF Supports *All* Child Protection Laws and the Proposed Laws
on reunification therapy
*and we seek to have the proposed laws strengthened***

To this end, child protection laws must include:

- **Child psychological abuse and maltreatment as well as sexual and physical abuse—Spinazzola (2014) et. al. “Unseen Wounds”; American Bar Association 2013 Book, *Children Held Hostage***
- **An assessment *by the scientific method* to determine if a child’s bonding to a parent is healthy or pathological and therefore unhealthy**
- **An assessment *by the scientific method* to determine which parent is committing any form of child abuse**

****self-reporting alone does not comply with the scientific method***

Alienation is a form of Domestic Abuse

Domestic Abuse Act 2021

“ I regard parental manipulation of children, of which I distressingly see an enormous amount, as exceptionally harmful ”

The Honourable Lady Justice Parker
High Court Family Division



ACE Score

1. loss of a parent
2. parent with mental illness
3. physical abuse
4. sexual abuse
5. emotional abuse
6. physical neglect
7. emotional neglect
8. household domestic violence
9. household member in jail
10. parent with substance abuse

Drs. Vincent J. Felitti, Robert F. Anda et al 1998

Educate Your Doctor

Free Downloadable **ACEs Fact Sheet**



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Chronic Illness Trauma Studies.com



Adverse Childhood Experiences

All Effects of ACEs

ACE FACT SHEET

addictions
anxiety depression PTSD
autoimmune disease & chronic illness
fractures
injuries, intentional & not intentional
more marriages
intimate partner violence
low life satisfaction
greater challenges with parenting
giving birth prematurely
smoking
teen pregnancy
self-harm violence

Publicate Yourself Doctor

Free Downloadable ACEs Fact Sheet

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**Colleagues and Scientists;
Guardians, Champions, and
Protectors of Children:**

Lend Us Your Ears:

**We come here not to bury the truth as some are doing.
We come here, instead, to cherish and to enshrine the
truth and block its ongoing death from a thousand,
slandorous and libelous premedicated cuts.**

We come to dispel the lies about who is the *true* protective parent and who is manipulating an unsuspecting public to believe the reverse.

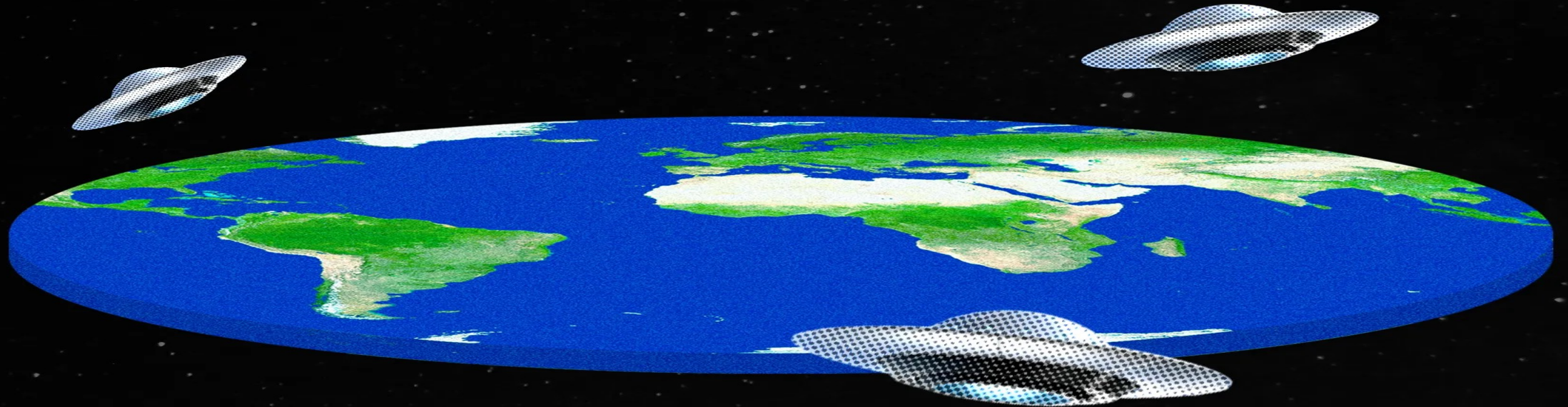
We come to seek:

