

We regret that this is really just a propaganda piece, filled with scientifically false claims and opinions.

As a research based organization, we have reviewed most literature (and published quite a bit of new research as well) on **parental spanking**. Let's clarify just a few things: "Researchers and parenting experts agree that overhauling section 43 is long overdue, as it infringes on the human rights of children"

WE ARE Researchers and Parenting Experts, and can confirm "No it does not". The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989) Article 37 states: "*No child shall be subjected to torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.*" Constructive discipline, as narrowly defined by Canadian law, is not a violation of the Rights of the Child and in 2004, the SCOC agreed.

*The extent to which constructive physical discipline is allowed by the SCOC 2004 rulings, for children aged between 2 to 12, constitutes no more than a few open-handing smacks to the seat as a constructive response, not in rage, which is "transitory and trifling" meaning no more than a temporary reddening of the seat.* That's it. All this talk of beatings, assault, hitting and abuse, all of which has been defined by the Dept. of Justice, has patently nothing to do with spanking as an enforcement option.

Please be aware, there is NO science that shows disciplining under these limits creates any harms, NONE - it doesn't exist. No science has compared the harms of alternative enforcements, and no science has compared the harms of inadequately enforcing anti-social behaviors. There is however, ample evidence of a list of harms on children, family and society wherever the experimentation of disallowing parents from reasonably responding to behaviour has been banned.

There are ample clinical - longitudinal studies consistently showing authoritative parents, who use loving and firm guidance, including occasional and moderate spanking where appropriate, have consistently better outcomes.

We believe you should attempt to educate yourself on the facts of this issue, rather than being seduced by myth and deception, as people like Dr. Durrant attempt to propagate. Respectfully, H. Hoff, Nat'l Chair / Keep 43 Committee of Canada, [keep43.ca](http://keep43.ca)