

## MRF - Empowering Gender Equality & Dads Rights

**Men's Rights Fiji** follows men's issues from around the world. We focus on providing support of men's rights and equality by empowering men's and dads rights activists in creating a fair and equal society.

Our goal is to provide you with news and resources as they relate to men's rights, father rights, gender equality, respect for human and property rights, shared parenting and all related legislation. Men's Rights Fiji focuses on five primary areas that directly impact men's lives: Abuse, Fatherhood, Financial, Laws, and Paternity.

**Men's Rights Fiji** proud to present the website: [www.mensrightsfiiji.org](http://www.mensrightsfiiji.org). Men and fathers that go largely unnoticed by society. If you feel your rights have been violated in a family law courtroom and their divorce lawyers for men to have a partner men can count on.

When the general public thinks of discrimination, typically men are not a group at the forefront. But any man or father who has been inside a family law courtroom will tell you about the prejudice they faced against dads rights.

Over the years, men have been set back with an increasing amount of biased rulings against fathers' rights involving issues such as child custody, alimony, child support, paternity, and abuse. The constant struggle for equality among men reaches deeper than just the courtroom.

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**Abuse:** There are two main issues to abuse that affect men's rights: the myth that men are not the victims of domestic violence and the malicious use of false allegations of abuse. Despite overwhelming evidence, the notion that men are victims of domestic violence is largely overlooked due to society's stereotypes of what a man should be. False allegations of physical and sexual abuse have become more common the last few years as more mothers are using these allegations to enhance their chances of receiving custody and thus, child support payments.

**Fatherhood:** Being a single, non-custodial parent often feels like you are less important in your child's eyes and that you are seen primarily as simply a source of income. But fathers need to realize their importance and that no one can replace you as your child's dad. Being a divorced dad is challenging due to biased child custody decisions and prevalence of parental alienation, but that means you just have to try even harder to grow your relationship with your children and be the best father possible.

**Financial:** The antiquated notion of the wife staying at home with the kids while the husband worked as the family's sole breadwinner is quickly becoming a thing of the past. However, men are continually viewed as nothing more than a money pit when it comes to the determination of alimony and child support payments.

**Laws:** Despite the laws in Fiji that specifically forbid discrimination based on gender and the fact that the Fiji Constitution protects the rights of all citizens to due process and equal protection of the law, men and fathers are routinely at an inherent disadvantage in the family courtroom setting. The Men's Rights will report on the laws and proposed family law changes that directly impact father's and men's rights.

**Paternity:** Paternity is one of the areas of family law where men are routinely discriminated against. Whether it is the denial of paternity rights or being the unlawful victim of paternity fraud, fathers must be careful, as paternity law is complex. As more children are born out of wedlock, paternity problems will only become more common.

We are always looking for Men's Rights suggestions, ideas for resources, and men's rights or dads rights events.

## **What is the MRF.**

The Men's Rights Fiji is grass roots, unfunded and loosely associated collection of human rights advocates focused on opposing the marginalization and vilification of men and boys in Western society. The MRF is a non-violent, non-political movement comprised of men and women who believe, based on a growing body of evidence that the human rights of males are being systematically removed by activists, lobbyists, politicians and academicians who cling to a misguided and wrongheaded belief that masculinity is fundamentally violent or harmful. This persistent myth is often referred to as cultural misandry.

The reality of men's second-class status within Western society is demonstrated by a number of well known, but ignored facts. This is a short sample for illustrative purposes only.

A few examples include that Men die roughly 5 years earlier than women, men commit suicide at 4 times the rate of women. In addition, 93% of workplace deaths are male, and while courts enforce financial obligations to women with children, they have no reproductive rights. The point of this summary is not to build an exhaustive case, or to list dozens of examples with cited sources; but to outline, in abbreviated terms the social and political landscape which requires a vigorous activist movement in defence of the human rights of men and boys.

## **Our organisation: Men's Rights Fiji**

Men's Rights of Fiji is dedicated to giving men a voice in the Community. We will strive to bring equal rights to both men and women under the law and correct the anti-male policy within our public and private institution. Not only do we fight for fathers' rights but other critical issues men face in this current trend of anti-male sentiment in our society. These issues include domestic violence issues, domestic relations/child support issues, employment, reproduction rights, and education and to ensure men are equal to women in these arenas. Men's Rights of Fiji is non-political organisation we are only dedicated to fights for men's rights in a growing anti-male society. We are open to all person, men and women who believe in equal rights. We also work with international Men's Movement, Men's Association, Men's Agency and Men's Watch International. Men's Rights Fiji associated with international Organisation of Men's Right Association worldwide.