

The devastating effects of family breakdown and fatherlessness isn't just laying waste to families, it also comes at a punitive human and economic cost to employers and the taxpayer.

According the Relationships Foundation 'Cost of Family Failure Index', the economic cost of family breakdown in 2016 was £48bn or £1,820 for every taxpayer. That's more than our entire defence budget, which was pegged at £35.1bn in 2016.

Source: The London Economic WWW

A million Children growing up without fathers

Lone parent families are increasing by more than 20,000 a year, and will top two million by the next general election. In some areas fatherlessness has reached such high levels that they are virtual "men deserts",

Source: The Centre for Social Justice

One in five children from a broken home loses touch with a parent within three years and never sees them again. Many more lose contact as they grow older, most often with fathers after mothers are awarded custody. Families minister Maria Miller described the scale of family breakdown as a 'tragedy'..

Source: Mail Online

Fatherless Britain: Leaderless Britain - What Is a Youth Without a Government?

Much has been made of the impact that a single-parent family can have on a child's future, with claims of father absence being linked to higher rates of teenage crime, pregnancy and disadvantages across the board. Yet what can be said for an entire nation of young people without a government to guide them and support them in the choices they make? As with many of these issues, Word on the Curb has talked to and worked with artists who observe, engage with and probe these parallels between large social issues and a government that largely ignores young people. Samuel King, the latest addition to Word on the Curb, hits the nail on the head in his new poem, aptly named 'Fatherless Britain':

Source: Huffington Post Online