

CRONACHE: I CESARONI THE ITALIAN TV SITCOM ABOUT DIVORCE

Separation, “I Cesaroni make it easy, but in the real life...”

TV talks about divorce exasperating the conflict (like the movie “Roses war”) or sweetening like I Cesaroni do. But, in the real life there’s much submerged, hidden, pain. So FABIO BARZAGLI, separated father and son of separated parents, talks to AFFARITALIANI.IT to bring attention back to children and joint custody (also raised these days by some famous anchor men and football players): “Children pay the most painful consequences of divorce, but unfortunately they will realize it only when they will be grows up.”

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“It’s good to defend separated father rights and to think about more effective laws, but don’t forget children rights! In these wars between parents they suffer more then all, now and in future, because some kind of pain will be rationalized only in adult age”. **Fabio Barzagli, founder and director of websites www.infanzia-adolescenza.info and www.paternita.info lived the separation and divorce experience as son, father and husband too.**

Children pay the most weight of parents divorce, but it often happens that they take a back seat, forgetting them between economic claims, pressures and counting hours spent at once parent’s home instead of another. “The new law in parliament is welcome, for that I fight in first person, but there’s also **a cultural and moral action to bring forward**. Since many years Barzagli get involved in defence of children and family rights, collaborating with Prof. Marino Maglietta, chairman of the national association “Crescere Insieme” author of the present Italian joint custody law N.54/2006, attending in special way to represent all over Italy the family associations and to help the people facing the tragedy of divorce.



Fabio Barzagli, having lived the experience in first person, knows well how does it feel, especially when you are a son: "My parents divorced when I was 18 – he says – even if first discussions and problems started when I was about 12. But.. only at 30 I realized how many implications and suffering I took with me, and consequences that divorce has had in my life, starting from my studies to my work, from my health to my relationships with other people. The parents separation, however it happens, suddenly leaves an empty space inside you. Since the day the war starts, you understand you will not be able to count on them, on your family.

In Italy 450.000 people/year live the experience of divorce. Among them 100.000 are children, and third of them will see their relationship with the father disappear. However, for others the relationships will continue in an unbalanced way: 80% of time with one parent (the "supervisor", almost always mother) and 20% with the other one. In practice only 6 days a month will be spent on father's home. A son of separated parents is 77% more at risk to have mental distress or panic attacks.

Through brochures, TV programs, courses and awareness campaign, **Barzagli tries to bring families towards a "gentle divorce"**, a "quiet examination" of problems, and a reconciliation attempt. Children must be guided to make them realize what's going on, and give them necessary consciousness to accept the new situation.



In this awareness process, mass media don't help: "TV passes on contrasting and false messages. The separation is told exasperating the conflict (like the movie *Roses War*) or sweetening it (like *I Cesaroni* fiction do, making everything easy and funny): both TV programs are far from reality. In the real life there is much submerged pain".

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