



**SPECIAL ISSUE ON
THE FOCUS ON PARENTING STYLES
PROLOGUE**

The immediate duty vested upon the couples after getting married is to give birth to a child. This has been the routine practice of the society and the parents of the couples but have they ever thought what they have got with this decision? Have the couples ever thought what they are to do after giving birth to a child? Have they ever checked their level of mental preparedness? They wouldn't have even got settled comfortably knowing about each other within this, they give birth to a young one and start quarreling against each other depriving the positive growth of a child.

In this paper I have dealt about the parenting styles and the qualities that the parents should have while taming their kid. And at this moment I would like to thank my parents for being such a wonderful dad and mom and also for being a constant pillar of support in my life. They way they tamed me helped with some points in this paper. Let us know what parenting really is which could make our parents feel comfortable in their parenting and also to contribute a powerful generation next to ours.

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A FOCUS ON PARENTING STYLES

INTRODUCTION:

Parenting plays a major role in the outcome of every society. Every individual when born in this earth is entitled to grow under their parent's guidance. The character, human value, education, responsibility, respects, and a whole human being is got by parenting. Parenting is a complex activity that includes many specific behaviors that works individually and together to influence child's outcomes.

Both the contribution of father and mother must be equal to balance and let the child know every aspect of life. Parents must thoroughly be prepared mentally before they give birth to a child. A child is not only an asset to a particular family but an asset to the globe. The child has got its own duty to be done in the world for which it has to be tamed giving proper concentration.

Now let us take a look upon the different styles in the genre of parenting, the four major styles include

-  **ATHOURITATIVE STYLE**
-  **ATHOURITARION STYLE**
-  **INDULGENT STYLE**
-  **NEGLECTFUL STYLE**

 **ATHOURITATIVE STYLE:**

- ⦿ The authoritative parents takes a different, more moderate approach that emphasizes setting high standards, being nurturing and responsive, and showing respect for children as independent, rational beings. The authoritative parents expect maturity and co-operation, and offers children lots of emotional support which is very much essential.
- ⦿ A good balance between the two enables the child to develop individualism, responsibility, and makes them easy to get socialized and adjusted to any circumstances.
- ⦿ The parents following this particular type of parenting style will be both demanding and responsive towards their children.
- ⦿ The parents encourage originality, open communication and listen to their children point of view and allow them to express themselves freely. At the same time the parents are highly concerned about the child's conduct and behavior.
- ⦿ The parents have control over their children by convincing them which makes them develop self-confidence, be highly self esteemed and an ability to control their aggression.

- By this the parents create a highly level of reliability towards them and the children approach their parents with great confidence when they are in a state of indecisiveness.
- The children grown under the authoritative parenting styles are high achievers, happy, self-reliant, self-controlled, friendly, contented, generous and co-operative.
- Hence authoritative style of parenting is said to be the most balanced parenting style. They are neither a strict authoritarian nor a lenient pessimist.

AUTHORITARIAN STYLE:

- The very meaning of the style is got from its name “authoritarian”. This style of parenting involves strict, regulated and a stiff way of parenting.
- Authoritarian parents are obedience and status oriented who expect their orders to be obeyed without explanation.
- The parenting type will be dictating and will take blaming, shaming, coercion and punishment as their parenting style.

- This type of parenting leaves the children feel bad about themselves, let them know what not to do but not what to do, that is they always need someone to tell what to do even when they become adult, it also makes them feel that their parent's love depends on their behavior and deprive their self-confidence, individualism and makes them detach from socializing.
- The parents of this parenting style are highly demanding but not responsive towards their children.
- The parents of this style tend to punish and abuse their children irrespective of their environment which makes them be low at their self-esteem, get irritated easily, and deprived of happiness, love and joy.
- The children grown under authoritarian style will be obedient, distrustful, discontent, withdrawn, unhappy, and hostile. They don't achieve high and often rebel.
- Hence the authoritarian style of parenting is not apt for child taming process because we have no rights to harm any individual in this universe even them being our own children. We have to give proper environment and certain degree of independence for contributing positively for the global growth.

