

# SINGLE MOM'S PARENTING PATTERN IN FORMING CHILDREN'S INDEPENDENCE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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## ABSTRACT

The pattern of single mother parenting has a difference with a family that is still intact, which of course will affect the development of children's independence. The purpose of the research is to explore the parenting patterns carried out by single parents, the obstacles faced by single parents in forming child independence, the efforts of single parents in fulfilling the rights of children and their environment, as well as parenting tips for single parents. The research method uses a descriptive qualitative approach. The subjects of this study are two single mothers who have children aged 5-6 years. Data collection techniques by observation, interviews and documentation. The research analysis uses interactive model analysis. The results of the study show that the parenting style provided by single mothers in shaping children's independence is a single parent parenting practice that applies a democratic parenting style, and a permissive parenting style. Children raised with democratic parenting have high independence while children raised with authoritarian parenting have less independence. Children's independence is also influenced by several factors, namely parental education, economy, employment, environment and religion in fulfilling children's rights is to build a good and harmonious relationship with children.

## INTRODUCTION

Parenthood is something that is desired by all people where parents will educate, nurture, and protect their children so that they can become a figure that parents can be proud of. In carrying out parenting for children, parents need to work together in following the growth and development of their children physically, emotionally, and socially and complement each other in an effort to provide parenting to children. When a person decides to form a family

(father, mother, and child), then in the family there needs to be a role for each family member.

Having a whole family makes it easier for parents to be able to provide the best care for their children. Parenting is the attitude of parents in having relationships or interacting with being observed from the way parents provide rules, rewards, discipline, punishment, attention and response to their wants or wills, in other words, parenting is the unity of parents'

attitudes in nurturing, educating, and guiding children optimally (Shochib, 2014). Every family has its own way of providing parenting to their children, by providing good parenting to children such as good interaction between parents and children and harmonious relationships have a positive impact on children to shape their personality and build confidence to be able to get along with the wider community environment.

The application of parenting by both parents to their children does not always last, this is because there are some children who are only taken care of by their mother or father (*single parent*). Single-parent families, which are families whose parents only consist of a mother and father who are responsible for taking care of children after divorce, death or the birth of children out of wedlock (Yusuf, 2019). Divorce and death are the causes of a person becoming a *single parent*. Being a *single parent* is not an option but a situation that inevitably has to be carried out no matter what the circumstances. Being a *single parent* is not an easy thing because they must be able to manage the household, raise and educate children, earn a living, all of which are done by themselves for the sake of their children, especially for the sake of their children who really need a mother or father.

In the community, most single parents are experienced by a mother, either left by her husband due to divorce or death. Being single mothers usually hold this status for a long time, this is because single mothers will rule out remarrying because single mothers will prioritize their children more and their time will be spent working. A single mother who is the head of the family is often considered unable to take care of her children properly because single mothers will only focus on work and also single mothers are considered unable to meet financial needs. The way a single mother provides care for her children can change before and after there is no husband, this can be seen in giving affection to children or giving rules.

Women who become *single parents* need a very hard struggle because they have to raise children, meet the needs of family life and burden themselves are assumptions from the surrounding environment that corner themselves as *single parents*, it is very influential for the life of a *single parent* family Especially very influential on children's development. The task of being a parent, especially a mother, will become heavier if you have to be a *single parent* (Sary, 2021). The role of parents is very important for the growth and development of children, both the role of the father and the role of the mother, both are very important. So if one of these roles does not exist, it can have an impact on a child (Heri et al., 2021).

The role of mothers when being single parents is a change in attitude based on the circumstances experienced. Because of this situation, an independent lifestyle is an important thing that mothers as single parents must have in order to survive for the sake of their children. A mother will give love to her child sincerely and selflessly. He loves his children sincerely and is truly willing to put the interests of his children above his own interests. A mother must take a certain attitude, so that the child feels fulfilled even though she no longer has a father figure. This prevents the loss of his father from becoming a factor for the child to commit deviant acts. Associations that children do rationally and far from the emotions of a mother, this will greatly help the normal growth of children.

The role of a mother as a single person can cause a fundamental change in attitude with the circumstances she is experiencing. By itself, the child's independent lifestyle is always inherent and makes the mother a person who is able to survive. With an unbalanced situation, namely by having two roles. Therefore, the role of a mother as a single parent is heavier because it carries out two duties, namely the role of carrying out the duties of the father as a guide, head of the household, breadwinner, role model for children, and the duties of a

mother, namely a guide, educator, and others in responding to changes in the child's personality.

Childhood really needs affection from both parents, with a change in the family there will be a change in the child's attitude, but there will also be a change in the child's appearance. In addition, there will be changes in the attitude of parents, family members, teachers, friends. It will also affect children's independence. The childhood is also called the golden age, especially at the age of 5-6 years where the child needs attention and examples from the people around him. Here there will be a difference between children who do not have a father figure and those who have a father figure. The independence in question can be like: the way of thinking, being responsible, and the identity about oneself.

In general, independence can be assessed from children's behavior, for example trying to do their own activities (wearing their own shoes, doing assignments without being accompanied by others, etc.). However, independence is not only in the form of physical that is shown in daily activities, but also psychological. Independence can also be assessed from the way the child thinks, how the child solves a problem (such as: apologize if he makes a mistake without being told by others, etc.) besides that independence can also be assessed through the way the child adjusts to the surrounding environment. As well as leading to the courage of a child to determine his own fate.

