

DEFINITION OF PARENTAL ALIENATION SYNDROME

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The Parental Alienation Syndrome (PAS) is a disorder that arises primarily in the context of child custody disputes. Its primary manifestation is the child's campaign of denigration against the parent, a campaign that has no justification. It results from the combination of a programming (brainwashing) parent's indoctrinations and the child's own contributions to the falsification of the targeted parent. When true parental abuse and/or neglect is present the child's animosity may be justified, and so the parental alienation syndrome explanation for the child's hostility is not applicable.

PROBLEMS WITH GARDNER'S DEFINITION:

1. Parental Alienation is not a syndrome or a disorder. It is a situation which arises when one parent deliberately sets out to turn a child or children against the other parent through a program of indoctrination/brainwashing.