

Outline

Intro:

When it comes to divorce, certain decisions have to be made, and in most divorce cases, children typically feel intense loyalty to both of their parents. Divorce is problematic for most children because it will affect the emotional development of the child. Whereas some may say that a child will be completely fine with parents who are co-parenting or in a single household.

Topic:

Divorce Will Affect The Emotional Development Of A Child

Supportive arguments/ sources:

1. Most marriages will end up in divorce (Sheela Kennedy & Steven Ruggles)
2. Many children will start to have self-doubt and mixed emotions about which parents to pick, which can cause anxiety and conflict management. (Anuradha Deshpande and Neelam Pandey)
3. Due to divorce, the child's mental health will be scattered all over the place because it takes time for a human being to adapt to certain changes. (Pauline H Jordan)

Counterarguments/sources:

1. A " good divorce" will add to a child's development because in this case, the child is not between two rocks, and the child is not separated from either parent. It is true that a good divorce promotes co-parenting, which was associated with greater father-child visitation, and vice versa. (Paul R. Amato, Jennifer B. Kane, and Spencer James)
2. Since many people see divorce as a bad thing then they will start to make assumptions or will even process information about children of divorce in a manner that reinforces their primary negative expectations. For example, a child could be failing a class and the teacher will automatically assume that it is because the child is from a divorced household. (Amato, P. R.)

Conclusion:

It is already hard enough to take care of a child as two parents, so just imagine trying to help a child develop on your own, which is mind-blowing to me. Children can grow up with a single parent, but it is always better to have two healthy parents than just one because then you will get the best of both worlds, and Children of divorce have higher rates of emotional instability, academic problems, social conflicts, and cognitive disadvantages compared to those children from a continuously married parent.

