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Paper 2 Proposal

The goal is to take a look at the statistics of the percentage of single-parent homes and dive deeper in to the effects that these increases have on society. Looking at this issue through a few different lenses will help shed light on the topic due to its effect on many different areas of life such as the reversal of gender roles where single mothers now must provide for the family as well which connects with the topic of self-reliance heavily, as well as the effects on private and public spheres of these families as they are often times looked down upon in the public sphere while also struggling in the private sphere due to many things such as stress, finances, and lack of support from peers. This issue connects greatly with many things happening in today’s society such as the force of making children grow up before they are ready to, showing parents the harshness of the world, and ultimately what could be the largest issue is showing the children a lifestyle that is more catastrophic than most people realize. It seems as though these different aspects of life are separate, but through this issue, are connected by the single factor of the untraditional home life.

Potential Thesis: Society’s outlook on something such as the rising percentage of single parent homes does not help solve the issue, but in fact makes matters worse. The effects on the shifting of gender roles and self-reliance is not necessarily a negative looking at those aspects, but considering the implications on public and private sphere differences can be considered as an overall negative direction of society.

Explaining the shift of the gender roles as majority of single parent families are ran by a single mother, it shows that the society’s direction is heading in a more independent or self-reliant direction. This allows many people to have the resources they would need to survive by working and supporting themselves and potentially others. This distribution of power in this sense is very positive since it enables people to live the lifestyle they would prefer to, generally speaking, it enables women to support themselves without a man, unlike many generations prior.

The stressors of the private and public sphere for this sort of lifestyle are vast. However, it is not uncommon for the head of a single parent household to be working either over time or multiple jobs, and while this is not necessarily a negative, it does put stress on the relationships in the home and outside of it. After doing more research on the statistics, more can be inferred on what sorts of things come out of this type of situation and will be analyzed and connected to the topic as a whole.