

# YouGov Survey: Parenting Styles



Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens  
 Conducted May 9 - 12, 2023  
 Margin of Error ±3.7%

## 1. How effective do you think the following parenting style is for raising children today?

	Very effective	Somewhat effective	Somewhat ineffective	Very ineffective	Not sure
Authoritarian: The parent establishes strict rules with little or no room for negotiations with the child	10%	24%	27%	31%	8%
Authoritative: The parent has expectations for the child and explains their reasons for disciplinary actions. The child can have input into goals and expectations.	35%	40%	10%	6%	9%
Permissive: The parent imposes limited rules on the child and acts more like a friend than a parent. The parent allows the child to figure things out for themselves and rarely uses discipline.	5%	20%	31%	36%	8%
Gentle: The parent gives the child choices instead of orders. The parent affirms the child's emotions during undesired behavior, as opposed to correcting the behavior itself. The parent rarely uses punishment in response to behavior.	14%	31%	24%	22%	8%
Uninvolved: The parent fulfills the child's basic needs while generally remaining detached from their child's life. The parent tends to offer little nurturing while having few or no expectations of their child.	6%	7%	10%	70%	8%
Helicopter: The parent is very involved in the child's life, hovering over them and micromanaging their every move.	7%	23%	28%	32%	9%

## 2. Which of these parenting styles did your primary caregivers use when raising you? Select all that apply.

Authoritarian	30%
Authoritative	42%
Permissive	15%
Uninvolved	11%
Gentle	19%
Helicopter	7%
None of the above	4%
Not sure	8%

3. As a parent, which of these parenting styles have you used when raising children? Select all that apply.

*Asked of parents of at least one child younger than 18*

Authoritarian .....	26%
Authoritative .....	51%
Permissive .....	18%
Uninvolved .....	12%
Gentle .....	51%
Helicopter .....	15%
None of the above .....	1%
Not sure .....	4%

4. If you were a parent, which of these parenting styles do you think you would use when raising children? Select all that apply.

*Asked of people who are not parents*

Authoritarian .....	11%
Authoritative .....	52%
Permissive .....	13%
Uninvolved .....	2%
Gentle .....	36%
Helicopter .....	6%
None of the above .....	5%
Not sure .....	12%

5. How often should parents be expected to explain to their children the reasons for their parenting rules?

Always .....	37%
Sometimes .....	44%
Rarely .....	10%
Never .....	3%
Not sure .....	6%

6. Do you think that parents today are too tough or not tough enough when it comes to disciplining their children?

Too tough .....	5%
About right .....	14%
Not tough enough .....	64%
Not sure .....	17%

7. How often should parents be expected to explain to their children the reasons for their disciplinary actions?

Always .....	47%
Sometimes .....	35%
Rarely .....	9%
Never .....	2%
Not sure .....	7%

## 8. Would you consider the following action by a parent as a form of discipline for a child to be...?

	Always acceptable	Occasionally acceptable	Rarely acceptable	Never acceptable	Not sure
Spanking	11%	33%	25%	26%	5%
Time-outs	51%	31%	9%	4%	4%
Grounding from friends	50%	37%	6%	3%	5%
Grounding from electronics	60%	29%	5%	2%	4%
Verbal reprimands	41%	36%	9%	6%	7%
Slapping	4%	11%	21%	59%	5%

<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	May 9 - 12, 2023
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
<b>Sampling method</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2019 American Community Survey.
<b>Weighting</b>	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, 2020 election turnout and Presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. Baseline party identification is the respondent's most recent answer given prior to March 15, 2022, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (33% Democratic, 28% Republican). The weights range from 0.199 to 5.689, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.625.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.7% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	52 questions not reported.

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## 1A. Effectiveness of Parenting Styles — Authoritarian: The parent establishes strict rules with little or no room for negotiations with the child

How effective do you think the following parenting style is for raising children today?

