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When strife in a family leads to divorce, it's important to remember that children are affected as much as adults. Dr. Bill Terry of the University of Nevada School of Medicine tells HEALTHLINE that children may feel rejected or even think they caused the problem:

"Children don't believe in no-fault divorce. They demonstrate their dissatisfaction with their parents' separation by anxiety, aggression, and very often self blame. They think they're unloved, or unloveable. They have a problem accepting the reality of the separation and its permanence. Divorce can affect a child's later relationships. It's important for the parents to talk to their children, so that the child knows that he or she is not at fault for their parents difficulty in getting along."

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