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"crocodile"
symbol of
adaptability
The crocodile
lives in the
water yet
breathes the air,
demonstrating
an ability to
adapt to
circumstances.



Close Your Legs!

by *Off The
Record*

Seventy-two percent of black babies are born to unmarried mothers today. Seventy-freakin'-two. Are you kidding me? If you're a single, black mom, then you're getting ready to be upset with me. If you're a single, black "baby daddy", then you're going to be offended.

Good. That's exactly what I want. I hope I step on so many toes with this post that I leave a room full of dislodged toenails after I'm done. I struggled with my approach to this post because at first, I didn't want to upset any one. Afterwards, I thought to myself, "this is one of the many reasons black people are stuck in the rut we've been in for decades now. Why be nice?"

Your child *deserves* two parents and if you disagree, then you're an idiot. That doesn't mean that a single parent can't manage on their own, I'm not saying that. What I am saying is that a single parent's love can never possibly match the love of a two-parent household.

"Children of unmarried mothers of any race are more likely to perform poorly in school, go to prison, use drugs, be poor as adults, and have their own children out of wedlock" according to the column that Jesse Washington, an AP National Writer, wrote.

It doesn't take much research to figure that one out. If the mother is having to work, clean, pay bills, etc., then who in the world has time to fool with kids, right?

Parenting is meant to be a team effort. That sentence would look good on a t-shirt right about now. It takes a

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phenomenal person to raise a child successfully solo. Contrary to what most of you believe, most of you aren't that phenomenal.

And to the sperm donors, let me give you my two cents. Some black males have no clue of what "being a man" truly is. It pains me to say that. You're so focused on putting rims on your car, buying jewelry and wearing name-brand garbage that you can't see what it's all about and it sickens me.

You continue to go through life thinking a woman's job is to take care of you because you, too, probably came from a single-mom household.

We gotta break the cycle. Why not be the person to do so? Why not start educating today? Why not bring back that unwed mothers are taboo in the black community?

The black community's 72 percent rate dwarfs that of whites mothers at 29 percent, the most recent year for which government figures are available. The rate for the overall U.S. population was 41 percent.

Dag, if you can't have sex responsibly then close your legs until you say "I do", black people! I've heard the reasons that lead to single-parent households and the main culprit is "irresponsibility". Sure condoms break or other birth control methods fail, but we all know that people have unprotected sex like it's Woodstock 2010. I'm not saying it's all the fault of the female, but given the fact you're normally the one left to raise the kid, it should mean more to you than him.

My parents made it very clear to me that bringing a child home before marriage was not an option! The odds of me

surviving a plane crash while riding on the wing was higher than my survival rate of bringing home a baby. And if it were to happen, which it did not, then my days of being "free" were over. They said that I would basically waive my "right to party" the moment that child's heartbeat started.

How many baby mamas and daddies do you see in the club every weekend? More than you can count, huh? They drop off their kid(s) at grandma's and roll out to make more.

That same message that was given to me by my parents is not in our households today. My generation dropped the ball and made it "okay" to have a kid. At one time, having a child out of wedlock was considered taboo. Now, losers like the "Octomom" are coming unhinged at the hip from having a litter of them.

Okay, my rant is over.

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To all of the single, black moms, I'm not saying that your child has absolutely no chance of being productive in society. I'm not saying your child is a "mistake".

I *am* saying that you got careless. For whatever reason, you got hot in the pants, wanted to trap your man, birth control failed or maybe you actually thought being a single parent was easily do-able.

Well, regardless if your reason is any of the above, then more than likely, you didn't have the best interest of your child in mind. And if you're not doing all that you can to prevent others from falling into the same trend, and then you're not taking the best interest of your community either.

Tell them that pregnancy should be planned *after* a wedding. Not shacking, but marriage. Why some of you think living with a

guy is the same as marrying one is beyond me. **Why would a woman think she's good enough to get impregnated and good enough to shack up with, but not good enough to take her baby daddy's last name? Are your standards *that* low?**

So many of my beautiful sisters complain that there are not enough eligible black men in the U.S. who are suitable for marriage. Then where are all of these "suitable" men coming from to impregnate them?

No good black men left in the world? How many black women without kids are left?

I'm guessing less than 28%.

Single Women Venting

by J. Auberney



Yes I have independence, but I don't have you
I can leave when I get ready
Come back when I'm done
But I am the word
SINGLE

I am alone

I curl up next to emptiness every night

At times tears roll down my eyes as I wonder why I can't get this thing right

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Though I know I shouldn't compare, but seems like everyone's in LOVE these days

As I gear up to celebrate the new life and love of others

I can't seem to get out

Get out of the box I'm so often forced to check, SINGLE

Asked over and over, Why?

