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Each individual experiences diverse life consequences as a result of growing up in a variety of settings, environments and circumstances which all have different effects on their lives. Women who are single parents must put in twice as much work as families with two parents. They are responsible for giving their children not only a place to live, food but a safe atmosphere where they can grow, a mother who tried to model both roles for her child or children has various challenges putting the effort than those who have an extra form of support from the child's father. Single mothers can be both strict as well as nurturing to their child or children showing both the gentleness of a female and firmness of a male.

In single parent household financial responsibility is always a major concern, some single mothers chose to demand support from the father with assistance such as child supports with payments aren't always guaranteed which put factors like food, clothing even having shelter can be placed in jeopardy where friends and family may be able to assist. All of the responsibilities that include being the cook, homemaker, tutor, chauffeur is placed on one person verses two allowing that parent be prepared for any situation that may occur making their child the top priority. Recently the number of single mothers in the United States has increased, single mothers face discrimination in the either the workplace or gatherings being judged by society the

workplace can be challenging viewed as a dangerous environment where sometimes a woman may turn a job down with the fear of judgment from other due to being a single mother in the workplace women have faced discrimination due to the fact their pregnant or disabled sometimes fired.

The documentary, “The Vanishing Family – Crisis In Black America,” showcases the lives where male figures may not be present. The woman in the film opens by posing the question of who’s married or would like to be with their child’s father resulting in none of the women raising their hands explaining how men wouldn’t be able to take up the responsibility for raising a child along with not growing with a male figure themselves feeling it’s not essential. The women expressed not need a male figure in their lives affecting their upbringing felling their child doesn’t need their father around either taking up the responsibility. While father chose to continue with their live not acknowledging the child leaving everything up to the mother to maneuver without the help. In my opinion the documentary allows viewer to see the importance of fathers being there for their child in the black community whether adopted or biological may have a better chance of succeeding in life being stable emotionally. Inceasement in government assist programs such as welfare promotes the message of single mothers making some women more comfortable staying at home verse working to provide, resulting in the child running through the streets being raised by those around showing the urge of father figures is much needed especially in the black community where the age range of mother are becoming to decrease and the number of children living without father are increasing.

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