Growing and developing independence in children is indeed very difficult, here parents must be able to pay special attention to children. In addition, parents must also be able to pay attention to the influences that can hinder the learning process in children, especially the factors of both parents and the surrounding environment because too many children are spoiled, therefore many children are lazy to learn on their own.

Children can be independent because of the ability of parents to apply

discipline to children and grow children confidently, then parents also provide examples, as well as the ability of teachers to respond and discipline children with speech and language that can be conveyed well. Then a supportive environment can provide independence to children. Independence is an attitude and behavior that does not depend on others in completing its tasks. An independent person is the most important life ability and one of the needs of every human being at the beginning of his or her life.

The purpose of this study is to explore how the parenting pattern carried out by *single parents* (Mother), what obstacles are faced by *single parents* in forming child independence, *single parent efforts* in fulfilling children's rights and their environment as well as parenting tips for *single parents*.

## **METHOD**

### **Parenting Patterns**

Parenting is an important part of socialization, the process by which children learn to behave according to social expectations and standards. In the context of the family, children develop their abilities and help them to live in the world (Husna, Novianafari & Sholihatu, 2023).

Darling (2013) stated that parenting is a complex activity that includes a variety of specific behaviors that work individually and simultaneously in influencing children's behavior. While (Dantes, 2014) states that parenting is a pattern of approach and interaction between parents and children in management in the family. The parenting pattern is the process of humanizing or maturing humans humanely, which must be adjusted to the situation and conditions as well as the development of the times (Ningsih, 2020).

Based on the above understanding, it can be formulated that parenting pattern is an effort, habit and behavior that is standard in the process of parenting children in a family environment, parenting is an interaction between children and parents

during parenting activities. This parenting is a parent who educates, guides, and disciplines and protects children to achieve maturity in accordance with the norms in society.

The success of parents in instilling virtue values (character) in children is highly dependent on the type of parenting that parents apply to their children. When viewed from the types, there are three parenting styles for children, namely: (a) Authoritarian Parenting Pattern: Parenting style that tends to limit the behavior of affection, touch, and emotional attachment between parents and children, so that between parents and children there seems to be a dividing wall. Authoritarian parenting has the characteristics of parents making all decisions, children must submit and must not ask questions, parental power is dominant, children are not recognized as individuals. Control over children's behavior is very strong. Parents punish Children if Children are disobedient. Here the development of the child is solely determined by the parents; (b) Permissive parenting. Permissive parenting is a parenting style that tends to give children the freedom to do anything, this is very uncondusive to the formation of children's character. Because no matter what, children still need direction from parents to know what is good and what is bad. By giving excessive freedom, let alone giving the impression of letting it go, it will make children confused and potentially misguided. Permissive parenting has the characteristic of dominance in children. Loose attitude and freedom from parents. There is no guidance and direction from parents. Parental control and attention are very lacking; (c) Neglect parenting. Parenting style ignores where the characteristics of this parenting style are that parents spend less time with their children because parents are negligent or busy with work. Children are also allowed to fill their time by watching television and playing gadgets at will and children are free to do whatever they want; (d) Democratic

parenting. This democratic parenting style seems to be more conducive in shaping children's characters. It can be seen that democratic parents are more supportive of children's development, especially in independence and responsibility. Democratic parenting is characterized by cooperation between parents and children. Children are recognized as individuals. There is guidance and direction from parents. There is control from parents who are not rigid (Muslich, 2022).

### **Single Parent Mother**

A single parent is a parent who still has a child who lives in the same house with him. A single parent is a parent who alone or alone raises their children without the presence, support and responsibility of their partner (Duvall & Miller, 2020). A single mother can be said to be single when the woman is left behind by the death of her husband and is forced to continue the task of raising the children, or a woman who has divorced her husband is given custody of her children or a woman who is hanged (the status is unclear) because she is not provided for by her husband to continue her life and her children, or a woman in the divorce process (which may take a long time and his children are still under his care at this time). A mother can be said to be a single mother if her husband lives far away from her and does not play an active role as a father in the family or her husband is old (elderly so that his body condition is weak (Chinedu, 2021).

The family of a single mother is a manifestation of the dissolution of the marriage bond between husband and wife through a legal divorce or death. In addition, single mothers also include women who adopt adopted children or women who have children outside of legal marriage (The family of a single mother is a form of dissolution of the marriage bond between husband and wife through legal divorce or death. In addition, single mothers also include women who adopt children or

women who have children outside of legal marriage (Donson, 2017).

Based on the above understanding, it can be concluded that a mother as a single parent is a woman who is left dead by her husband or a divorced woman and still has children who live together and then raise her children without the presence, support, and responsibility of her partner.

Some of the factors that make a woman get the title of *single parent* are: (a) Divorce : that the causes of divorce are almost infinite because marriage involves two individuals with their respective personalities and different backgrounds who seek to live together (Singer, 2014). The effect of broken households on family relationships is: a broken up household due to divorce can damage children and family relationships more than a broken up household due to death (Hurlock, 2015). (b) Death : a woman who has held the title of wife can become a single parent mother when her husband dies, either due to an accident, illness or other causes.