The Truth, The Whole Truth, Nothing But the Truth



**How can we protect our children
from the harm resulting from lies
being spread by alienators and
their deceived followers?**

DON'T BE A FLAT EARTHER



OBTAIN THE EVIDENCE AND FACTS AND ***KNOW THY FALLACIES***

**Erroneous, dangerous claims that capitalize on
incomplete information
and commit clinical and logical fallacies—**



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HAVE NO MERIT AND SHOULD BE DISMISSED

The erroneous, dangerous claims that are being proffered by *non-clinicians and biased reporters*



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Words Have Consequences:

Reporters who knowingly lie, deceive, and profit from irresponsible, biased, and untruthful reporting can and should be held accountable



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SEEK THE TRUTH

The **alienating parents' industry** has coopted
naïve, gullible reporters—
some of whom already having biased, agenda-driven intentions—
to proffer the libelous untruths about
alienation and about effective treatment

IGNORANCE IS BLISS



Some reporters have been capitalizing on sensationalism
— *at the expense of children*—
by not meeting their ethical obligation to report
objectively, fairly, and truthfully—
and based upon *obtaining all the facts* and *upon hearing
alienated parents' side of the stories*

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The alienating parents' industry is spreading libelous untruths
about our Judicial System, about effective treatment,
and about alienation.

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Who can be so gullible to believe that—
*despite having heard all the material evidence regarding years and
years of family history—*
the Courts are nonetheless **coldheartedly** discharging children
to known pedophiles and child abusers?



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The stories and claims reported in articles entitled
“Judicial Trafficking”
have no merit and should be dismissed

IGNORANCE IS BLISS



**Sadly for children, the libelous untruths
are making it more and more challenging
to remedy the profound harm to children from alienation**

A stylized illustration of a woman's head and shoulders. She has dark hair and is wearing a red blindfold that covers her eyes. The background is a solid red color with small black specks scattered throughout, resembling a starry sky or a textured surface. The text 'IGNORANCE IS BLISS' is overlaid in white, bold, capital letters across the center of the image, partially obscuring the woman's face.

IGNORANCE IS BLISS

Let us examine the more preposterous libelous lies:

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- **Groundless repudiation of the well-established, well-respected, comprehensive science underpinning alienation;**
- **Casting libelous mistrust upon the science underpinning the treatment programs that have been *independently researched and found to be safe and 96% effective* in treating severe cases of alienation;**
- **Groundless accusations that the Courts across this great country are coldheartedly discharging children to known pedophiles and child abusers.**

Those who are proffering these lies are:

- Not credentialed clinicians—who *lack clinical knowledge and achievement*—but who are nonetheless proffering clinical findings and opinions and which certainly have not been subjected to the scientific method for making clinical findings;
- Unaware of the *numerous counterintuitive issues* arising in alienation, therefore making the self-reporting of alienators and alienated children especially unreliable;
- Making findings that are not merely wrong, *but are backwards*— when it is the alienator who is the abusive parent and it is the alienated parent who is the protective, loving parent;
- The alienated parent is the true protector of children.

Those who are proffering these lies:

- lack pattern recognition for an alienated child;**
- lack pattern recognition for an alienating parent, who is calculating, charismatic, clever, and convincing;**

Those who are proffering these lies:

- **Lack pattern recognition for someone with a personality disorder—which typically afflicts severe alienators;**
- **Lack awareness that someone with a personality disorder is an expert at mimicking normal behavior and impression management;**

**Someone who proffers a claim must
provide the evidence for it**



None of the reporters have complied with *multiple requests* to produce the recordings of the interviews of the professionals to whom they attributed *lies and other preposterous claims!*



“**One lie is enough
to question all
truths**”

A claim **cannot** be true simply on the basis that the child
and alienating parent declare, "***I say so***"



