

PARENTS RIGHTS? DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST OUR CHILDREN

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In today's "enlightened age of global communication and cultural awareness", do parents have the right to spank, raise their voice, use some measure of force or control to discipline their children. Do we take the path of talking and reasoning with our children and advising them that what they are doing is not appropriate or acceptable.

It appears that case studies have shown that excessive or harsh punishments are not a solution. But then again those who were not disciplined ended up with problems later in life. If this is the case what then is the middle road, what is the most effective measures if any a parent can take. Can we as parents, be forced to change, modify or mend our ways and behaviour to conform with those rules, regulations, procedures, policies of arm chair psychologists, law makers and lay people.

Certainly I am sure that no one would agree with harsh punishments being meted out as it would have a negative effect on a child that will forever be embedded in their psych and affect them later in life. I believe that if a parents has been taught societal values and morals, the right from wrong, has been loved and nurtured, reasoned with and occasionally disciplined (with some spanking if necessary), then they have the basic skills to raise their own children without the external interference of "goody goodys" who mean well but do more harm than good.

Whatever the case may be, the examples we demonstrate to our children remain with them forever. This is my opinion only and may differ greatly to that of others.



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