INDULGENT STYLE:

- The Indulgent style is a style of parenting which to the maximum lacks in authoritarian style. The parents of this style believe that real showing of love to their child and feeling their love back is the ultimate goal in parenting.
- The parents of this style shower limitless love and attention but they don't reprimand them for their wrong behavior. There are no rules or demands set for the children and they will lack directive guidance from their parents.
- The parents are too supportive and do not teach their children the difference between the good and the bad. They tend to support and encourage every decision of their children. This makes the children unable to distinguish the do's and the don'ts. When they setup out of the parental circle and try to stand on their own leg they face too many difficulties as the world will not be indulgent to them.
- The parents of the indulgent or permissive style are more responding but not so demanding to their children.
- The permissive or indulgent parenting style has more negative than positives. The liberation that they get from their parents could make them indulge in anti-social activity, they may go to any extreme to get what they want, they

can be easily agitated and sometime they also tend to overpower their parents.

- ⦿ This style of parenting would suit for a shy, introvert kid to tame itself as an individual with independent nature but for a normal of hyperactive kid this style will topple the future of the kid upside down.

👉 **NEGLECTFUL STYLE:**

- ⦿ The neglectful style of parenting is completely opposite to that of an involved parenting style. They neither show love or attention to their children nor set them any limits or rules. They totally don't get involved in the life or growth of their children.
- ⦿ They don't care their kid, they don't spend quality time with their kid, they don't give support to the emotional problem of their kid, they don't teach their kid, they don't feed the kid with the essential nutrients, they abuse their kid either physically, verbally or sexually, the psychological needs of the kid are not met out.
- ⦿ The parents of this parenting style are both unresponsive and undemanding to their kids.

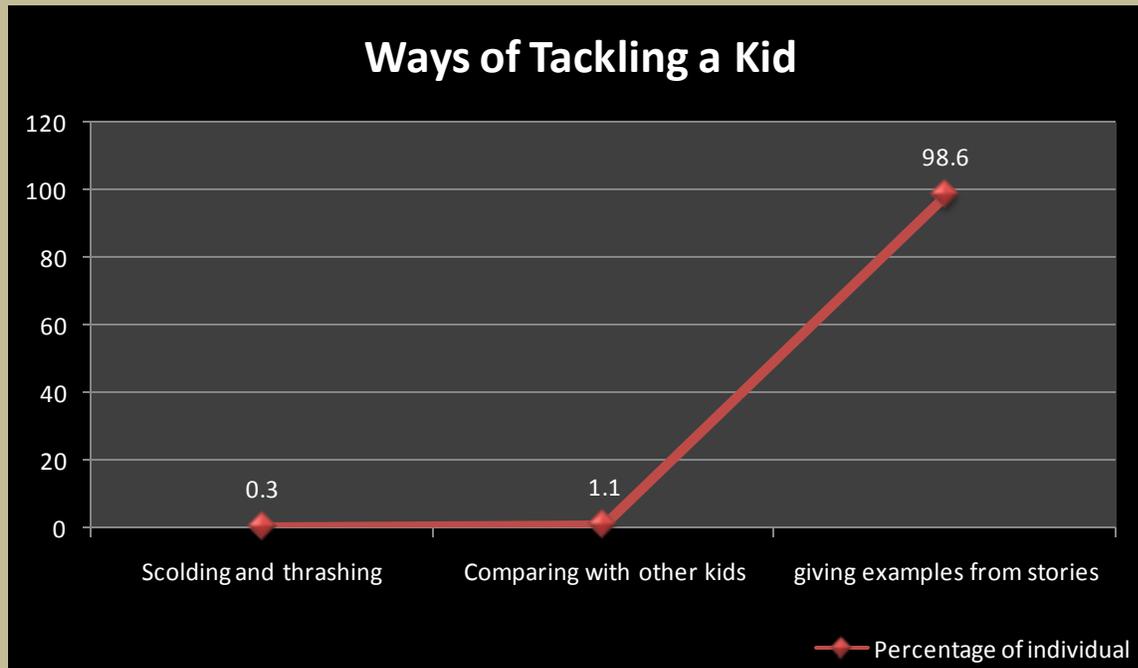


- The children growing under this style of parenting end up with loneliness and are deprived with care, education, physical support, emotional support, psychological support. They neither have friends or relatives by their side nor are they able to socialize with anyone.