### **The Dual Role of Single Parent**

Meeting physiological and psychological needs, it is often said that the mother is the heart of the family. The heart in the body is a very important tool for a person's life, if the heart stops beating, then the person cannot continue his life. From this parable, it can be concluded that the position of a mother can be as a central figure, very important to carry out life. The importance of a mother can be seen from the birth of her child, she must give milk so that the child can continue her life. At first, my mother became a logistics center, meeting her physical and physiological needs, so that she could continue her life. Only after that it is seen that mothers also have to meet other needs, social needs, psychological needs which if not met can result in a family atmosphere that is not optimal.

The role of mothers in caring for and taking care of the family patiently, affectionately and consistently, mothers maintain relationships in the family. The

mother creates an atmosphere that supports the continuity of the child's development and all the continuity of the existence of other family elements. A mother who patiently instills attitudes and habits in her children, does not panic in the face of turmoil inside and outside the child, will provide a sense of calm and a sense of accommodating family elements. What's more, a mother's friendly attitude towards the child will make it easier for the older child to find entertainment and support in adults, in his mother. A mother who cares for and raises her child and family should not be influenced by changing emotions or circumstances.

The role of the mother as an educator who regulates and controls the child. Mothers also play a role in educating and developing children's personalities. Education also requires firmness and certainty in implementing it. Usually a mother is tired from household chores every day, so in certain circumstances, certain situations, her way of educating is influenced by emotions (Ariani,2022). For example, a habit that should be done by children, children do not need to do it, if the mother is happy. On the other hand, if the mother is tired, what the child should do is accompanied by jerks. Another example can be seen in the formation of learning regularity. If the child is used to studying at night and then the mother who is accompanying her child to learn the arrival of guests, the learning activity is canceled.

Mother as a wise manager. A mother is the manager in the house. Mothers manage the smooth running of the household and instill a sense of responsibility in children. Children at an early age should already know the rules that must be followed. The existence of discipline in the family will facilitate association in society in the future.

Mom gives stimulation and lessons. A mother also provides social stimulation for the child's development. From childhood the mother's approach and conversations with the mother provide stimulation for the child's development, speech skills and other

knowledge. After the child enters school, the mother creates a fun learning atmosphere so that the child enjoys studying at home, doing homework (homework) at home. Children will learn harder if they feel good than being told to study with a bang. Being accompanied by a loving mother will give every family member the sense of security they need.

With the status of a single parent mother, a woman automatically takes on a dual role in the family. The role that was originally the role of the father then became the role of the single *parent* mother as well. One of the dual roles that single parent mothers then take on is about working or providing support for the children they bear.

### **Child Independence**

Independence is an individual attitude that is acquired cumulatively during the development period, where individuals will continue to learn to be independent in dealing with various situations in the environment so that the individual will eventually be able to think and act on his own. Independence is a person that must be formed from an early age, because independence is an attitude and behavior that is not easy to depend on others in completing tasks.

Independence can also be interpreted as a skill to help oneself, both physically and psychologically independent. Physical independence is the ability to take care of oneself, while the ability to be psychologically independent is the ability to make decisions and solve problems at hand. Independence is the ability to manage time, walk and think independently, accompanied by the ability to solve problems. Independence is a part of personality which is the arrangement of intellect that can determine the difference in behavior or actions of each individual (Rakhma, 2017).

Independence in children is very necessary because with independence, children can become more responsible in meeting their needs. Independent children tend to excel because in completing their

tasks, children are no longer dependent on others. So that children can be more confident. Independent children are confident that if there is a risk, they will be able to solve it without help from others.

That way the child will grow up to be a person who is able to think seriously and try to solve something that is his target. Likewise in the family and social environment, independent children will easily adjust. He will be easily accepted by children and friends around him. Children who are already independent can also take advantage of the environment to learn, can help their friends to learn independently.

Factors that affect independence are (Eva, 2022): (a) Parental Heredity: Hereditary factors emphasize more on biological factors that are carried through the bloodstream in chromosomes. Therefore, genetic factors tend to be static to direct a person's growth and development. If from the beginning, parents have healthy physiological and psychological characteristics, then it is certain that they will descend a healthy generation, and vice versa, if the parents are not healthy, their offspring will experience physical and psychological disorders or deviations; (b) Parenting Style: To be independent, a person needs opportunity, support and encouragement from family and the surrounding environment. In the family, independence is a trait that must be formed by parents in building the personality of their children; (c) Education System in School: Education in school is one of the factors that affect children's independence. Because, at school, children get education outside the family or their parents; (d) Life System in Society: Life in the community or environment where children live certainly has a big role for changing children's independence, will that role be positive or negative.

A child who has high independence tends to have a creative learning style. Independent children are creative children who have important values in their individual lives which are influenced by

family factors (at home) and in the surrounding environment (school). Children who are independent for the size of early childhood are seen with the following characteristics (Watkins, 2014): (a) able to do all his activities on his own; (b) can make decisions and choices according to their views (obtained from observing the behavior or deeds of those around them); (c) Be able to socialize with others and; (d) Can control his emotions and can even empathize with others

Parents have an obligation to help children train an independent attitude in their children. At first, babies cannot be independent, they still need parents or adults to take care of their needs. But as they get older, they must be taught how to form independence. To form independence, it is necessary to take appropriate and carefully prepared steps to help children achieve an independent personality.