	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)				
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very effective	10%	12%	9%	9%	11%	11%	9%	9%	17%	11%	*
Somewhat effective	24%	29%	20%	21%	28%	22%	27%	23%	36%	24%	*
Somewhat ineffective	27%	24%	29%	24%	26%	27%	29%	29%	19%	26%	*
Very ineffective	31%	29%	34%	37%	28%	30%	30%	33%	18%	27%	*
Not sure	8%	7%	8%	9%	7%	10%	4%	7%	9%	12%	*
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	99%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(992)	(439)	(553)	(189)	(245)	(350)	(208)	(649)	(131)	(151)	(61)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very effective	10%	10%	10%	11%	5%	12%	9%	10%	12%	11%	10%	10%	10%
Somewhat effective	24%	17%	30%	26%	18%	28%	26%	26%	20%	24%	21%	26%	24%
Somewhat ineffective	27%	30%	23%	28%	24%	33%	24%	32%	31%	26%	30%	26%	25%
Very ineffective	31%	36%	29%	29%	46%	24%	31%	28%	33%	32%	35%	28%	34%
Not sure	8%	7%	9%	6%	7%	3%	10%	4%	4%	8%	4%	9%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	101%
Unweighted N	(992)	(351)	(381)	(260)	(374)	(331)	(411)	(265)	(204)	(170)	(225)	(372)	(225)

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## 1B. Effectiveness of Parenting Styles — Authoritative: The parent has expectations for the child and explains their reasons for disciplinary actions. The child can have input into goals and expectations.

How effective do you think the following parenting style is for raising children today?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very effective	35%	34%	36%	31%	37%	35%	36%	34%	40%	37%	*
Somewhat effective	40%	39%	42%	33%	39%	41%	48%	43%	31%	34%	*
Somewhat ineffective	10%	10%	11%	18%	10%	7%	7%	10%	13%	13%	*
Very ineffective	6%	6%	5%	6%	4%	7%	5%	6%	8%	4%	*
Not sure	9%	10%	7%	12%	9%	10%	4%	7%	8%	13%	*
Totals	100%	99%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	*
Unweighted N	(993)	(440)	(553)	(189)	(248)	(347)	(209)	(648)	(130)	(154)	(61)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very effective	35%	33%	36%	35%	30%	44%	32%	36%	42%	33%	41%	32%	35%
Somewhat effective	40%	43%	37%	42%	46%	38%	43%	42%	34%	37%	42%	42%	38%
Somewhat ineffective	10%	12%	10%	9%	11%	9%	9%	13%	11%	16%	7%	10%	9%
Very ineffective	6%	6%	5%	7%	5%	6%	5%	4%	9%	6%	6%	5%	6%
Not sure	9%	6%	12%	7%	8%	3%	10%	6%	3%	7%	5%	10%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	99%	99%	101%	99%	99%
Unweighted N	(993)	(349)	(383)	(261)	(371)	(334)	(410)	(268)	(203)	(169)	(226)	(371)	(227)

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## 1C. Effectiveness of Parenting Styles — Permissive: The parent imposes limited rules on the child and acts more like a friend than a parent. The parent allows the child to figure things out for themselves and rarely uses discipline.

How effective do you think the following parenting style is for raising children today?

	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)				
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very effective	5%	6%	4%	9%	7%	3%	2%	4%	13%	6%	*
Somewhat effective	20%	25%	15%	29%	20%	17%	16%	18%	27%	33%	*
Somewhat ineffective	31%	30%	31%	30%	36%	26%	32%	32%	21%	25%	*
Very ineffective	36%	30%	42%	21%	29%	44%	47%	40%	28%	26%	*
Not sure	8%	8%	7%	11%	9%	8%	3%	6%	10%	10%	*
Totals	100%	99%	99%	100%	101%	98%	100%	100%	99%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(989)	(439)	(550)	(190)	(246)	(346)	(207)	(647)	(132)	(151)	(59)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very effective	5%	9%	2%	5%	6%	3%	4%	9%	4%	4%	2%	7%	6%
Somewhat effective	20%	24%	19%	17%	25%	13%	21%	22%	18%	20%	20%	17%	25%
Somewhat ineffective	31%	34%	29%	29%	31%	32%	29%	30%	38%	35%	32%	28%	30%
Very ineffective	36%	26%	39%	44%	30%	49%	36%	33%	38%	34%	41%	39%	29%
Not sure	8%	7%	10%	6%	8%	3%	9%	6%	3%	7%	5%	8%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	101%
Unweighted N	(989)	(350)	(378)	(261)	(370)	(332)	(410)	(265)	(203)	(167)	(225)	(373)	(224)