- The children after some years stop depending on their parents and sometimes exhibit contradictory behavior and are emotionally withdrawn from social situations.

- This style of parenting is not suitable for any kids and to say transparently this style is completely not a parenting style at all. Parents must be mentally prepared before they give birth to a child. We should feel ashamed and offended if we spoil a future of an individual in this world.

A poll in an orkut community named child psychology shows us that maximum number of individuals thinks that the best way to tackle a child is by convincing them. Let us take a look at the chart.



<http://www.orkut.co.in/Main#CommPollResults?cmm=457456&pid=1656796439&pct=1180256722>

In the poll there are 370 total votes the last 9 votes are with inconsiderable option so I have omitted that option and calculated the percentage for the rest above three 361 votes. The result of which is graphed above.

Now let us see how parenting was done from time to time in this world from the evolution of human being.

- ★ **Parenting Pattern in Joint Family**
- ★ **Parenting Pattern in Nuclear Family**
- ★ **Parenting Pattern of Employed Family**

☀ PARENTING PATTERN IN JOINT FAMILY:

- † The joint family pattern more or less was exhibited by the band society which is exhibited by the hunter-gatherer and by the tribal group.
- † Joint family on a broader view is defined as three or more generations living under one roof. But a detailed definition of joint family is “Joint family is a group of people who live under one roof, who eat food cooked at one hearth, who hold property in common and participate in common worship and are related to each other with some particular type of relationship.
- † Parenting in Joint family has always been very easy as the child got love, care, affection from every individual of the family.
- † It is not only the parents who tame the children in the joint family. Whole of the family from grand-parents to uncle and aunty contributes to the growth of a child including its parents.
- † A child grown under the Joint family pattern receives the best taming process as all the positive styles of parenting would be involved in this pattern. He would receive an authoritative style from his parents, permissive style from his grand-parents, again authoritative or permissive from their uncle and aunty.

- † A child grown under the joint family pattern will learn to socialize easily and get adjusted with any situation easily, they will be highly responsible and with good level of self-confidence and tolerance level. They will also exhibit high degree of respect and a quality of oneness along with they also get imparted with sharing quality in them.

- † The Joint family parenting pattern was and is the best pattern of parenting and is suitable for a great outcome of an individual if all members of the family live without ego and with a quality of oneness which has become highly impossible in the current scenario.

🍏 PARENTING PATTERN IN NUCLEAR FAMILY:

- † Nuclear family is the one which evolved in the later stage of the human civilization. During the Ancient time joint family was very familiar which slowly got diluted in the medieval period and in early modern period the nuclear family got more familiar than the joint family.

- † Nuclear family is nothing but the parents and children alone live under roof. The size of the family got reduced here. The parenting, love and care quotient to the children has also got reduced subsequently.

- † The child in the nuclear family tends to get love and care only from its parents. The child has got no one to console it when reprimanded by its parents.
- † The father of the child goes for work and for the progress of his family he should work hard where he is able to spend little time with his child and the maximum parenting is done by the mother.
- † Even here the balance was made as when the father reprimands the mother console the child and explains his mistake politely.
- † Authoritative style of parenting existed more commonly in the nuclear family's parenting pattern. Once in a while either the grandparents would visit the child or the child would visit them where the child was exposed to more love and permissive style.
- † The child parented under the nuclear family pattern will grow up with less tolerance, low degree of unity and sharing quality, much low degree of responsibility compared to the one got in joint family and to some extent will exhibit self-fish and greediness.
- † The nuclear family parenting pattern if carried out properly will result positively but if done without proper care there are high degree of possibilities of it resulting in the negative way.