The cultivation of independence must start from preschool children (before school). It must be within the framework of the human development process, which means that parents must not forget that children are not miniature adults, so they cannot be required to become adults prematurely, and parents must have sensitivity to the process of child development and be facilitators for their development. An independent person is the main life ability and one of the needs of every human being at the beginning of his or her life (Dowling, 2012).

Independent children can make decisions and choices. Usually, if you have reached this stage, it means that the child has a lot of experience or is looking for experience. Making decisions or choices may be hampered at first, but over time, based on the experience gained, you will make the right decisions and choices.

Independence is an attitude and behavior that is not easy depending on others in completing tasks. In the sense of education, it has been revealed that children become intelligent, skilled, and have a role in their future, there must be a conscious effort

to provide guidance, training and teaching. This shows that something happens not without a process, as well as independence can be formed after going through a directed and continuous process of education and training.

Before training independence to children, a mother needs to understand the steps through several instilling independence in children first, namely: (a) Growing confidence in children: Every child actually already has confidence, but when he is a toddler, parents should give a positive response to the needs of the child; (b) Giving responsibility: When we see / feel that the child is doing something that the mother feels is not able to do, the mother should give him the opportunity to do it himself. Giving opportunities and trust to children will be able to make children brave and independent as well; (c) Give an example: If parents have a closed personality, for example, they don't like to do new things, they should not expect too much from their children to have a brave and independent personality; (d) Don't force: Everything we do to train a child's courage and independence takes time and a process, it can develop slowly so don't force the child to master everything that is taught at that moment; ( e) Don't overburden: Keep in mind that the stages that can be passed by the child are gradual development, so the stimulus given to the child must also be adjusted to the child's development; (f)Setting the right limits: Parents should set limits on what children can do, but the prohibitions given must be logical; (g) Give the opportunity to choose: Children who are used to dealing with situations that have been determined by others, will be lazy to make their own choices. On the other hand, if he is used to being faced with several choices, he will be trained to make his own decisions for himself; (h) Appreciate the effort: Parents may sometimes feel impatient to face their children's efforts to work on their own without parental help. However, from now on, parents must appreciate the slightest effort shown by their

children to overcome the difficulties they face themselves; (i) Don't answer questions right away: Although one of the duties of parents is to provide correct information and knowledge to their children, parents should not immediately answer the questions asked. Instead, give your child the opportunity to answer the question; (j) Encourage to look for alternatives: Children should also know that to solve a problem, parents are not the only place to ask questions. There are many other resources

outside the home that can help to overcome the problems he is facing; (k) Don't be discouraged: It is not uncommon for parents to want to avoid their children from feeling disappointed by saying "impossible" to what their children are trying to do. Actually, if the child wants to show a desire to be independent, encourage him to continue to do so. Never let him lose his motivation or expectations about something he wants to achieve.

The model in this study can be drawn as follows:

