

PARENTAL ALIENATION FAQ

How does an alienated child behave?

The behavioral manifestations of a severely alienated child—that Richard Gardner found in the 1980s—have been confirmed over and over again:

1. Campaign of denigration
2. Weak, frivolous, or absurd reasons for the rejection
3. Lack of ambivalence
4. “Independent thinker” phenomenon
5. Reflexive support of the alienating parent
6. Absence of guilt
7. The presence of borrowed scenarios
8. Rejection of extended family and friends of the rejected parent

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