Well ask the flames of my past I say

Especially ask the one that promised me the world, but then refused to give it

Or

Ask the one that administrated "tough love" because deep down he wasn't

Or

Hell ask them all why wasn't I good enough, but the next chick was

Sometimes I refer to myself as the preparer

You see the past few I've dealt with were not ready

Gave every excuse as to why and why not

But there was always something about me they wanted to keep around

"The Friend"

The role I know all to well

Long story short, I catch major feelings, you stand your ground of not readiness, we part ways now 6 months to 1 year later you're either married

or engaged. To the one directly after me of course.

It's a hard road, but someone has to be on it, I guess

Stating in my mind repeatedly: this is only a season, not forever

This is one of my many moments of a Single Woman Venting

Don't Blame Kids. It's the Parents' Fault.

by Off The Record

If you're the sensitive, can't-read-anything-that-hits-close-to-home type of person, then "x" out of this page now.

A lot of today's parents are lazy. Just as lazy as they want to be. They do everything except raise their kids in a proper fashion. So many times, it's so easy to blame the kids when we see some of them acting out in

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public.

My take on it: don't blame kids. It's the parents' fault.

Now, for the people who know me or have read my bio, they're saying to themselves, "Self, Quincy doesn't have any kids. Who is he to tell me that I'm not a fit parent?"

Well, there are plenty of male doctors who have delivered babies successfully without ever being pregnant. That goes to show that you don't have to *do* in order to *know*. All it takes is paying attention. And I'm not expert, but I'm no dummy either.

If you want to know if you qualify as a lazy parent, then peep the list below:

1. If your kid(s) can't ride in your vehicle, during a local trip, without you turning on a DVD on the rear seat TV, then you're a lazy parent. If you can't converse with your kid(s) while travelling locally around town, then you shouldn't have had them. I will almost go as far to say that a TV isn't ever needed in a vehicle, but I can see the usefulness in them on long vacations. Riding in a car for kids was actually fun at one time. You counted certain color cars or screamed "bingo" for some of them (half of you may not know what I'm

talking about, so Google it). There were word games to play or maybe you just took a nap or read a book. Whatever it was, it was more productive than seeing "Monsters vs. Aliens" for the 75th time. If you need a DVD to distract your child on a short trip, then you're lazy.

2. If your kids go with you to Rated: R movies, then you're a lazy parent. I knew some kids back in the day who knew all of the lines to the comedy "Friday". Why were you kids in the theater with you for a Rated: R movie? Too lazy or cheap to find someone to keep them? I didn't see my first Rated: R movie until I was 12 years old ("Purple Rain") and I had to sneak to see that. People, let your kids be kids and stop putting them around adult situations. Some things are way too early for pre-teens to see and hear for the first time.

3. If your kid only wants to be a singer, rapper, or athlete and you encourage it, then you're a lazy parent. Too many kids want to be what they see on TV and if that is all your child aspires to be, then you're misguiding them some where. Sure, these types of dreams come true, but the odds of them doing so are slimmer than a "Cosmo" model on a crack diet. Kids

should have role models that they know. How can an athlete, celeb, etc. be a role model if the only thing you know about them is from what is released in the media in the form of movies, TV, print and web? What exactly can someone who doesn't know your child teach your child? Whatever it is, it's not as effective as what you could teach with a hands-on approach.

Being a good parent means spending time with your kid(s). Sit down with them and watch TV every now and then to not just know what they're watching, but explain anything complicated. The one thing that helped me as a child was the fact that my father watched everything with me. From cartoons to Westerns, we spent a lot of time together while I was young and I really think that it helped me. There were other things he could have been doing, but he chose to spend time with me.

Society keeps us busy today. Some parents have multiple jobs or some are single parents. Finding the time isn't always easy. And even when you do have time, sometimes you just want to relax. Sure, you may wish you had a break now every once and a while, but be patient and put the child first. It will definitely pay off in the long run. After they're grown, you'll have the

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rest of your life to enjoy and a child who will make you proud.

No one said that raising a child was easy. Most people really try their best and I have the *utmost* of respect for them. But, for those who don't try? Meh....

Provocation of Thought: An Opus of Analogy The Power of "R" by My Mind



Oh yes, it's the 18th letter of the alphabet, it's a often use constant on game shows, but this letter can become the precursor for totally changing the condition of a person, in almost every aspect of day to day life, when properly used this letter can even change the condition of African Americans in the United States, this letter can become so powerful it can lead to conditional changes so enormous that it would even dwarf major events like the Civil Rights Movement of the

1960's with its positive impact...wow tired of waiting for this big secret letter R?

It's called
**Responsible
(Human)**

**R
E
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N**

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