**Reporting based upon selective information—
lack merit and should be dismissed**



**Dont judge before you know
the whole story**

**The findings of the Court that had justified
*the protective removal of the child
from the alienating parent***

has been suspiciously omitted from much of the reporting

*Reporting based upon **selective information** amounts to:*



CONFIRMATION BIAS

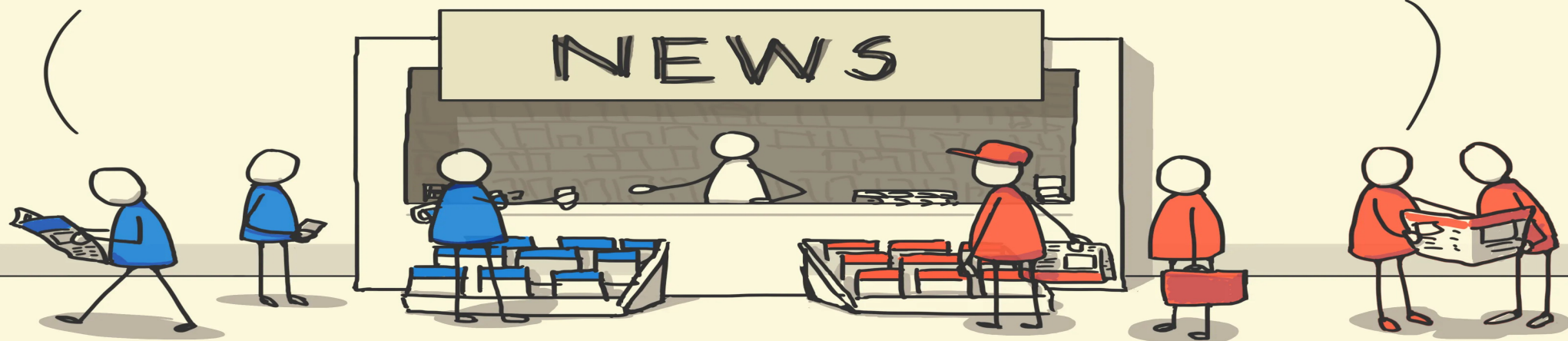
WHAT IS

CONFIRMATION BIAS

SEEKING EVIDENCE THAT CONFIRMS OUR BELIEFS

THEY'RE AT IT
AGAIN. I KNEW IT.

WHAT RUBBISH ARE
THEY SAYING NOW?



... AND IGNORING INFORMATION THAT CONTRADICTS

sketchplanations

DUE TO CONFIRMATION BIAS THERE HAS BEEN:

**A failure to recognize the alienating parents' mission in life to sever the relationship between the other parent and their children—
*absent a bona fide protective reason***

**A failure to recognize that alienating parents manifest
a breathtaking lack of empathy for the child's
need and desire for the alienated parent.**

***(Lack of empathy is one criteria of an antisocial
and of a narcissistic personality disorder)***

***But alienators and the reporter puppets declare us to be the abusers while self-declaring to
be honorable people who protect children.***

DUE TO CONFIRMATION BIAS THERE HAS BEEN:

A failure to recognize that it is common for alienators to brainwash their children to believe the delusional untruth that their alienated parent had physically and/or sexually abused them—

One tragic consequence of the brainwashing being that alienated children come to believe that a trusted, loving, protective parent is someone to be feared and shunned.

(Lying and deception is another criteria of an antisocial personality disorder)

But alienators and the reporter puppets declare us to be the abusers while self-declaring to be honorable people who protect children.

When a child is brainwashed to believe a parent had been abusive, the child becomes subject to the same risk factors for PTSD and other severe psychiatric disturbances
as if the abuse had actually occurred.



Omitted from the stories about TPFf is that **not a single child** who had been psychiatrically hospitalized **prior** to TPFf, had become psychiatrically hospitalized **subsequent** to TPFf *as long as there was no violation of the no-contact period*

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Omitted from the stories about TPFf is that **not a single child had been traumatized by the TPFf intervention nor subsequently traumatized or hospitalized while in the care of their alienated parent—
as long as the alienating parent did not violate the no-contact order**

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Omitted from the stories about TPFf is that virtually all children who had been on psychotropic medications *prior* to participation in the TPFf intervention were either weaned off of these medications or had the medication dosages greatly reduced *subsequent* to participation in the TPFf intervention—

As long as the no-contact period was not violated



TPFF cannot be accurately, meaningfully, or truthfully reported about without first reviewing and considering the Court's findings regarding the family dynamics—upon which were based the reasons that the Court ordered the TPF intervention.

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**Colleagues and Scientists;
Guardians, Champions;
and Protectors of Children**

**Lend your voices to bringing back from their coffins
the inconvenient truths
about alienation and about effective treatment**

**Lend your voices to overcome the voices of the *vociferous few*
who have weaponized unsuspecting reporters and others;**

**Lend us your voices to counter the evil
being inflicted upon the children**

Because alienators are *NOT* honorable and protective parents