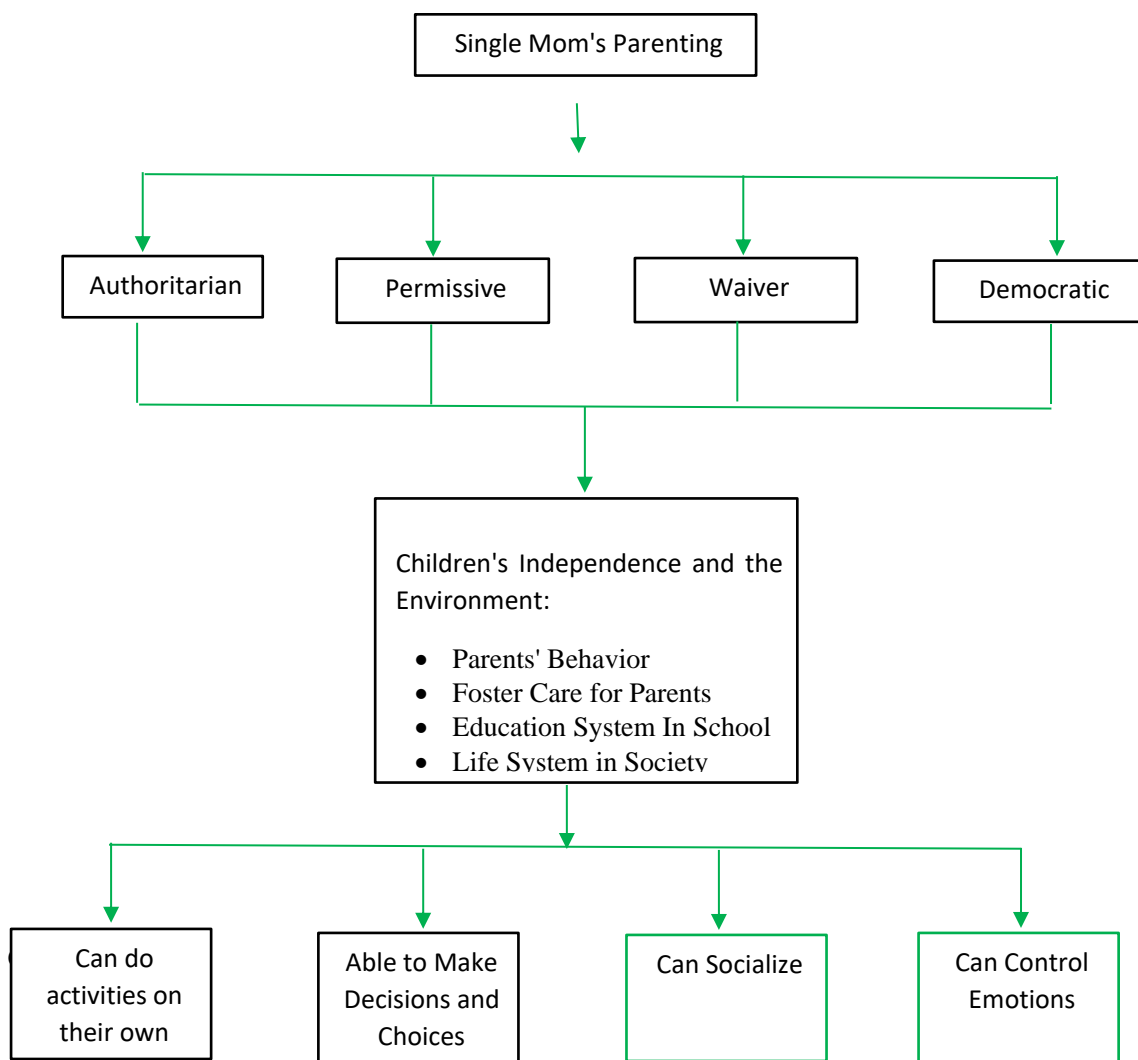


Figure 1. Research Model

The approach in this study is a descriptive qualitative approach, which is a research approach that seeks to describe a

phenomenon, event, event that occurs now, where this study photographs an event, an event that occurs now (Creswell, 2017). The



subject of this study is 2 single parents in a housing complex in the Bekasi area who have children aged 5-6 years. The author took 2 mothers as research subjects because the research considered them to be more masterful and understood the object to be researched, besides that they were also classified as still involved in the activities to be researched. Data collection techniques are carried out by: (1) Observation to provide additional information about the topic to be researched (Wolf , 2017); (2) Interview is the process of obtaining information for research purposes by means of face-to-face questions and answers between the interviewer and the informant or the interviewee, with or without the use of interview guidelines, where the interviewer and the informant are involved in relative social life (Burhan & Bungin, 2017); (3) Documentation is a process by searching for written data as research evidence in the form of notes, transcripts, books, letters, magazines, inscriptions, meeting minutes, agendas, and so on (Arikunto, 2014). The data analysis technique used in this study is to analyze data by following an interactive model (Miles & Huberman, 2014). This technique consists of four streams of activities that are carried out continuously and take place simultaneously during the research, which includes data collection, data reduction, and conclusion drawing (Miles & Huberman, 2014).

## **RESULT AND DISCUSSION**

### **Single Parent Parenting Pattern**

The parenting style provided by single *parents* to children affects the child's independence. With different parenting styles, the impact on children is also different. Such as the application of discipline to children, the cultivation of religious spirit in children and the cultivation of social attitudes in children to the attitude of children which then arise from the consequences of the parenting style applied.

In the parenting style provided by parents, among them is the child's habit to justify the bed and put the towel when he finishes bathing. In some parenting styles applied by single *parents*, some *single parents* assist their children when carrying out daily activities at home, informing their children about how to make the bed and put the towel.

Here are some examples of *single parent* parenting styles found in the field, for example done by Mrs. Dewi (34 years old), when she has free time she will tell her son Savvy (6 years old) about how to justify the bed and put the towel, when Savvy makes a mistake she will guide. The following is what Mrs. Dewi said: "yes, although sometimes I still help and I give an example so that Savvy can make his bed for a long time and Savvy can put his own towel".

The parenting style applied is also related to the discipline and parental attention about what the child does outside the home. Parents check the activities carried out by children outside the home to control what activities are carried out by children outside the home. Mrs. Dewi always monitors what her child does outside the house, Mrs. Dewi also does not prohibit her child from playing with anyone as long as it is still within reasonable limits. In this modern era, especially if only small children can play *mobile phones*, Dewi's mother limits her children to play *mobile phones* and provides understanding to children about *mobile phones*, the following is what Dewi's mother said: "I monitor, especially if the child is at home now, it's not like in the past, I've played *with mobile phones*, usually I give an understanding of what is allowed and what is not"

Then for the problem of learning time, *single parents* with boys find it difficult to tell their children to study, because boys are not too afraid of their mothers, unlike when with fathers who are much more firm, boys are more obedient. An example of this is what Ibu Ria is feeling in taking care of her son who sometimes does not listen to his commands and advice. Ria's mother had

difficulty telling her son to study and made her child not so disciplined in learning. Mrs. Dewi has strict rules so that children always study every day after Maghrib prayer time. The following is what Mrs. Dewi said: "Usually at night, I ask at school what I will repeat to teach again so that I can understand better"

The parenting pattern applied by *single parent* mothers has differences in families that are still intact. In a single-parent mother's family, a mother must take on a dual role which was previously the role of the father. With the status of a single parent or single mother, a woman automatically takes on a dual role in the family. The role that was originally the role of the father then became the role of the single *parent* mother as well. One of the dual roles that single parents then take is about work or providing support for the children they bear.

