Alec Baldwin Blames Everyone and Everything … Except Himself

By Elizabeth Black

If Alec Baldwin thinks he can blame “parental alienation” for his horrendous behavior towards his daughter when she didn’t answer the phone during a scheduled phone visitation, he has another thing coming.

He called his eleven-year-old daughter, Ireland, “a rude, thoughtless little pig.” He bellowed that “you’ve insulted me for the last time”, and he threatened to “straighten your ass out.”

All because she didn’t answer the phone.

He also blamed his ex-wife Kim Basinger for his behavior. He ranted on the phone message that “I don’t give a damn that you’re 12 years old or 11 years old, or a child, or that your mother is a thoughtless pain in the ass who doesn’t care about what you do.” He also ranted, “Once again I’ve made an ass of myself trying to call you at a specific time. I’m going to straighten your ass out when I see you.” He didn’t stop there. He continued to put her down: “You don’t have the brains or the decency as a human being.”

Does he think that he is entitled to his daughter’s attention, and when she doesn’t give it to him as he demands, that he has a right to rant and rave like this?

Because of this tape, the Los Angeles court barred Baldwin from visitation for a month. So what does Baldwin do? Does he apologize to his daughter?

No. He goes on TV and on his web site, blaming everyone and everything but himself for his horrendous and abusive behavior. He wrote the following on his web site: “I’m sorry, as everyone who knows me is aware, for losing my temper with my child. I have been driven to the edge by parental alienation for many years now.”

Ireland is embarrassed by the ordeal, and she wants the fighting to stop, especially since it is so public.
Supporters of “parental alienation” have jumped on the Baldwin case, hoping to gain positive media attention. They should be prepared for media attention that shows that “parental alienation” is garbage. “Parental alienation” is junk science that is not recognized by the American Psychological Association. It is used by abusive fathers to justify their horrendous behavior, and to blame their behavior on the mothers of their children. Most parents who use “parental alienation” in court are fathers who have been accused of and sometimes convicted of domestic violence and child abuse.

Baldwin’s rant is not that of a loving father. Loving fathers don’t say things like this to their children: “This crap you pull on me with this goddamn phone situation that you would never dream of doing to your mother, and you do it to me constantly.”

Hasn’t he wondered why his daughter doesn’t want to talk to him? Could it be because of rants like this? Why should he expect his daughter to want to talk to him when he treats her like crap?

It’s interesting that he’s bringing up “parental alienation” and blaming Basinger for all of his problems with Ireland. If Basinger is the problem as he claims, why is his entire tirade on the phone directed to Ireland? Also, considering the attacks he has made in this phone message against her mother, couldn’t he be accused of trying to “alienate” her from her mother? Talk about a double standard!

Baldwin is doing damage control because now everyone knows how he treats his daughter and his ex-wife. The only “parental alienation” is that which Baldwin is creating for himself. Hopefully the court will see how harmful his comments and behavior have been towards his daughter, and protect her from further harm.

http://www.nuts4chic.com/2006/Columnists/Elizabeth_Black/Alec_Baldwin/Alec_Baldwin.htm