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ESSAY OUTLINE

I. Introduction

A. A grandparent's bond with a grandchild will be an immense pleasure and value for both grandparent and teenager. However, an event like the death, divorce, or estrangement of a parent can tear apart family members and alter or damage relationships. Following these incidents, parents or guardians of the child may block any communication with grandparents, who may take legal action to retain interaction with the children they adore.

II. Thesis Statement

A. This essay highlights the argument about the ramifications of grandparents' rights laws and why those laws should be revoked because victims of abuse may use estrangement to protect themselves, their spouses, or their children.

III. Body

- A. Analysis of the concept of estrangement,
 - When defining estrangement Bowen (1978,1982) originally conceived the concept as resolving unresolved relational issues

- with family members by dramatically minimizing interaction or staying in close contact while retaining detachment from the emotion.
- The conflict between grandparents and grandchildren can also be challenging to handle because of generational differences between grandparents and grandchildren (Kieley and Dolbin- Macnab, 2009).
- Grandchildren have identified grandparents as strict because they fear that their grandchild will behave like the grandchild 's parents.
- B. Grandparents Visitation Laws Analysis
 - As more estrangement cases became popular, state legislators in the 1970s started to pass laws for "grandparent visitation" to protect the rights of grandparents
 - 2. Some states have treated grandparents' visits as merely a minor breach of a parent's right to raise an infant. "Permissive laws"
 - Other states protect the right of a parent to decide what is best for the child. "Restrictive Laws"
- C. Individual freedom of association should not be infringed upon, and laws enabling extended family members to file lawsuits against that should be revoked.
 - 1. (TROXEL V. GRANVILLE, 2000).
 - 2. (Hiller V Faucey, 2006).

3. Best interest principle

- IV. Conclusion
- V. To conclude, grandparent rules of visiting employing the "best interests plus" principle are not explicitly designed to advance a child's better interests. Such statutes can hinder the best interests of a child. Typically speaking, spending time with grandparents is a good thing, and the experience will significantly help youngsters.