***The research of spectators ‘attitude towards the movie of Pursuit of Happiness in terms of raising children***

**The Area of the research**

This research paper is based off the movie the “Pursuit of Happiness” starring Will Smith.

**Research Definition**

This research defines an opportunity of spectators ‘attitude towards Pursuit of Happiness Movie in terms of raising children.

**Objectives of the research**

The goal of this research is to obtain some benefits from the plot of the movie that not only couple could raise children in common ways, but also single parent would be able to raise kids in better way.

**Timeline to complete the research**

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| **Method** | **Duration** |
| Choose a topic:  · Select a topic  · Define the problem  . Set Objective for the research | 3 hours  1 day  2.5 hours |
| Internet Research | 3 weeks |
| Collecting Data | 2.5 weeks |
| Creating Questionnaire | 2 weeks |
| Survey | 2 weeks |
| Compound Findings | 3 weeks |
| Prepare final report | 1 month |

**The Research Types**

The research type is a secondary research that has been conducted by Will Winkinson about *“In Pursuit of Happiness Research Is It Reliable? What Does It Imply for Policy?”.* Happiness research” studies the correlates of subjective well-being, generally through survey methods. A number of psychologists and social scientists have drawn upon this work recently to argue that the American model of relatively limited government and a dynamic market economy corrodes happiness, whereas Western European and Scandinavian-style social democracies promote it. This paper argues that happiness research in fact poses no threat to the relatively libertarian ideals embodied in the U.S. socioeconomic system. Happiness research is seriously hampered by confusion and disagreement about the definition of its subject as well as the limitations inherent in current measurement techniques.

**The Research Instrument**

Questionnaire is an instrument that has been involved in this research in order to collect the relevant data from the spectators of the movie after watching it.

The Questionnaire questions as follows;

1. What is the story plot of the movie?

a. a single parent who was struggling to raise his kid, while solving financial difficulties.

b.

c.

2. According to the story, why did the mother leave the family unit?

a.

b.

c.

1. Do you feel she was justified in this?

a. Yes

b. No

1. If you were in the mother’s situation, would you have tried to do things differently?

a. Yes

b. No

How?

a.

b.

c.

1. When the father was the one who looked after his son, do you think his way to raise his son was differently compared with his mother?

Yes or No

If yes, how do you describe it from the following options;

a.

b.

c.

1. What was the possibility effects that can be found from children as results of poverty and homelessness in accordance with the story?

a

b

1. What was the possibility effects that can be found from parents as results of poverty and homelessness in accordance with the story?

a.

b.

c.

1. Do you think money, life stability, health security are the main elements to be considered in order to raise family?

Yes or No

8. Based on your opinion, does money can buy happiness?

Yes or No

If Yes, please choose one of the following options;

a.

b.

c.

d. others, please describe in one sentence\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. Please choose protective factors that could counteract negative factors which could impact the child’s future, when the children has been raised by ;

a couple; a.

b.

c.

a single mother: a.

b.

c.

a single father: a.

b.

c.

10. Based on this movie, could you please decide from one of the following option in regards to the most common attitude towards a single father who was raising his son in a mid crisis of the quality of life

a.

b.

c

11. What is your personal reflection of the movie:

a.

b.

c.

d. others, please describe in one sentence\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The Target Research**

There are 10 spectators that consists of 5 females and 5 males in a cinema.

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**Conduct of the research**

Research shows that single fathers who head the households usually become less authoritarian and less strict with their children. In addition they become more concerned with the quality of care their children receive and more protective.

**The Background of the Movie**

In 1981, in San Francisco, the smart salesman and family man Chris Gardner ([Will Smith](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000226/)) invests the family savings in Osteo National bone-density scanners, an apparatus twice as expensive as an x-ray machine but with a slightly clearer image. This white elephant financially breaks the family, bringing troubles to his relationship with his wife Linda ([Thandie Newton](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0628601/)), who leaves him and moves to New York where she has taken a job in a pizza parlor. Their son Christopher ([Jaden Smith](http://www.imdb.com/name/nm1535523/)) stays with Chris because he and his wife both know that he will be able to take better care of him.  
  
Without any money or a wife, but committed to his son, Chris sees a chance to fight for a stockbroker internship position at Dean Witter, offering a more promising career at the end of a six-month unpaid training period. During that period, Chris goes through a lot of hardship personally and professionally. When he thinks he is "stable," he finds that he has lost $600 when the government takes the last bit of money in his bank account for taxes. He is rendered homeless because he can't pay his rent. He is forced at one point to stay in a bathroom at a train station, and must scramble from work every day to the Glide Memorial United Methodist Church, which offers shelter to the homeless. He must leave work early every day so that he is there by 5:00 in the evening along with his son so that he may be assured of a place to sleep. He is seen carrying his suitcase to work because he doesn't have a home. At work, there are nineteen other candidates for the one position.  
  
One day, he is called into an office and in it were the heads of Dean Witter. Chris thinks that he is about to be told the job will not be his as he says that he wore a shirt and tie for his final day. Then they tell him that he has been an excellent trainee and that tomorrow he will have to wear his shirt and tie again as it will be his first day as a broker. Chris struggles to hold back tears. Outside he begins to cry as the busy people of San Francisco walk past him. He rushes to his son's daycare, hugging him and knowing that after everything him and his son had been through things would be all right.  
  
The final scene shows Chris walking with his son down a street. His son is telling him a joke, when a wealthy business man in a suit walks past. Chris looks back as the man continues on. The man in the suit is none other than the real Chris Gardner.

**Overview of Single Parent Homes:**

While it is true that the single parent home has been part of the American cultural milieu since the modernization of family social structure, in most cases the single parent model of family life evolved as a result of untimely parental [death](https://www.papermasters.com/death.html), not as primary mechanism of choice by the individual. It has not been until the past thirty years that the United States has witnessed unprecedented increases in the number of single parent families. Although this model has been widely accepted, the reality is that researchers are only now beginning to uncover the unique challenges that face children reared in these environments.

Attempting to document some of the more serious problems associated with single parent child rearing, psychologists in [Sweden](https://www.papermasters.com/history-sweden.html) recently released their findings in regard to children raised in single parent homes. The results of the study indicated that: “…Swedish children of lone parents have more than double the risk of psychiatric disease, suicide or attempted suicide, and alcohol-related [disease](https://www.papermasters.com/diseases.html); and more than three times the risk of drug-related disease compared with their counterparts in two-parent households. Boys in lone-parent families also had increased risk of all-cause mortality” . Given these statistics, it is reasonable to assume that the single parent model of child rearing creates a unique psychological environment that has yet to be understood and explicated by modern social science.