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Hi my name is and I have been abused by both my ex partners and the family legal system. This is my story years ago I split up with my wife of years we had children together with her citing unreasonable behaviour which I accepted that as at the time I could of been a better husband but time moved on and I met a new partner, my ex wife then changed her divorce claim to adultery so she wouldn't have to pay costs. This was the start of my parental alienation first she started with the oldest and she stopped coming to see me, then she started on the middle and I could see this happening so we went to court, in court I was treated like a criminal and nothing I said was believed even made a mockery of I spents thousands of pounds to get a court order and it meant nothing few weeks after court all my children stopped coming and when I called at the house I was told they not going so clear off, when went to my solicitor he shrugged his shoulders and said they not gonna put a mother in jail or fine her, it's been 3 years no contact with my children. Onto partner no2 who I have children with we split from then I have only been allowed 2 overnight a month no weekend or holidays and weekly abuse at pick ups and drop offs until I could take no more and was suicidal over it all so I stopped contact and my sister took over this was 4 months I have been allowed a phone call or see at all bar my youngest on birthday for 10mins, I had another present for my other but she wouldn't let him out of the house for me to give it to him, my ex has even called the police for me calling at the house to leave sweets off for my ex says I will have no contact until I get a court order from a judge, I work part time because I left full time work to look after the kids I can't afford court with paying out two maintenance bills . I feel lost ,I feel like a 2nd class citizen, I feel abused by my ex partners daily and the legal system that supports them. It's my belief if when people split up the kids where automatically shared 50/50 both in time and in financial there wouldn't be so much need for family court, both my ex's work as little hours possible so to gain the highest benefits possible also they both give me as little overnights as possible to gain the highest maintenance they could from me. I known a lot of men in the same boat having to fight tooth and nail in a society that doesn't care when it comes to family where equal rights is forgotten about all of a sudden women are weak and vulnerable need supported and men meh who cares about them .

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