



# Child custody laws need shock treatment

By Bill Flores, Justice Reporter

The recent incident in which Fathers 4 Justice members bombarded English Prime Minister Tony Blair with a flour-filled condom during a Parliament session is an event that was due to happen. England has the worst justice system when it comes to dealing with child-custody and divorce issues.

This is not to trivialize what is going on in other countries that are just a step behind, such as Canada, New Zealand and Australia. But it is the worst in England because cases are shrouded in secrecy. The public and press are not allowed to attend. Thus, the wrong doings of the divorce racket are more difficult to discover and denounce.

The gender bias that Fathers 4 Justice is trying to denounce is the force that keeps the divorce industry's wheels rolling. In a fair system, the results would soon become predictable and parents would not go to court. The group is right in using these kinds of tactics to draw attention to their plight because the solutions are well known to members of Parliament across the Commonwealth.

We have to put an end to those making a living out of the misery of broken families, and, when all the means to make change peacefully have been exhausted, civil disobedience is appropriate.

If this event is seen as violent then we have to examine the violence governments are perpetrating against parents by jailing them, forcing them to commit suicide or abandon their children while at the same time robbing them of the financial resources that belong to their children.

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