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According to Larson (2009), there is a trend toward waiting to marry and toward postponing the birth of the first child.

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Child support payments can be withheld from wages in more and more states (Schorr, 2001).

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Fredersen (1997) notes that "natural fathers aren't the only ones raising children on their own. As more families split up, social workers note that stepfathers increasingly are being called on to bring up other people's kids" (p. 62).

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**Magazine article with an author**

Fredersen, J. H. (1997, April 13). When fathers raise children alone. *U.S. News and World Report*, 112(14), 61-62.

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Gone rehabbing: Fathers in rehab. (2006, June 5). *Parental Rehabilitation Magazine*, 13(6), 5-9.

**Scholarly journal article**

Larson, G. (2009). Cross-cultural studies of fatherhood. *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 47(3),18-24.

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MacNeil, L., & O'Brien, M. B. (Eds.). (2002). *The father figure* (3rd ed.). New York, NY: Tavistock.

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Schorr, B. (2001, April 12). States cracking down on fathers dodging child-support payments. *New York Times*, pp. A1, A14.

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Valsiner, J. (1989). The father's role in the social network of the Soviet child. In M.E. Lamb (Ed.), *The role of the father in child development* (pp. 187-201). New York, NY: Wiley.

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Goldberg, W. A. (2014). *Father time: The social clock and the timing of fatherhood* [ebrary version]. Retrieved from <http://site.ebrary.com/lib/austin/reader.action?docID=10952847>

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Cullen, L., & Grossman, L. T. (2007, October 15). Fatherhood 2.0. *Time*, 170(16), 63-66. Retrieved from <http://www.time.com>

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