☛ PARENTING PATTERN IN EMPLOYED FAMILY:

- † The subsistence in the present demands both of the parents to get employed where parenting becomes a question or given less concern.
- † The primary belief of the current parental generation is that money could do anything for them but they forget to realize that money will tweak out their basic psychological necessity of life. They are running after money which has led them doing lot many unethical tasks.
- † The parents in the employed family put their children at play homes or pre-school at the age of 2 to 2 and a half from this everything to them will be school, tuition centre, coaching centre, college, university, they will be set to a race with the same aged group members of the society. No concern is given to the interest and desires of the children, the choices of the parents are dumped on the kids and when they truly realize what they are doing to their children the whole drama is finished.
- † The parenting style is mostly permissive and over-protective. They get their children whatever they want the next moment they ask. The child is admitted to a highly reputed schools even if he doesn't gets qualified, the admission is got by bribing money, next he will get admitted in a reputed university again

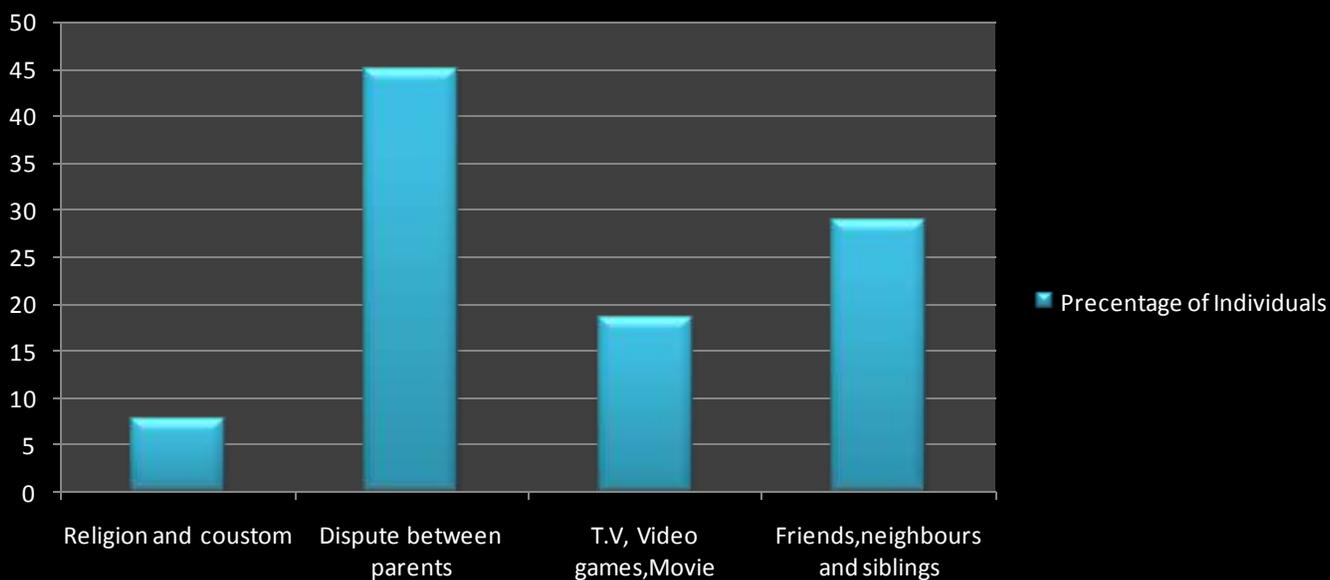
by bribing, employment again by bribing then he starts bribing for his promotion, progress and the whole process is replayed again when he becomes a parent finally leaving the world with no quality.

