

## Male and Female

Humanity has always celebrated the union of male and female since ancient times, so ancient that apart from the Biblical account of Adam and Eve, it's difficult to find out the origins of marriage in any society. Humanity depends on this unique physical union, and without it we would not exist, and the same applies to nearly all animals with a few exceptions such as sea anemones and starfish. It also applies to a wide variety of plants with the exception of spreading plants such as daffodils, strawberries and potatoes. Sexual reproduction has the capacity to produce variety through the mixing of genes, unlike asexual reproduction which only produces identical clones.

Every organ in the human body is complete and fully functional in its own right, and does not depend on anything else from anybody else's body, with one exception: the reproductive system. Each of us has only half a reproductive system. It cannot operate by itself, it only operates in union with a complementary half-system in the body of someone else of the opposite sex.

The concept of male and female is so natural, every child understands it, so that a teacher can walk into a classroom and say "Good morning boys and girls" and everybody knows what it means. They also have no difficulty with the concept of "Mum and Dad", they understand it long before they know what actually happens between them to create a child.

Children understand male and female, the difficult bit is teaching them how to form relationships that last for life. The union of male and female creates a special type of bond that helps to overcome all sorts of difficulties. For example a husband and wife can have an argument, and as long as it's nothing really serious they can go to bed and make love and in the morning they have forgotten all about it. This special bond occurs between a husband and wife committed to each other, but it comes under threat if one or the other is already bonded to others who have gone their way in the world and might come back.

The habits of a lifetime are formed while we are young and it's important for young people to be taught restraint. They need to live in supportive communities and choose their friends among people who share the same values, and there are a number of organisations providing support on this issue. <sup>(i, ii, iii)</sup>

(i) Challenge Team UK. [www.challengeteamuk.com](http://www.challengeteamuk.com)  
[www.facebook.com/ChallengeTeamUK/](https://www.facebook.com/ChallengeTeamUK/)

(ii) Lovewise. [www.lovewise.org.uk](http://www.lovewise.org.uk) [www.facebook.com/lovewiseuk/](https://www.facebook.com/lovewiseuk/)

(iii) Family Education Trust. [www.familyeducationtrust.org.uk](http://www.familyeducationtrust.org.uk)

**Support 4 the Family** is an independent voluntary organisation of UKIP members campaigning for traditional family values. If you would like to get involved, see our website: [support4thefamily.org](http://support4thefamily.org)

## Support 4 the Family

*A Guidebook urging teachers and primary school children to stop referring to students as "girls" or "boys" in case any of them is transgender was branded "nonsense" today.*

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*Jill Seymour, the UKIP MEP for the West Midlands said: "This is political correctness gone mad. We should let our children be children. The Government and schools should not be wasting taxpayers' money on this."*

Daily Express, 11 Dec. 2016

[www.express.co.uk/news/uk/742357/teachers-students-guidebook-boys-girls-staff-pupils](http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/742357/teachers-students-guidebook-boys-girls-staff-pupils)



**Children belong to the family not the state**

## Broken Hearts, Broken Lives, Broken Government Budget

Family failure affects more than just Mum, Dad and the kids ...



... it affects everyone, including the taxpayer.

*"My daughter used to look after me but now she's a single Mum and I'm stuck in here."*

## Cost of Family Failure: £48bn

## The Cost of Family Failure

We are all familiar with the social cost of family failure and the distressing consequences for everybody involved, especially children who are expected to live with one parent or the other, but not both of them, and they are dragged into custody battles through no fault of their own. It might have happened to you, or someone in your extended family, or your friends.

We know about the financial cost to the family as the two parents have to live at different addresses, and alternative arrangements have to be made to look after the children, but who considers the cost to the taxpayer?