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## 1D. Effectiveness of Parenting Styles — Gentle: The parent gives the child choices instead of orders. The parent affirms the child’s emotions during undesired behavior, as opposed to correcting the behavior itself. The parent rarely uses punishment in response to behavior.

How effective do you think the following parenting style is for raising children today?

	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)				
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very effective	14%	14%	15%	20%	20%	11%	8%	14%	12%	16%	*
Somewhat effective	31%	29%	33%	41%	30%	27%	28%	32%	25%	28%	*
Somewhat ineffective	24%	24%	24%	17%	20%	25%	31%	24%	29%	21%	*
Very ineffective	22%	24%	21%	11%	22%	26%	27%	22%	23%	25%	*
Not sure	8%	9%	8%	11%	7%	10%	5%	8%	11%	9%	*
Totals	99%	100%	101%	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	99%	*
Unweighted N	(991)	(438)	(553)	(189)	(245)	(349)	(208)	(646)	(133)	(151)	(61)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very effective	14%	19%	13%	11%	20%	10%	15%	18%	14%	11%	12%	15%	19%
Somewhat effective	31%	33%	30%	30%	33%	27%	33%	29%	33%	34%	32%	29%	31%
Somewhat ineffective	24%	27%	23%	20%	23%	25%	20%	28%	25%	26%	28%	25%	15%
Very ineffective	22%	15%	22%	31%	16%	34%	23%	20%	24%	22%	23%	21%	24%
Not sure	8%	6%	11%	8%	8%	4%	10%	5%	4%	7%	6%	10%	11%
Totals	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(991)	(351)	(382)	(258)	(376)	(330)	(411)	(264)	(204)	(170)	(227)	(367)	(227)

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## 1E. Effectiveness of Parenting Styles — Uninvolved: The parent fulfills the child’s basic needs while generally remaining detached from their child’s life. The parent tends to offer little nurturing while having few or no expectations of their child.

How effective do you think the following parenting style is for raising children today?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very effective	6%	8%	3%	12%	10%	2%	0%	3%	12%	9%	*
Somewhat effective	7%	9%	5%	15%	9%	4%	3%	5%	14%	10%	*
Somewhat ineffective	10%	11%	9%	13%	13%	7%	8%	10%	12%	13%	*
Very ineffective	70%	64%	75%	53%	59%	78%	86%	75%	50%	54%	*
Not sure	8%	8%	7%	8%	9%	9%	3%	6%	12%	13%	*
Totals	101%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	*
Unweighted N	(993)	(439)	(554)	(189)	(247)	(350)	(207)	(647)	(132)	(153)	(61)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very effective	6%	9%	4%	4%	5%	3%	6%	4%	7%	6%	2%	3%	12%
Somewhat effective	7%	8%	5%	9%	6%	6%	7%	10%	5%	9%	2%	6%	11%
Somewhat ineffective	10%	12%	10%	8%	10%	7%	10%	10%	10%	14%	7%	10%	9%
Very ineffective	70%	64%	71%	75%	72%	81%	68%	69%	74%	65%	83%	70%	61%
Not sure	8%	7%	10%	5%	7%	3%	9%	7%	4%	6%	6%	10%	7%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(993)	(351)	(382)	(260)	(375)	(331)	(412)	(265)	(204)	(169)	(225)	(372)	(227)



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## 1F. Effectiveness of Parenting Styles — Helicopter: The parent is very involved in the child's life, hovering over them and micromanaging their every move.