- † In this type of parenting many robots are created who does what is commanded to them and there is neither originality nor creativity.
- † The children brought up under such condition exhibits adamancy, gets irritated easily, has less amount of responsibility, thinks unethical way of living favors and does everything unethically, forgets to absorb humanity, human values and respect.
- † The most dangerous situation is this and now we generate lot such poisonous creature in this world who doesn't sit back and think what they do is ethical or not.
- † No proper nutrients are given to the kids and they are exposed to very high level of lavishness. They don't understand the importance of money and spend them like water and are even ready to do the most unethical and anti-social activities for the sake of earning money.
- † Something must be done to this otherwise unethical deeds would get deep rooted in the world and for sure would end up in the extinction of whole

humanity. I am just amazed completely, we being evolved from animals which have many divinely qualities possess a maximum of evil and devil qualities. One thing that is true and which should be remembered is ALL THESE WILL DEFINITELY LEAD TO SELF-DESTRUCTION. WE ARE DESTROYING OURSELVES "THE HUMANITY" AND THE VERY PROSPEROUS FUTURE OF OUR OWN GENERATIONS.

Again a poll in the same orkut community shows us that the conflict or dispute between the parents, family members or closely related members is the most influencing part of child's psychology.

Most influencing issues of Child's Psychology



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To me always the last option remains to be inconsiderable maybe I should have a psychological test regarding the last option issue. So I have considered the above four option with total votes 260 and the percentage result is graphed above. To my opinion Movies, games and the disputes between the closely related individuals influences more to child.

THE NEEDED PARENTING TREND OF THE FUTURE:

† The most primary requisite for the parents that I would again and again repeat is the complete mental preparation before they give birth to a new life. It is not that something the society, neighbors, relatives, siblings, or the parents of the couple should decide. The decision should be from the couple. It is highly muddling me when people gossip at a couple taking time for getting promoted as father and mother. What does bother the society here??? They are neither going to do anything to the kid nor the kid is going to do anything to them. I would definitely like to say the society is ONE SIDED, ON THE SIDE OF VICTORIOUS. They are not going to help anyone in the times of struggle, so individuals must stop concerning about the society and give importance to their own and family.

† When things get automated there will definitely be a good balance between the professional space and personal space. The kid will get a very good

opportunity spending whole of its time with its parents observing them and spending quality time with them.

- † The best way is always what my parents say to me “CONVINCE AND GET CONVINCED”. When a kid convinces the soul of its parents they will be highly confident about the way the kid takes and in turn when they convince the kid’s soul about the way it is taking, it will definitely reach its maximum in the journey because a job done putting once soul never ends up in failure.

- † Being a detective to a kid will hurt its soul and will lead it taking a disastrous path. I don’t say the parents shouldn’t monitor their kid but the way of monitoring must be taken care of. Once I came to watch a debate show in the television which debated whether the detecting technique is ethical or unethical. In that show there was a father who said he has a camera fixed at his home to monitor the movement of the members and he has fixed a tracking device in his son’s mobile phone without his son’s knowledge which would fetch him the whole details as to whom his son has spoke and what message has he messaged and to whom. Just give a thought for a moment and think what would happen if his son comes to know about this??? The cherishing relationship of a father and son would get broken and the son will get hurt extremely. The very important thing that should be noted here is the son constituting the younger generation will be much more advanced with technology and might start cheating his father.

- † Hence getting connected with the children is the best way to monitor them. Be friendly, don't over-punish them for their mistakes make them understand that their deed is unethical, they will certainly be transparent to their parents.
- † Always give your ears for your kid's emotions and opinion, to the fact sometimes you may even get amazed by their opinion or suggestion. Not everyone thinks alike lending your ears to your kid's thinking may either help you at times or help them think creatively.
- † Take time to build human values, ethics and morality in your kid. From the time your kid is in its mother's womb, try to avoid conflicts between the couples and try to show your kid with lot of positives which makes your kid grow with lots of positive attitude.
- † Never even think of comparing your kid with others. For heaven sake don't start dumping your desires and wishes on your kid. Know its wish and desire and let them grow according to their wish with sure interruption of the parents when they go wrong or unethical.
- † For the last I would conclude saying that the authoritative style of parenting with few more coating and sculpting can give a very beautiful sculpture in the future.

