

Conservative (Republican Leaning) and Parenting:

The two *highly* demanding styles are “*Authoritative*” and “*Authoritarian*”. The prevalence of parental spanking is *the highest in these two groups*. What differentiates these is *nurturance*: Authoritative are high whereas; authoritarian are low.

In fact, *Authoritative parents universally spank*, but they use this method moderately and occasionally as a back-up to other methods, whereas Authoritarian parents may use this as a first-line response, and may punish harshly.

Much unrelated clinical research (Larzelere et al, Oklahoma State, or Gunnoe et al, Calvin, MI) shows Authoritative parenting produces the best developmental outcomes of all parenting styles, Authoritarian styles, however; are problematic.

Parents who use either of these styles tend to be fiscally and socially conservative, holding higher regard to traditional morals, ethics and values.

Liberal (Democrat Leaning) and Parenting:

The three *lowest* demanding styles are “Positive”, “Permissive” and “Disengaged”. Again what separates these is that “Positive” is high in nurturance, and this declines as the style shifts to “Disengaged”.

The prevalence of parental spanking is the lowest in these three groups. Much unrelated clinical research shows all styles from this spectrum produce inferior outcomes relative to Authoritative parenting.

Parents who use either of these styles tend to be fiscally and socially liberal, holding lower regard to traditional morals, ethics and values, and instead, promoting an ever-expanding list of new “rights”.

Conclusion:

Forty years of research shows that these inferior “positive” spectrum styles raise more violent children (cite Sweden and Austria spanking bans and resulting youth violence as examples).

The 2016 Electoral Map shows the concentration of Liberally-minded voters in **BLUE**, which would directly reflect the highest prevalence of the inferior “positive-permissive-disengaged” spectrum of parenting styles. The highest crime rates in the USA are very highly correlated to the concentration of this cohort, which very much continues to indicate that “spanking” per se, is not the cause of societal violence; rather it is the parenting styles devoid of it that causes this.

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