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“Men in Black” protest continues to grow. Supreme Court decision fuels anger.

Divorced and Separated Canadian Men, Non-Custodial Fathers and Mothers and Grandparents continue and expand Black Friday protest in the face of more Canadian Supreme Court Bias.

Divorced and separated men and fathers as well as non-custodial mothers across Canada have declared every Friday a **Black Friday** as part of their silent protest against the destructive anti-male, anti-father, anti-family bias and discrimination that exists in the family court system. They have been joined by various other equal parenting and family rights groups in the protest. World-wide interest in the Canadian Black Friday protest has seen groups in several other countries, notably Germany, New Zealand, South Africa and the United States, adopting the idea and effectively joining Canada in the Black Friday protest. Black lapel ribbons are soon to be introduced for wearing every day of the week besides the All Black Friday protest.

So it is that for the second Friday, 29th April 2006, divorced and separated fathers, non custodial mothers, and various grand-parenting and other supporting groups across Canada will be wearing black clothing as a mark of respect and mourning for the loss of their children, property and rights as a result of biased, discriminatory and unfair treatment under Canadian Family Law.

The expansion of the protest is especially poignant in light of the recent Supreme Court of Canada decision not to prosecute a Canadian woman for shooting and killing her allegedly ‘abusive’ husband in an apparent ‘sleep-walk murder’. Fathers Rights Activists indicate this is further proof of the bias against Men and Fathers and that in similar circumstances a man would not have been shown the same consideration or leniency.

“The law is not equal nor is it blind and the persecution and bias against Canadian men continues unabated. As we have recently announced, Black Friday symbolizes our protest at the loss of our Canadian children, the removal of the right to parent of over 1.5 million Canadian fathers and the death of family life in Canada. Black symbols illustrate the evil in the system and the darkness that pervades and destroys our lives, steals our dignity and status, and turns honest law-abiding and productive citizens into criminals in the eyes of unjust law. We continue to struggle for our most basic charter rights under constitutional law on top of suffering continuous blatant discrimination and police and court-supported arrest and jail for rampant and unchecked false allegations and jail for non-compliance of biased child and spousal support decisions. And now it seems Canadian men can be killed in their sleep without fear of retribution or intervention. There is one law for men and another for women,” said Jeremy Swanson an independent Fathers Rights Activist based in Ottawa

For further information on the Black Friday initiative, the War on Canadian Fathers, the assault on the Canadian Family and the bias and discrimination of the Canadian Family Court system, contact Jeremy Swanson.

Editor’s notes:

- Percentage of non-custodial mothers who pay child support in Canada: 1%
- Percentage of custodial mothers awarded child support orders: 94%
- Percentage of custodial fathers awarded child support orders: 30%
- Rate for men failing in their appeals with the Appeal Court of Ontario: 92%
- Ratio of women vs. men who gain sole custody: 7 to 1

- Number of years this ratio has remained constant: 10-15 years
- The biggest group of so-called dead-beats is women, not men: there are more than twice as many women non-custodial parents evading child support than men.
- 93% of female non-custodial parents don't pay any child support
- Less than 9% of parents believe Canadian Courts deal effectively with 'access'.
- 70% of marriage break-up is instigated by women.
- The only group which benefits from an improved standard of living after divorce is high-income women.
- Biased courts force men to pay up to 8.5 times the average of women at the same income levels.
- Judges award high income women more child support than low income women, for the same father income.
- Custody and access problems cost parents and society more than is paid in child support.
- The higher the income, the greater the bias against men and the more leniently women are treated in child support.
- The actual percentage of fathers not paying child support and thus allowing men as a group to inherit the term "Dead-beat Dad" is between 7 and 13%.
- Child Support Guidelines" are used by biased courts to sharply increase the percentage of fathers shut out of children's lives.
- In the family, women are more abusive, particularly with weapons, than men.
- Despite popular common belief, most of the victims of domestic violence are male.
- Figures for women killing newborn babies don't show up in domestic violence statistics.
- Female sole custody is behind much of children's development problems.
- A father is more essential for successful children than the mother.
- A rising rate of mental illness in separated women is causing child abuse and custody and access conflicts.
- Canada's Supreme Court says women win in family court because of their sex, not by "merit".
- Single mother broken families are the engine which produces most criminals, suicides, unmarried teen pregnancies, rapists, school dropouts and drug abuse.
- In 1991, 31% of marriages ended in divorce; in 1998 this rose to 38% in 2002 the figure was 43% and in 2006 it is thought to be as high as 53%
- More people are choosing common-law relationships, which have greater likelihood of ending in separation (up to 60% in some provinces) compared to traditional marriage.
- 4 out of 5 repeat young offenders are single parent children.
- 82% of crime is from repeat young offenders.
- An estimated 3-5 divorced and separated fathers commit suicide every day.
- There are no shelters for men in Canada.
- Some women suffer from the same disadvantages under Canadian family law.
- Every day fathers are removed from their children's lives after separation and divorce.
- The figures on domestic violence are inaccurate and hopelessly slanted against men.
- Women are not treated with equal harshness under the law.
- The suicide rate for men is 8 times higher than that of women, mainly as a result of biased law.

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