How effective do you think the following parenting style is for raising children today?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very effective	7%	9%	6%	10%	10%	6%	5%	5%	16%	11%	*
Somewhat effective	23%	23%	23%	25%	24%	20%	27%	21%	36%	25%	*
Somewhat ineffective	28%	25%	30%	20%	26%	31%	32%	33%	15%	24%	*
Very ineffective	32%	33%	32%	34%	30%	35%	29%	34%	20%	29%	*
Not sure	9%	9%	9%	11%	10%	8%	7%	8%	13%	11%	*
Totals	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(992)	(439)	(553)	(189)	(245)	(350)	(208)	(648)	(130)	(153)	(61)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very effective	7%	9%	7%	6%	6%	6%	8%	7%	6%	7%	6%	7%	10%
Somewhat effective	23%	23%	23%	24%	19%	24%	27%	21%	24%	27%	22%	24%	21%
Somewhat ineffective	28%	29%	24%	32%	30%	34%	24%	36%	28%	36%	29%	24%	27%
Very ineffective	32%	32%	34%	30%	39%	32%	30%	31%	39%	26%	33%	34%	35%
Not sure	9%	8%	11%	7%	8%	3%	11%	5%	3%	5%	11%	11%	7%
Totals	99%	101%	99%	99%	102%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(992)	(350)	(382)	(260)	(374)	(332)	(410)	(266)	(204)	(169)	(225)	(373)	(225)

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## 2. Parenting Style of Your Parents

Which of these parenting styles did your primary caregivers use when raising you? Select all that apply.

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Authoritarian	30%	26%	34%	23%	32%	34%	29%	28%	31%	32%	*
Authoritative	42%	45%	40%	40%	45%	40%	45%	45%	33%	33%	*
Permissive	15%	19%	12%	20%	21%	11%	10%	14%	19%	25%	*
Uninvolved	11%	9%	13%	13%	11%	11%	8%	11%	5%	19%	*
Gentle	19%	21%	17%	25%	23%	14%	19%	19%	25%	17%	*
Helicopter	7%	6%	9%	16%	7%	4%	4%	6%	11%	9%	*
None of the above	4%	4%	4%	1%	5%	5%	5%	4%	2%	5%	*
Not sure	8%	9%	8%	14%	8%	9%	2%	6%	13%	10%	*
Unweighted N	(1,000)	(442)	(558)	(190)	(250)	(350)	(210)	(651)	(133)	(155)	(61)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Authoritarian	30%	30%	33%	26%	33%	33%	32%	32%	28%	30%	36%	31%	23%
Authoritative	42%	41%	43%	44%	39%	45%	41%	44%	48%	43%	42%	40%	47%
Permissive	15%	20%	14%	12%	15%	12%	15%	15%	16%	15%	12%	16%	18%
Uninvolved	11%	9%	17%	6%	10%	9%	14%	12%	7%	12%	11%	9%	13%
Gentle	19%	25%	13%	22%	21%	17%	21%	20%	19%	18%	21%	15%	26%
Helicopter	7%	9%	8%	6%	6%	7%	7%	7%	10%	11%	6%	8%	5%
None of the above	4%	4%	5%	3%	3%	3%	4%	5%	2%	4%	5%	3%	5%
Not sure	8%	5%	11%	8%	9%	5%	8%	6%	4%	5%	6%	10%	10%
Unweighted N	(1,000)	(352)	(386)	(262)	(376)	(335)	(413)	(268)	(205)	(170)	(227)	(374)	(229)

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## 3. Your Parenting Style

As a parent, which of these parenting styles have you used when raising children? Select all that apply.

