

Stay at Home Father

I am a female university student thinking mostly about my future. I want to work for a company where I can take pride in my job. In recent years, the increasing number of working women has effected a change in the climate of public opinion to the extent that it is generally considered to be good for women to work outside of the home.

Even so, men still expect a woman to quit her job after marriage, or at least after she has a child. What about the man? Why can't he quit his job to raise a family?

In this country, men have had to resign in order to take care of their wives after pregnancy because the company they worked for did not understand their need for child-care leave. The old mindset is that the wife will be cared for by the wife's mother, which is foolish to believe in these modern times of the nuclear family.

In a family, both are parents and each should have the opportunity to take care of their children. It is easy to appreciate this as individuals, but why must we, as a society, treat these men as if they were lazy losers?

Topic Questions:

1. Do you believe a woman is better at taking care of children than a man?
Why
Or why not?
2. Do you know anyone that had to quit their job because they had a baby?
Who?
Did they want to quit?
3. What are the qualities of a good mother? What are the qualities of a good father?

Vocabularies:

1. **Climate** - a prevailing condition or set of attitudes in human affairs
2. **Extent** - the range over which something extends
3. **Resign** - to give up one's job or office; quit, especially by formal notification
4. **Pregnancy** - the condition of being pregnant
5. **child-care** - of, relating to, or providing care for children
6. **nuclear** - (nuclear family) a family group that consists only of father, mother, and children
7. **Opportunity** - a favorable or suitable occasion or time
8. **Appreciate** - to admire greatly; value
9. **Individual** - a single human