

### Peer Review

This paper is about a father's responsibilities in his child's social development and the importance of a father figure in a child's life. The author wrote a very nice research article about the topic, which I was interested in reading about. A key strength in this paper was the use of multiple sources which were used in the research and writing of this paper. These were used to enforce the points of importance, as well as address the relevance of this topic to daily life. Although the majority of the paper was very well written I would like to suggest that the tone of voice is reconsidered in some portions of the writing, where it may become too casual for the situation.

The key strength that I found in this paper was the use of extensive research, outside of what was actually required for this assignment. We were only required to use two outside research articles, in addition to two articles assigned to the class, but the author chose to use six articles in her paper. This is helpful to the reader because it makes the information seem more credible, and the writer to seem as if they are well versed in all areas of their topic. The author chose to go over and beyond in the area of research and I feel that this was very beneficial to the reader's understanding of the importance of her topic.

The weakness that I would like for the author to consider is her tone of voice, which became too casual in parts of the writing. This stuck out to me primarily on page three of the manuscript, when talking about fathers who are unaware of their parental responsibilities. I wrote "a bit confusing" in the margin near a section on this page. I feel that this section provides useful information to the reader but try to rephrase this sentence, as it runs on and becomes confusing.

The second suggestion that I would have about this paper is to decrease the number of generalizations that are used in the text. Phrases such as "especially underclass fathers" on page

three, and “it is obvious that they have responsibilities as fathers and that these responsibilities may have consequences which may become apparent in their children” on page five, are too general for the information that you are trying to provide for the reader. In order to correct this issue, I would suggest that you remove the beginning of the statement, “it is obvious”, because someone who has not done extensive research (as you have) may not feel that it is an obvious conclusion.

Overall I feel that the author did a very good job with her manuscript assignment, and I felt that all requirements were addressed. If she is able to make the suggested changes, which are associated problems with tone, she will have a very strong research paper about the effect of the father-child relationship on a child’s development.