Although Dewi's mother and husband have died and will not come back, Dewi's mother revealed that she has no difficulties in economic problems and because Dewi's mother is working. Mrs. Dewi also revealed that she often brings up the status of a single parent to her children when she is angry. He also advises children by giving examples of their own lives. Mrs. Dewi's economic problems do not feel any difficulties. "There is nothing saddest when the child is annoying, if it is also annoying, I usually keep silent. When it comes to livelihood, it doesn't matter because Mrs. Dewi works and still receives a salary every month. The problem of bringing up the status of the past so that they know and understand also if they want to make mistakes, remember me."

In some single parent mothers, it is revealed that giving awards is necessary, but there are those who think that it is like what happened to Mrs. Dewi. These two mothers are different, Mrs. Ria does not give awards to her children because according to Ria's mother, if given gifts or awards, children will be used to expecting something from what they will do. The following is what Mrs. Ria

said: "Never because I think Arya's job is to learn later if I give her a gift she will ask for a gift if she behaves well".

Meanwhile, Mrs. Dewi explained that giving gifts to children because according to Mrs. Dewi, if given a gift, the child will be enthusiastic about her school. The following is what Mrs. Dewi said: "if a child is given an award, he will be enthusiastic about school".

Unlike Dewi's mother, Mrs. Ria (32 years old) in implementing parenting styles for children does not allow children to make their beds. Mrs. Ria felt that Arya (6 years old) was still too young. Here's what Ria's mother said: "no, I'm the one who often cleans the bed because it's still too small so it's still a mess so it's quick, I'm the only one who cleans it."

Unlike Mrs. Dewi, Mrs. Ria even though she works outside because she is a single parent who has to support her child, even though the father provides support to Mrs. Ria's child, but the maintenance provided is not completely like a husband and wife, so Mrs. Ria continues to work for the needs of herself and her child. Ria's mother entrusted Arya to her brother when Arya was naughty, Ria's mother told her brother not to hesitate to reprimand Arya. The following is what Mrs. Ria said: "When I am at home, I supervise and monitor, if I am not at home, I only leave it with my relatives to monitor Arya and if Arya is naughty, I usually tell her to reprimand."

Ria's mother said that sometimes it is difficult for her children to study, almost all the time she tells her children to study, but Arya is very difficult to be told to study. The following is what Mrs. Ria said: "after the Maghrib prayer, but Arya was very difficult to arrange to study, so I was firm and then she obeyed."

Mrs. Ria said that the difficulties she experienced as a single parent were only difficult to divide time for children and work. Difficulties due to the absence of dividing tasks in parenting, he has to play a dual role for the child. Even though Mrs. Ria's children like to be entrusted to relatives who are close to home, Arya's main upbringing is still

with Mrs. Ria who often finds it difficult because of the absence of a father. Then the problem of bringing up the widow status once Ria's mother did. The following is what Ria's mother said: "The obstacle is the difficulty of dividing time between office work and children. For the alimony, I still work, but half of that's why I work so that I don't rely on my husband. If it is a matter of attention, it is still if on Sundays Arya is usually with her father. The problem of bringing up status has been so that Arya knows how to understand how I struggle to meet the needs of the household and other needs."

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From the description of the parenting examples found, it can be concluded that Mrs. Dewi applies democratic parenting because they make a kind of mutually agreed rules, namely parents who try to appreciate children's abilities directly seen from how Mrs. Dewi gives a lot of understanding to her children, such as providing guidance to children when doing a job. Then Mrs. Ria implements an authoritarian parenting style, which can be seen from the way Mrs. Ria applies rules in learning and playing children who are always supervised by their mothers, who do not know compromise and in communication that is usually one-way.

### **The Impact of Parenting Provided by Single Parent Mothers**

Every parenting style applied by parents will have an impact on children's attitudes, including children's attitudes towards their social environment, children's attitudes towards their parents, and

children's attitudes towards themselves such as independence and discipline.

The child of Mrs. Dewi is used to helping her parents with homework because Mrs. Dewi patiently and meticulously accompanies her child to help with housework. Savvy likes to help Dewi's mother not have a hard time telling Savvy to go to the stall and Savvy likes to help throw the garbage in the kitchen into the yard.

It is further explained about the tasks of child development related to independence, namely the basic independence of children that can be done by children in childhood. In early childhood, children have developmental tasks such as independence in eating and dressing themselves which had previously started when they were babies and were perfected during early childhood at the age of six years of independence that can be done are helping themselves, helping others, school and play skills.

From the two examples of parenting styles above, one of the children of *the single parent* mother, Savvy, already has good independence in children of his age. Savvy can and wants to clean up his own toys, can wear his own clothes, take his own bath, and eat by himself. The following is what Mrs. Dewi said: "You can wear your own clothes, clean up your own toys, take a shower by yourself, and eat yourself. Cleaning up the toys without me asking has been cleaned up".

Then for independence regarding developmental tasks related to moral values, and religion is very important to apply to children. Of the two children, *all of the single parents* have carried out worship well. The following is what Mrs. Dewi said: "if the prayer is already done, even if the prayer is only Maghrib recitation, the Maghrib prayer is also finished, immediately recite at the TPA (Al'Quran Education Park) near the house."