*Asked of parents of at least one child younger than 18*

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Authoritarian	26%	*	20%	*	31%	*	*	25%	*	*	*
Authoritative	51%	*	52%	*	55%	*	*	51%	*	*	*
Permissive	18%	*	15%	*	20%	*	*	13%	*	*	*
Uninvolved	12%	*	5%	*	13%	*	*	10%	*	*	*
Gentle	51%	*	47%	*	54%	*	*	57%	*	*	*
Helicopter	15%	*	17%	*	10%	*	*	10%	*	*	*
None of the above	1%	*	2%	*	1%	*	*	0%	*	*	*
Not sure	4%	*	7%	*	3%	*	*	3%	*	*	*
Unweighted N	(245)	(93)	(152)	(55)	(118)	(64)	(8)	(133)	(46)	(51)	(15)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Authoritarian	26%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Authoritative	51%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Permissive	18%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Uninvolved	12%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Gentle	51%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Helicopter	15%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
None of the above	1%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Not sure	4%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Unweighted N	(245)	(85)	(99)	(61)	(93)	(64)	(78)	(85)	(68)	(50)	(47)	(95)	(53)

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## 4. Parenting Style if You Were Parent

If you were a parent, which of these parenting styles do you think you would use when raising children? Select all that apply.

*Asked of people who are not parents*

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Authoritarian	11%	11%	9%	10%	11%	10%	*	9%	*	*	*
Authoritative	52%	52%	52%	42%	61%	49%	*	58%	*	*	*
Permissive	13%	16%	9%	19%	12%	6%	*	10%	*	*	*
Uninvolved	2%	2%	2%	6%	1%	0%	*	1%	*	*	*
Gentle	36%	31%	41%	44%	36%	31%	*	33%	*	*	*
Helicopter	6%	6%	5%	7%	6%	6%	*	4%	*	*	*
None of the above	5%	8%	1%	6%	5%	6%	*	3%	*	*	*
Not sure	12%	13%	11%	18%	7%	15%	*	11%	*	*	*
Unweighted N	(376)	(188)	(188)	(119)	(101)	(102)	(54)	(239)	(52)	(58)	(27)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Authoritarian	11%	7%	12%	*	9%	*	12%	*	*	*	*	12%	*
Authoritative	52%	53%	53%	*	52%	*	50%	*	*	*	*	58%	*
Permissive	13%	11%	14%	*	13%	*	15%	*	*	*	*	15%	*
Uninvolved	2%	3%	2%	*	2%	*	1%	*	*	*	*	2%	*
Gentle	36%	48%	32%	*	45%	*	38%	*	*	*	*	36%	*
Helicopter	6%	3%	9%	*	2%	*	7%	*	*	*	*	5%	*
None of the above	5%	2%	7%	*	7%	*	3%	*	*	*	*	2%	*
Not sure	12%	7%	15%	*	12%	*	10%	*	*	*	*	10%	*
Unweighted N	(376)	(153)	(149)	(74)	(151)	(98)	(182)	(78)	(61)	(61)	(84)	(136)	(95)

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## 5. Parents Explaining Reasoning

How often should parents be expected to explain to their children the reasons for their parenting rules?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Always	37%	34%	39%	40%	37%	31%	42%	35%	41%	42%	*
Sometimes	44%	43%	46%	35%	41%	49%	49%	49%	38%	29%	*
Rarely	10%	12%	7%	11%	14%	8%	8%	9%	11%	16%	*
Never	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	5%	0%	3%	1%	6%	*
Not sure	6%	6%	6%	11%	4%	7%	1%	4%	9%	7%	*
Totals	100%	99%	101%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(996)	(441)	(555)	(187)	(249)	(350)	(210)	(649)	(133)	(153)	(61)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Always	37%	38%	37%	35%	37%	36%	41%	31%	31%	30%	36%	35%	45%
Sometimes	44%	48%	42%	44%	46%	50%	42%	51%	51%	53%	48%	43%	36%
Rarely	10%	10%	8%	12%	7%	10%	8%	11%	13%	13%	8%	11%	7%
Never	3%	2%	3%	5%	3%	3%	4%	2%	1%	2%	2%	4%	5%
Not sure	6%	3%	10%	4%	6%	1%	6%	4%	3%	3%	6%	7%	7%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	99%	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(996)	(351)	(384)	(261)	(375)	(332)	(413)	(267)	(203)	(169)	(227)	(373)	(227)

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**6. Parents Too Tough**

Do you think that parents today are too tough or not tough enough when it comes to disciplining their children?

