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We welcome you to this week’s edition of ‘Voices from the Streets’, a programme by the street kids.

This week we have a debate with the topic MOTHERS ARE MORE CARING THAN FATHERS.

Before we start this debate, let’s meet the participants.
Those who are for the motions are: Kehinde Tijani, Sulaimon Olalekan, Samson Kudaisi and those against the motion are: Lekan Umoru, Aye Azeez, Tope Adebayo.

Olalekan: Let’s now start the debate with those who say mothers are more caring than fathers.

Umoru: It is true that mothers are more caring than fathers because after the woman has had her baby, she is to nurture the baby, but the father will not stay at home to lend a helping hand.

Kehinde: Fathers are more caring than mothers and I say so because it is the father that goes to work to be able to provide for the family. Also, when the child misbehaves, he is more likely to take corrections from the father.

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Olalekan: We will listen to more submissions from those who say the mother is more caring than the father.

Ayo A: My reasons for supporting this motion are that it is the mother that backs the child for three years and knows where the child is at any given time. But the father does not care, all he does is spend most of his time outside his home, after he must have dropped housekeeping allowance, some do not even give their wives housekeeping allowance.

Olalekan: We will now hear from the opposing team.

Suleimon: My name is Suleimon Olamilekan. My reasons for opposing the motion are that if there is no father, then there is no family. If the father does not go out to earn some money, the family will not eat.

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Olalekan: Let’s now hear the next participant.

I am for the motion because the child has a closer relationship with the mother. The child will prefer to confide in the mother than in the father.

The mother is more persuasive than the father. The child is able to tell the mother the truth, always, but the father is always too forceful in his demand for the truth.

Olalekan: Now from the opposition.

Samsideen K:
My name is Samsideen Kudaisi and I agree that the father is more than the mother. Firstly, without a father, there won’t be a child. It is the father that provides feeding allowance for the
family and everything that is to be done in the home is provided for by the father.

Olalekan: Now that we have heard from both sides, those who are supporting the motion that the mother is more caring than the father and those against the motion, we should be able to judge. But before we go, let’s hear conclusions from two sides. First, those who oppose of the motion.

Sulaimon: My name is Suleimon Olamilekan. When a woman gives birth, it is the father that helps in the house chores like washing of dirty clothes and cooking.

Samsideen: It is the father that takes care of the whole family. He takes the child Kudaisi to school, pays bills.

Kehinde T: My name is Kehinde Tijani. It is the father people ask after when the child is involved in anything. When the child is ill, it is the father that takes the responsibility if treating the child in the hospital. Without a father, one cannot start a family.

Olalekan: The supporters of the motion will now sum up their points.

Umoru: My name is Lekan Umoru. I still support the motion that mothers are more caring than the father. Fathers are womanizers and drunks and so have little time for their families, but mothers are always there for the children and are able to manage then homes.

Ayo A: My name is Ayo Azeez. If the father does not provide housekeeping allowance, it is the mother who goes out to do odd jobs that provides for the family. Some mothers even go begging for alms in order to be able to provide for the family.
Tope A: My name is Tope Adebayo. Nowadays the family responsibility rests on the mother’s shoulders. All the father does is stay away from home for long hours.

*Songs on the importance of a mother............*

Olalekan: You be the judge, who is more caring the mother or the father? That is the end of the programme today. Until next week when we come your way again, I am Olalekan Abiola.

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