Another impact that arises from parenting is the attitude of the child. Whether it's a child's attitude towards their parents, the environment, or themselves.

The child of Mother Dewi, Savvy has an easy nature to get along with at school, active and jovial, but usually Savvy if there is a new person he will definitely be with that person constantly and likes to seek attention. His attitude is also respectful to my older me as well. The following is what Mrs. Dewi said: "I sometimes ask the teacher how Savvy is doing at school, the teacher said that if at school Savvy the child is active when the teacher explains that he pays attention not to play, if he is finished, he will play. Savvy is also respectful of older people, but if there is a new person, he usually likes to seek attention."

With the attitude of parents who are too authoritarian, children become inspontaneous and like to act hard when children are under pressure, Arya who is usually slow when asked for help. The following is what Mrs. Ria said: "Usually you want to but it's very difficult, you usually have to have a reward like snacks in the stall". In Arya's case, the answer was obtained that Arya was not yet independent in eating, still being fed a bath, still waiting if she wore clothes and shoes, she could do it herself, but toys were sometimes cleaned up by herself if she was told. The following is what Mrs. Ria said about Arya's independence: "Wear her own clothes and shoes, but if I eat I still often feed her and take a shower sometimes I still like to take a bath and wait because if I take a bath by myself, it usually takes a long time, the toys if told to be cleaned up".

Likewise in the worship activities of Mrs. Ria's son, Arya. The following is what Ria's mother said: "Arya usually recites in the afternoon with her friends in the prayer room near her house, usually recites until the afternoon, so all the Maghrib prayers in the prayer room" Unlike Ibu Dewi, a child who is raised in an authoritarian pattern, Arya is more aggressive and difficult to control herself, disobedient if the teacher explains that usually Arya is busy with her own activities. The following is what Mrs. Ria said: "Arya is usually difficult to manage without me, if I still haven't come home from

work, you have said that Kevin has finished fighting with his peers, his teacher has also said that at school Arya is difficult to manage if it is being explained. But sometimes I give understanding to Arya so that she doesn't behave like that."

### **Single Parent Efforts in Fulfilling Children's Rights**

In the family environment, a child learns how to be compassionate to others. A child's feelings of anger and love are colored from his home and residence. Households have a significant influence in shaping human personalities, as well as arousing the spirit of life and the peace of mind. Basically, the household is the main factor where a child's personality grows and develops.

In this case, the role of the mother as a single parent is the only inspiration for her children to remain righteous children, therefore a mother must be smart in maintaining relationships with children, open up to each other, advise her children if they are wrong and always be a good example for their children. When comparing the burden of the mother's duties with the father's, starting from pregnancy to adulthood, it is not wrong to say that the mother's duties are heavier than the father's. There are many things that a father cannot do to his child, but a mother can do it. On the other hand, there are many duties that can be done by mothers, probably because of this so that respect for mothers takes precedence over fathers in terms of filial piety to parents.

A mother as a *single parent* certainly struggles to make a living alone, despite her poor condition, the existence of women as the head of the family shows that women are able to become the head of the family to maintain welfare and take care of the family.

*Single parents* have always tried to provide the best for their children, here are the efforts made by *single parents* in fulfilling children's rights: (a) providing Maintenance: Always try your best in terms of providing clothing, food, and board; (b) providing Education: Providing their

children with basic education is mandatory, having to be able to read and write is the main key for the child to succeed, because there are some of the *single parents* who still cannot read and write because they do not continue their school in elementary school, so *single parents* do not want that to happen to their children; (c) Giving Advice: Various advice is always given by *single parents* so that their children do not fall into the wrong path, they always advise good things for their children, reprimand if they are not disciplined, and give directions so that the child does not repeatedly make mistakes or upset the parents; (d) limiting Interaction with the Surrounding Environment: Giving boundaries to their children is one of the important things, because in their residential environment, there are still a lot of promiscuity, ranging from liquor, drugs to sex, therefore *single parents* are very careful in limiting their children's friendships not to exceed the limit.

From the efforts made by the *single parents* above are examples of findings in the field. A *single parent* tries hard to meet the needs of their children according to their abilities, these *single parents* try hard to make their children good, become the pride of parents, even though they are alone in terms of taking care of children, but they never despair to always make their children happy. Often complaining about the current condition, but they do not show it to their children, it is feared that their children will be carried away sad and burdened with this condition as a *single parent*.

It is undeniable that being a *single parent* is not easy, one of the problems is managing time between earning a living and managing the child's daily life. Working close to where you live is also one way to overcome the problem, so parents can supervise their children during breaks.

A mother as a *single parent* must often take time to talk to her children. Therefore, it must be done because the relationship between parents and their children in an educational relationship contains two basic elements, namely

affection for their children and the responsibility of educating their children. The responsibility of parents in taking care of their children is a big responsibility and very important, because the responsibility starts from birth to adulthood who are obliged to bear all obligations. Thus everything leads to his efforts to nurture children with all their specificity and time.

Lack of affection and attention to children will cause the child's personality to be bad, because no one monitors his daily life in behavior. Many desires have not been achieved by children who are *single parents*, but in the condition of an incomplete family and economically underprivileged, the child does not force his wishes to be fulfilled, but still waits until they can work and earn their own money.