	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)				
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Too tough	5%	6%	3%	8%	7%	3%	0%	4%	4%	9%	*
About right	14%	17%	11%	26%	21%	7%	6%	11%	23%	24%	*
Not tough enough	64%	61%	66%	41%	50%	74%	86%	68%	62%	48%	*
Not sure	17%	15%	19%	24%	22%	17%	8%	18%	10%	19%	*
Totals	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%	101%	100%	101%	99%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(997)	(442)	(555)	(189)	(248)	(350)	(210)	(651)	(133)	(152)	(61)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Too tough	5%	8%	2%	3%	5%	3%	3%	5%	8%	6%	3%	4%	6%
About right	14%	22%	10%	11%	17%	10%	12%	16%	17%	17%	9%	11%	22%
Not tough enough	64%	51%	67%	75%	52%	81%	69%	59%	64%	60%	74%	67%	53%
Not sure	17%	19%	21%	11%	26%	6%	16%	20%	11%	17%	14%	18%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(997)	(351)	(384)	(262)	(375)	(334)	(412)	(268)	(204)	(170)	(227)	(374)	(226)

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## 7. Parents Explaining Discipline

How often should parents be expected to explain to their children the reasons for their disciplinary actions?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Always	47%	44%	50%	47%	47%	41%	56%	48%	45%	48%	*
Sometimes	35%	35%	35%	28%	35%	39%	34%	36%	42%	25%	*
Rarely	9%	12%	7%	13%	9%	9%	7%	8%	7%	17%	*
Never	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	*
Not sure	7%	7%	7%	10%	7%	8%	1%	5%	6%	9%	*
Totals	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	101%	*
Unweighted N	(997)	(441)	(556)	(188)	(249)	(350)	(210)	(650)	(133)	(153)	(61)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Always	47%	50%	47%	44%	51%	46%	48%	47%	51%	51%	49%	43%	49%
Sometimes	35%	38%	32%	34%	35%	38%	32%	39%	38%	37%	34%	34%	33%
Rarely	9%	7%	9%	13%	7%	10%	9%	10%	8%	8%	7%	13%	8%
Never	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	4%	3%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%
Not sure	7%	3%	10%	6%	5%	2%	8%	3%	2%	4%	8%	8%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(997)	(351)	(384)	(262)	(375)	(334)	(413)	(268)	(204)	(170)	(227)	(374)	(226)

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## 8A. Acceptable Punishments — Spanking

Would you consider the following action by a parent as a form of discipline for a child to be... ?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Always acceptable	11%	16%	6%	9%	12%	13%	7%	10%	19%	7%	*
Occasionally acceptable	33%	34%	33%	26%	34%	36%	36%	32%	38%	38%	*
Rarely acceptable	25%	25%	25%	26%	20%	24%	31%	27%	20%	25%	*
Never acceptable	26%	21%	31%	29%	28%	23%	25%	27%	18%	23%	*
Not sure	5%	5%	5%	11%	5%	4%	1%	4%	5%	7%	*
Totals	100%	101%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(992)	(441)	(551)	(189)	(246)	(347)	(210)	(650)	(131)	(150)	(61)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Always acceptable	11%	8%	11%	14%	4%	15%	12%	7%	12%	6%	10%	16%	6%
Occasionally acceptable	33%	26%	33%	42%	25%	42%	36%	37%	26%	29%	30%	39%	31%
Rarely acceptable	25%	27%	24%	23%	32%	25%	25%	25%	27%	27%	25%	22%	29%
Never acceptable	26%	35%	26%	16%	36%	14%	23%	26%	31%	35%	32%	17%	28%
Not sure	5%	3%	5%	6%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%	3%	6%	6%
Totals	100%	99%	99%	101%	101%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(992)	(349)	(382)	(261)	(373)	(332)	(409)	(267)	(204)	(168)	(227)	(372)	(225)