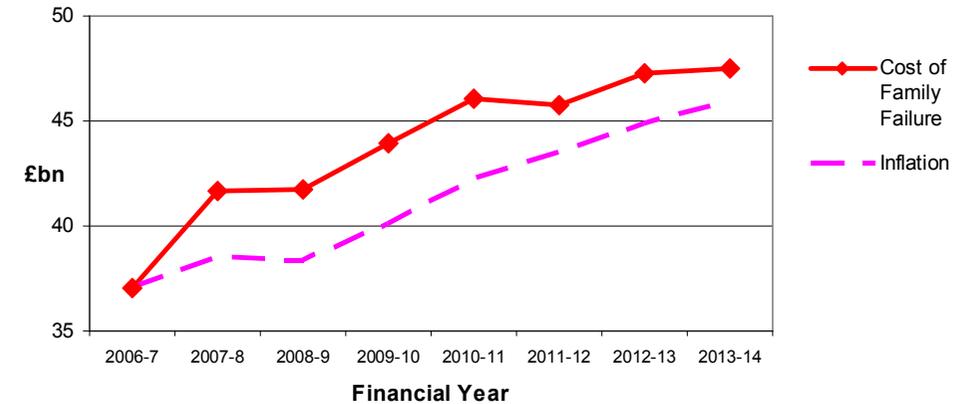
When the Chancellor gives his budget speech to Parliament, he doesn't usually give a figure for the cost of family failure, but it's a real and very substantial cost, spread across various categories of public spending. The Relationships Foundation has been publishing reports on this issue since 2008, and in their 2016 update they worked out the following costs for 2013-14:<sup>1</sup>

Costs associated with family failure	£ bn
Tax credits and single parent benefits.	15.0
Housing benefit and council tax benefit, plus a small amount for emergency housing following domestic violence,	6.6
Physical and mental health costs to NHS and social services, including domestic violence and lifestyle issues such as smoking and drinking. Social services costs to single parents, for example supervision of children and care of elderly relatives. Cost of children in the care system, including fostering and adoption.	16.1
Police, prisons, court and legal services, and the cost of assessment and enforcement of maintenance to be paid by the non-resident parent to the parent who cares for the children.	7.4
Teachers at school dealing with discipline and behaviour problems. Vandalism and criminal damage at school. Alternative education for pupils excluded from school. Education maintenance allowance, free school meals, university drop-outs, young people not in education, employment or training and claiming jobseekers allowance.	2.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>47.6</b>

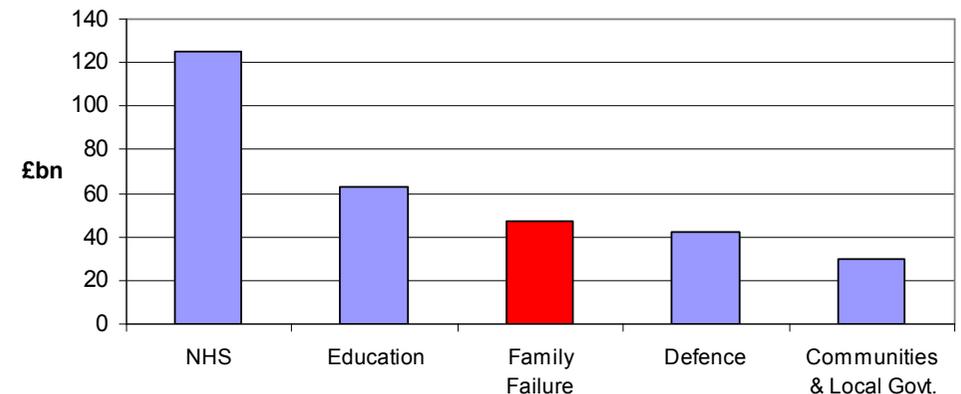
The total is rounded up to **£48bn** in most published documents.

The breakdown of a family is a complicated process and the tabulated list above gives just a brief summary of the issues. The Relationships Foundation published some more detailed reports in 2008 about the financial and human cost of family failure.<sup>2</sup>

The following chart shows the historical variation of the cost of family failure, rising sharply during the financial crisis of 2008, then rising steadily with inflation.



The following chart compares the cost of family failure to other categories of public spending during the year 2013-14.<sup>3</sup>



The scale of this problem is immense, and the solution is beyond the scope of this article, but we believe that it starts early in the education system. Children need to be taught what makes a good relationship, and what are the ingredients of a successful male/female relationship that lasts a lifetime.

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<sup>1</sup> Counting the Cost of Family Failure, Relationships Foundation, 2016 Update [www.relationshipsfoundation.org/counting-the-cost-of-family-failure-2016-update/](http://www.relationshipsfoundation.org/counting-the-cost-of-family-failure-2016-update/)

<sup>2</sup> When Relationships Go Wrong / When Relationships Go Right, Relationships Foundation, 2008 [www.relationshipsfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/When\\_Relationships.pdf](http://www.relationshipsfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/When_Relationships.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> Public Expenditure, Statistical Analyses 2014, HM Treasury [www.gov.uk/government/statistics/public-expenditure-statistical-analyses-2014](http://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/public-expenditure-statistical-analyses-2014)