

Thank you for not procreating



By James Duncan
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Messy, expensive, disgusting and a 'blessing' on your home, they crawl, get into everything and are very hard to get rid of. Do you know what it is yet? That's right, children, and this is why (probably) you and most people don't need to be having them.

You don't need to, that's really the end of the argument, but I'll continue.

Feb. 5, 2012, Josh Powell decided that the best thing for his kids was to burn them alive in his Graham, Wash. home. Another perfect example of parents knowing what is best for their children. While this is an extreme of deranged parental behavior, is it really that much different from deciding to home school your kids or any other choice parents make that hurt their children? Not really, Powell had his children's best interests in mind when he turned his chitlins into bbq and like most parents he knew best.

No one has a right to give birth, but it seems that most people would argue that it is a 'god given' right to propagate and have a child, but what is worse is the fact that most parents think they 'know' what is best for their children. Do the skills involved with making babies go hand in hand with raising the money sucking-snot-machines? To raise a child you need to be responsible, stable and be able to provide everything the child needs for the next 18 years of its life.

The likely reasons why you and most people don't need to have babies is really easy to sum up. An estimated \$13,800 is expected to be paid in the first year of your baby's life and that is if you are lucky enough to get everything bare bones cheap. If you have any complications you better have good insurance or the debt will quickly pile up. That's just what the world needs: more people in debt up to their eyes trying to provide in an ever losing struggle to make a decent life for you and your family. Inevitably, you will not be able to provide all the things your child needs. You will skip steps and you will try to take the cheap way out.

Why don't you spare another child the screwed up life of living with parents who can't make enough to survive? Or do you have the right to give birth to pass on your bloodline to another generation regardless? Sadly, yes; you do. Everyone has the 'right' to make children and

what is worse is parents are allowed to raise their children however they see fit.

Parents are, when you come down to it, people who had a horrible accident or a planned horrible accident. Either way, the skills used to create a baby are very different from the ones you need to raise it. Parents have to learn by the seat of their pants, and most just aren't very good at it.

Think about your parents. Do you think they did great? Maybe, but you see what they did wrong, right? You will be better at it than they ever were!

Don't lie; it is unbecoming.

Parents are the worst thing for kids, warping them into little idealized versions of themselves by projecting all of their inadequacies, fears and ambitions onto a new, innocent life.

Don't fret, everyone does this. It is part of being a parent.

It comes down to one thing; you aren't ready and neither is almost everyone else. Having children is more and more becoming a trend. It is fashionable to be irresponsible. If a person hasn't graduated middle school, if a person is in high school, if a person lives in squalor, they don't need to be clouding the gene pool with more slack-jawed little parasites!

At this point it is hard to not look at the schools and ask why they are doing so little to inform breeding age stock of how to use and wrap their wares. Oh no, let's teach them about abstinence, because that's how to keep kids from doing the vertical shuffle! Shroud it in mystery and childish metaphors that you then leave them to unravel with the help of uniformed friends and the internet. Parents will probably stay the same also: being too childish to say 'penis' without blushing and end up giving a half-assed explanation (aka the birds and the bees) to their confused pubescent kids. So really why should the schools try any harder?

But by far the worst thing parents do is act like they know best for their kids. They are the highest authority. They are. Infallible.

Just here in Oregon City, we got to see just what happens when crazy people are allowed to raise their own children. The Church of Christ just down the road has killed no less than five children because parents 'know' what is best for their kids. Countless others are not vaccinated because (with no evidence to back it up the claim) those vaccinations cause autism or countless other side effects, sentencing their children to suffer and in some cases die.

Get over it. Stop having your litters of misbehaved monsters, and maybe just stick to one or two once you have reached a point in your life where you can dedicate the time and money, which are required, to raise a child right. There is no way to know what is the absolute 'right way' to bring up a kid, but before you do, try looking at yourself in a mirror and ask if you are good enough to create life.

New website put on hold again

By Joshua Dillen
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There has been much anticipation for the release of a redesigned website at Clackamas Community College. Many at the college are eagerly awaiting its debut. According to Dean Walch, CCC webmaster, the January release has been delayed to ensure that the new site functions as smoothly and seamlessly as possible.

"We were having some performance issues with the new system. We wanted to make sure we took every opportunity to make sure the launch was a success," said Walch. "It's such an important issue that we needed to resolve prior to launch. We don't want a site that performs poorly."

Walch and his team were experiencing load issues with the site. The simple way to describe load issues means there were problems with the new site's ability to handle the large amount of users at any given time. Since the current website performs very well in

that respect, he said it was important that the new clackamas.edu should do so as well.

The new site's release date is up in the air. Walch explained that it won't be launched during a busy time like registration.

I know we have a working date, but I don't know when that is," he said. "We have the students' best interests in mind."

He thanks students for their patience and expressed that the delay is a result of making sure the site will perform well for them.

CCC Chief Information Officer and Dean of Information technology Kim Carey is project manager, coordinating the design and release of the new site; she expressed the importance of making sure all potential problems are resolved before the site goes online. Carey hopes the site will be ready for use by the end of March.

"We are still very confident we've worked through issues we have had with performance," said Carey. "We are being carefully considerate."

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