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## 8B. Acceptable Punishments — Time-outs

Would you consider the following action by a parent as a form of discipline for a child to be... ?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Always acceptable	51%	51%	51%	38%	53%	55%	55%	53%	43%	49%	*
Occasionally acceptable	31%	31%	32%	33%	33%	29%	32%	33%	23%	31%	*
Rarely acceptable	9%	9%	9%	16%	9%	7%	6%	8%	14%	8%	*
Never acceptable	4%	5%	4%	5%	2%	5%	5%	3%	12%	4%	*
Not sure	4%	5%	4%	9%	4%	4%	2%	2%	8%	8%	*
Totals	99%	101%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(992)	(440)	(552)	(190)	(247)	(346)	(209)	(649)	(132)	(150)	(61)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Always acceptable	51%	53%	51%	48%	52%	54%	52%	47%	56%	58%	51%	49%	49%
Occasionally acceptable	31%	30%	31%	34%	31%	32%	31%	33%	30%	28%	34%	29%	36%
Rarely acceptable	9%	10%	8%	9%	10%	6%	9%	13%	7%	7%	8%	11%	7%
Never acceptable	4%	3%	5%	5%	3%	5%	4%	4%	5%	6%	4%	4%	3%
Not sure	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	2%	4%	6%	5%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	101%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(992)	(350)	(382)	(260)	(374)	(332)	(409)	(267)	(204)	(168)	(226)	(374)	(224)

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## 8C. Acceptable Punishments — Grounding from friends

Would you consider the following action by a parent as a form of discipline for a child to be...?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Always acceptable	50%	51%	49%	27%	55%	62%	48%	52%	49%	47%	*
Occasionally acceptable	37%	33%	41%	43%	34%	30%	46%	39%	27%	36%	*
Rarely acceptable	6%	7%	4%	12%	4%	2%	7%	4%	12%	7%	*
Never acceptable	3%	3%	2%	7%	2%	2%	0%	2%	3%	4%	*
Not sure	5%	6%	4%	11%	5%	4%	0%	3%	8%	6%	*
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(992)	(439)	(553)	(190)	(244)	(349)	(209)	(649)	(129)	(153)	(61)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Always acceptable	50%	47%	54%	48%	45%	57%	54%	45%	49%	52%	48%	51%	48%
Occasionally acceptable	37%	42%	35%	34%	44%	32%	34%	39%	41%	32%	42%	36%	39%
Rarely acceptable	6%	6%	5%	8%	5%	6%	6%	9%	3%	8%	4%	6%	6%
Never acceptable	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%	5%	3%	1%	3%
Not sure	5%	4%	4%	6%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	5%	5%
Totals	101%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	99%	101%
Unweighted N	(992)	(350)	(382)	(260)	(373)	(333)	(408)	(266)	(204)	(168)	(226)	(372)	(226)

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**8D. Acceptable Punishments — Grounding from electronics**

Would you consider the following action by a parent as a form of discipline for a child to be... ?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Always acceptable	60%	59%	61%	41%	62%	70%	61%	63%	51%	54%	*
Occasionally acceptable	29%	28%	29%	39%	24%	20%	37%	29%	29%	26%	*
Rarely acceptable	5%	6%	3%	8%	6%	3%	2%	3%	11%	9%	*
Never acceptable	2%	3%	2%	3%	5%	1%	0%	2%	2%	5%	*
Not sure	4%	4%	4%	9%	3%	5%	0%	3%	7%	6%	*
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(993)	(439)	(554)	(190)	(246)	(348)	(209)	(649)	(132)	(151)	(61)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Always acceptable	60%	57%	66%	56%	57%	68%	63%	57%	61%	63%	61%	60%	57%
Occasionally acceptable	29%	34%	24%	29%	33%	23%	28%	30%	29%	26%	32%	29%	28%
Rarely acceptable	5%	4%	5%	6%	5%	3%	4%	6%	5%	4%	2%	5%	7%
Never acceptable	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%	5%	2%	6%	1%	1%	2%
Not sure	4%	3%	4%	6%	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	1%	4%	5%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(993)	(350)	(383)	(260)	(374)	(332)	(411)	(266)	(204)	(168)	(225)	(373)	(227)