In this case, there are several factors that affect the lack of fulfillment of children's rights in *single-parent families*, namely: (a) parental Education: The educational background of the parents is very influential for the future of their children, parents who only have their modest knowledge do not put much emphasis on education, and many from the results of the author's interviews that if their children do not want to, they as parents do not force, just because their children are difficult to manage or do not have the will to continue education both formal and non-formal (Studies, Religious Education); (b) Economy: Economic constraints are certainly the main factor in *single-parent families*, where a mother must earn her own living to meet the needs of the family. Family income for *single parents* is very related to the education of the child, where in a lack of economic conditions, a child has to sacrifice education to help the mother in earning a living for the family. So that a new paradigm was formed in the minds of these children that by looking for money they could live adequately without any shortages; (c) Employment: Lack of employment results in *single parents* only becoming odd jobs or laborers, there are no adequate jobs for them to get a living wage, this results in their needs being lacking; (d)

Surrounding Environment: The surrounding residential environment greatly influences the mindset of *single parents* themselves and children, especially in terms of parenting and education; € Religious Factors: Minimal religious knowledge, rarely participating in the ta'lim ceremony or just following do not really understand the results of the recitation, so they are still confused in applying the teachings of the religion, both for themselves and for their children.

From some of the factors that have been explained above, it can be said that the efforts of *single parents* in fulfilling children's rights are to build a good and harmonious relationship with children. Mothers as *single parents* can give advice or inputs to their children to always be a motivation to remain enthusiastic in undergoing food and have the desire to achieve higher education and make their families happy.

### Parenting Tips for Single Parents

Being a *single parent* requires high strength and patience, because you have to carry out a dual role to take care of and educate children, as well as the role of a breadwinner. Because of the many tasks carried out, some single parents sometimes neglect their own health and forget to be a positive person.

A *single parent* is required to take care of their child alone. Therefore, single parents must pay close attention to their child's development so that their children do not experience deep trauma because they are abandoned by a father or mother. Here are parenting tips for *single parents* that can be used as a reference: (a) Finding a Substitute for Father or Mother: The replacement figure in question does not have to look for a partner anymore, but by giving the child a father or mother figure in his siblings, such as his aunt, uncle, grandmother, or grandfather. In this way, the child can get pleasure because the child does not feel that he has lost the figure of his father or mother; (b) Playing the Role of a Father or Mother: Being a *single parent* is

indeed required to be able to play the role of a mother and father at the same time. If you have a boy, a *single mom* must be able to accompany her child to play boys' games such as cars or robots. Likewise with a *single father* who has a daughter. They must be able to play the figure of a mother and accompany their children to play women's games, such as dolls or cooking; (c) Give Children More Time: When becoming a *single parent*, work is an obligation so that the child's life needs are met properly and there is no shortage of materials. Because of this, the time spent with children is of course reduced. To make enough time together, parents can do quality time with their children when the weekend arrives, such as going for a walk or just accompanying them to play. This is done so that children still feel cared for by their parents; (d) Give the child an explanation of the real situation: When the time comes, as a parent must explain about the real situation about what really happened. Of course, with language that is straightforward and easy for children to understand. Tell clearly what caused the divorce or death of the father or mother. Never lie about what really happened, because the child will feel disappointed later on.

### CONCLUSION

The conclusion obtained from the parenting style given by single parents is that the parenting style provided by single parent mothers with democratic parenting is more responsible, warm, and accomplished. Meanwhile, children who are raised with authoritarian parenting tend to like to act at will, aggressively. Children sometimes do not follow the rules of learning at school, do not obey the teacher, do not want to obey, but if there is a mother, she will listen to what the mother commands. The obstacle of single parent parenting in forming children's independence is that by applying different parenting styles to children, it has an impact on the level of independence that is also different in children. Children with mixed

parenting do not have an attitude of independence. Children who are raised in a democratic pattern have a high attitude of independence. As for the rights of children that should be obtained, namely regarding maintenance and education, most single parents on average try to be able to meet the needs in the maintenance part, but for education still most of them do not really meet it, due to family economic factors and also the education of the single parents is minimal, so they still feel confused about their obligations as parents. Being a single parent is not easy, a heavy burden is borne by one person, therefore a single parent must be strong in any situation and condition, must be able to adapt to the needs that should be needed in the current era, not only making money, but in terms of carrying out education for their children it is very important for a better life in the future. The community and the government must play an active role in developing single parent skills, especially in the field of creativity, or a type of handmade work that can later help them earn additional income. Not only creating programs, but also running the programs together and sustainably. Not forgetting also by helping to find scholarship land for the children of underprivileged single parents, this will help for the education of these children. Parents must pay attention to the parenting style given to children and their impact on children's lives in the future. Parents who are too permissive to allow their children to do whatever they want are expected to be more firm and warn their children when they do something bad. And for authoritarian parents, it is expected to be even more gentle so that children can control themselves, and obey older people. So that children become independent figures and do not depend on others, especially children become useful for the people around them. Children are expected to understand the parenting style given by their parents, carry out what is ordered by their parents obediently. Children must understand that what parents do is for the good of the child himself. And the child is

expected to try to be more independent and therefore for the good of the child.

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