

Parenting Styles of Diana Baumrind

Learning Target: Compare and contrast the different styles of parenting according to Baumrind

Baumrind's Parenting Styles	
Parenting Style	Parent and Child Relationship
Authoritarian	The parent demands obedience and controls the child's behavior through punishment. There is limited communication between the parent and child. This restrictive parenting style offers the child limited love and warmth.
Permissive Indulgent	The parent provides few expectations and rules and allows the child to make their own decisions. There are high levels of communication as well as warmth and love.
Permissive Neglectful	The parent is generally uninvolved in their children's lives. They are low in their levels of responsiveness and lack support for their children. Neglectful parents often see their own lives as more important than the needs of their child.
Authoritative	The parent establishes clear limits and provides explanations for consequences. There is open communication between the parent and child, but the parent makes the ultimate decision. This collaborative parenting style offers the child love and warmth.

The Impact of Parenting Styles

In addition to Baumrind's initial study of 100 preschool children, researchers have conducted numerous other studies that have led to conclusions about the impact of parenting styles on children.

- Authoritarian parenting styles generally lead to children who are obedient and proficient, but they rank lower in happiness, social competence and self-esteem.
- Authoritative parenting styles tend to result in children who are happy, capable and successful (Maccoby, 1992).
- Permissive parenting often results in children who rank low in happiness and self-regulation. These children are more likely to experience problems with authority and tend to perform poorly in school.
- Uninvolved parenting styles rank lowest across all life domains. These children tend to lack self-control, have low self-esteem and are less competent than their peers.

Answer the following questions regarding which type of parenting style is being or has been used.

1. Kelly's Father wants her to be a doctor. Kelly is currently a junior in high school and would prefer to become a psychology teacher. Kelly does not mention this to her father because he believes if he is paying for her college education, he will be the one to decide the career path.
2. Ethel believes that children should not be constrained by rules and regulations, therefore, her three children have no chores or responsibilities around the house. Ethel spends much time with them and loves them very much.
3. Roger has recently divorced his wife of fifteen years. Roger's two children live with him however, he spends most of his time working or out with friends. He is not aware of his children's interests or passions and does not care much to find out.
4. Mindy will be attending the high school prom in a few weeks, her parents realize that this is a special event and that Mindy's normal curfew may not be appropriate. They seek her input and together establish a new set of guidelines for the prom weekend.
5. George has chores to do at home and responsibilities in caring for his younger siblings. Occasionally, he forgets to do his chores or does not treat one of his siblings with respect. If this occurs, his parents will discuss with him why they are upset and provide an appropriate punishment.
6. When going off to live independently, children of this parenting type often cannot make decisions for themselves because someone else has been driving all of the decisions in the past.
7. Maddie is fifty years old but feels young again when she is around her children. She wants to be friends with her children rather than a parent, she allows her teenage children to throw parties at the house and to come home whenever they like. She thinks that she is being "cool" without realizing that her children need a parent not a friend.
8. Teddy is the father of four children; he sets the rules and expects them to be followed... period.
9. Joanne is a highly competitive lawyer, she works sometimes 18 hours a day, and she has a quick legal mind. She has been rapidly promoted throughout her career. She has two adolescent daughters with whom she spends little time and knows little about.
10. Jwan knows that his parents have created rules in the house for a reason and knows that there will be repercussions for violating these rules. Jwan however, also feels like he has a voice in the creation of the guidelines and what is fair.