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## 8E. Acceptable Punishments — Verbal reprimands

Would you consider the following action by a parent as a form of discipline for a child to be... ?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Always acceptable	41%	46%	37%	21%	39%	48%	53%	45%	42%	27%	*
Occasionally acceptable	36%	33%	40%	34%	36%	38%	37%	38%	31%	32%	*
Rarely acceptable	9%	11%	8%	16%	12%	4%	7%	8%	9%	9%	*
Never acceptable	6%	4%	8%	15%	3%	5%	3%	4%	8%	21%	*
Not sure	7%	6%	8%	14%	9%	5%	1%	5%	11%	11%	*
Totals	99%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(989)	(437)	(552)	(189)	(245)	(345)	(210)	(649)	(128)	(151)	(61)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Always acceptable	41%	38%	41%	45%	39%	57%	36%	49%	41%	44%	45%	41%	37%
Occasionally acceptable	36%	41%	34%	34%	41%	32%	38%	36%	41%	39%	39%	35%	35%
Rarely acceptable	9%	9%	10%	8%	8%	4%	11%	6%	7%	7%	9%	10%	9%
Never acceptable	6%	7%	7%	5%	6%	4%	7%	5%	4%	8%	4%	5%	8%
Not sure	7%	5%	8%	8%	5%	4%	8%	3%	6%	3%	4%	8%	11%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	99%	99%	101%	101%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(989)	(349)	(381)	(259)	(372)	(332)	(409)	(266)	(203)	(168)	(226)	(369)	(226)

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## 8F. Acceptable Punishments — Slapping

Would you consider the following action by a parent as a form of discipline for a child to be... ?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Always acceptable	4%	5%	3%	6%	9%	2%	0%	3%	9%	10%	*
Occasionally acceptable	11%	13%	9%	12%	12%	9%	11%	9%	17%	14%	*
Rarely acceptable	21%	26%	16%	19%	20%	22%	23%	24%	14%	17%	*
Never acceptable	59%	50%	66%	54%	53%	61%	65%	60%	52%	52%	*
Not sure	5%	6%	5%	9%	6%	6%	1%	4%	8%	6%	*
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	*
Unweighted N	(991)	(440)	(551)	(189)	(244)	(348)	(210)	(651)	(130)	(149)	(61)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Always acceptable	4%	6%	3%	4%	2%	5%	4%	4%	4%	2%	5%	5%	4%
Occasionally acceptable	11%	7%	9%	18%	9%	17%	8%	15%	11%	11%	8%	13%	10%
Rarely acceptable	21%	21%	20%	23%	20%	26%	22%	21%	19%	19%	16%	23%	25%
Never acceptable	59%	62%	63%	49%	64%	50%	61%	55%	59%	63%	67%	54%	55%
Not sure	5%	4%	6%	6%	5%	2%	4%	4%	7%	5%	4%	6%	5%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%
Unweighted N	(991)	(349)	(380)	(262)	(373)	(333)	(409)	(267)	(204)	(169)	(226)	(371)	(225)

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<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	May 9 - 12, 2023
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
<b>Sampling method</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2019 American Community Survey.
<b>Weighting</b>	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, 2020 election turnout and Presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. Baseline party identification is the respondent's most recent answer given prior to March 15, 2022, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (33% Democratic, 28% Republican). The weights range from 0.199 to 5.689, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.625.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.7% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	52 questions not reported.