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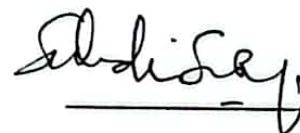
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ABSTRACT

This thesis analyzes gender issues and equality in American single parent as depicted in the film 'Fatherhood,' explicitly focusing on the primary social aspect of single parenting. The film portrays Matthew Logelin as the main character, who faces the most challenging phase as a single parent while raising his daughter, Maddy, alone. It explores Matthew's efforts to provide his daughter with love, hope, and warmth without a mother figure. Several scenes in the movie exemplify how gender issues and equality are evident in these circumstances. The writer will analyze the main character's thesis in the film using the objective approach method from Abraham (1953) and the Single Parent theory from R. W. Connell (1998: 3) to examine the extrinsic elements. The results reveal the difficulties faced by a single parent with an American social and cultural background. Furthermore, it highlights the challenges of being a father in a childcare culture and its impact on the development of children and parents, particularly in parenting life.

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