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14th Amendment, Due Process, https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/due_process.

- Equal parenting enforces what is already our inalienable right and what is already protected as a fundamental right under the Due Process clause of the 14th Amendment

Case Law: Meyer v. Nebraska, 262 U.S. 390, 399-400 (1923); Pierce v. Society of Sisters, 268 U.S. 510, 534-35 (1925); Wisconsin v. Yoder, 406 U.S. 205, 232-33 (1972); Santosky v. Kramer, 455 U.S. 745, 753-54 (1982); Smith v. Organization of Foster Families, 431 U.S. 816, 843-44 (1977); Cleveland Bd. of Educ. v. LaFleur, 414 U.S. 632, 639-40; Stanley v. Illinois, 405 U.S. 645, 651 (1972).

- Shared parenting addresses social justice imperatives regarding parental equality, autonomy, authority, and rights and responsibilities

CDC/NCHS National Vital Statistics System, 2014, <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/>.

- There are more than 24 million children (more than 1 in 3) raised in single parent homes
- More than 2,400 couples divorce daily

“Co-Parenting After Divorce”, Edward Kruk Ph.D., 2012.

- Shared parenting is more important during high conflict relationships

Criminal Justice & Behavior, Vol 14, pp. 403-26, 1987.

- 80% of rapists with anger problems come from fatherless homes

Custodial Mothers and Fathers and their Child Support 2013,
<http://www.census.gov/people/childsupport/data/cs13.html>.

- Parents are in fact much more likely to pay child support when they have more time with their children (parents with “joint custody”/ equal parenting pay 92% of their support)

Divorce Corp, <https://www.divorcecorp.com/>.

- Judges, Commissioners, the Bar Associations, Lawyers, and court-affiliated ‘professionals’ such as Psychiatrists and Case Workers, all profit from family law cases, particularly when there is high (& increasing) conflict, and when one parent’s time is limited with a child

National Criminal Justice Reference Service 1997 - 2017,
<https://www.ncjrs.gov/App/Publications/abstract.aspx?ID=167327>.

- One-hundred ten world-wide experts have concluded this fact: equal parenting is linked to better outcomes for children of all ages, including improved emotional, behavioral, and physical health, throughout childhood and into adulthood



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- Less likely to divorce
- Studies have also concluded that equal parenting is what adult children of divorce and separation prefer
- Equal parenting decreases parental conflict and litigation

National Principals Association Report on the State of High Schools, 2004.

- 71% of all high school dropouts

Title IV, Part D of the Social Security Act, https://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title04/0458.htm.

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U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, April 2014.

- 90% of child custody decisions in family court award primary custody to one parent
- Custodial parents are defined as single parents and are included in studies related to single parent homes
- Mothers are awarded primary custody in approximately 80% of family court decisions

U.S. Courts Glossary 2017, Due Process, <http://www.uscourts.gov/glossary>.

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U.S. Courts Glossary 2017, Standard of Evidence, <http://www.uscourts.gov/glossary>.

- Criminal claims shall be tried in a court of law, not a court of equity (& criminal charges already have a standard of evidence which is "beyond a reasonable doubt")

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Center for Health Statistics, 2013.

- Negative effects of single parent homes:
 - 85% of all children who show behavior disorders are from single parent homes (20 times the average)
 - Single parent homes make up 90% of all homeless and runaway children
 - 75% of all adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers
 - 63% of youth suicides

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, News Release, March 26, 1999.

- 85% of all youths in prison