🍏 INFLUENTIAL COMPONENT OF THE CHILD'S GROWTH:

- † There are many influential components that contribute to the growth of a child. Proper care and concern must be given to these influential factors as the promising factor of the child's growth lies in this.
- † Let us now take a look at the different influential factors of the children's growth.

a) PARENTS:

- i. Parents are always the first and foremost role model or the super heroes of their children. The child starts cultivating behaviors when it is in the womb of its mother. Each and every move of the parents influences the child and it tries to replicate them. From the mannerism to a minute style may affect and inspire the child.
- ii. So it is very much important to tame ourselves before taming what our children has to be.
- iii. Conflicts or disputes between the parents must strictly be avoided in front of the children as this affects the psychological balance of the child and would deprive its self-confidence. Hence a smooth environment should be provided for the proper growth of the children.

- iv. There must be ample amount of time spent with the kids which makes them share their emotions and must open up healthy discussions enabling them to improve their thinking, reasoning and creative capacities.

b) FRIENDS:

- i. Friends are the next highly influencing factor of the children. A child is comfortable and likes to share everything with his friend.
- ii. As the quote goes “show me your friend I will tell whom you are”, the behavior and conduct of a friend highly influences an individual and he starts replicating his friends without his conscious.
- iii. Parents must take a special care looking on whom their child is socializing as friends because improper care on this would lead to disastrous path. No crime or bad deed can be done alone there must be someone to convince or encourage an individual taking up a wrong path. In most of the cases this someone is constituted by the friends.
- iv. Friends are still in man making process and the parents must have a crystal study of their relationship as they are also vested with the duty of correcting the mistakes done by their child’s friend.

c) CARTOONS AND MOVIES:

- i. The highly fantasizing and inspiring factor of a child is constituted by cartoons and movies. There are many favorites whom they tend to follow. They try to follow their favorite hero, heroine, villain, comedian, etc.
- ii. They never think whether the movie sequence is practical or impractical and try to follow whatever he inspires from the movie. He takes his favorite personality as his role model and blindly follows them.
- iii. There are many parents who say no to television and concentrate much on books. I would definitely say media reaches a kid faster than books and words. There are lot many positive programs and cartoons which add up to the skill of a child and there are programs which goes vice-versa.
- iv. Parents must always have a watch on their television program and must be sure to visit a healthy movie. When the parents find any sequence misleading them, they must spend time to explain and convince the child stating the sequence is unworthy to remember or impractical to follow in the real world.
- v. The directors and the sensor board must be careful in producing a good movie. People go to theatre in order to relax themselves from their routine hence those 3 hours must be spent by sitting back and

experiencing a soothing movie which refreshes their mind. The movie must not mislead or inspire any child or youth to try taking a wrong path.

d) TEACHERS AND RELATIVES:

- i. Sometimes a teacher or a relative many highly influence a kid and be a turning point in their life.
- ii. A very single word from them would convince the kid hence such influential person must be very careful in their words and deeds.
- iii. At any cost they must not inspire a kid taking an unethical way for their personal benefit. Each and every deed of an individual is counted and they would reap back doubly both for their good and bad deeds. Hence always have a count on your deeds and steps.

🍌 CONCLUSION:

- † Parenting is very essential part in the progression of the world. The pillars of the globe, the future generation who are going to contribute for the progress of the world are tamed by the process of parenting.
- † The couple is available with the parenting techniques in the form of websites and books where every area of parenting is dealt but the thing the parents



must keep in mind is the parenting techniques prescribed will be in common and not all individual are alike and hence the parents must be careful and highly concerned in choosing the proper technique that suits their kid.

- † The very good process of taming is seen in developed countries, the children when at the age of 18 becomes totally independent and must look after its living and the duty of looking after the second and third kid of the family is vested on the elder child of the family and the duty of the parents are done by the parents without failure.
- † Whole of the society influences the growth of the child hence every individual in the society must understand their responsibility and must contribute their best in bringing up a highly ethical and valued humanity.
- † As the quote goes “Don't worry that children never listen to you; worry that they are always watching you”, every action of the parents influences the child from the time it is in the womb of the mother.
- † Finally the progress of the future is vested in the hands of parents. Now it's the time for the parents to keenly zoom each and every single step they take towards the man making process of their young one.