

CHILDREN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT- 'SPANKING'

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Using short questionnaire (5 questions) we examined 262 children (135 boys, 127 girls) age 6-16 (M= 11,05 years; SD= 2,37) to found out their opinion about "spanking".

Results showed that 71,8% of sample thinks that "all children are been physical punished".

This attitude is more common for younger children (6-10 age)(X=4,2; p=0,04),and more for boys than girls (X=3,69; p < 0,0,5).

More than half of the sample has the fear of physical punishment (58%).Younger children on question "Have you fear of spans?" gave positive answer (x=18,96; p==0,0001).

For almost quarter of our sample term "spans" have a meaning of "splash on the behind with a hand" (24,4%), for one third it represent "slap in the face with a hand" (32,8%), and we point out that for 38,5% of the children spanking represent beating with stick, belt or dipper. Under this term girls more understand slap and for boys it represent beating with some object (stick, belt).

On a question how often do they get a spanking only 17,9% of the children answered that they didn't ever get spanking, 57,3 % have been physical punished less than once weekly, 21,8% weekly, and 3,1 % every day!

Younger children say that they are getting punished more often than older one.

31,7% of our sample witness on physical punish in a school. We will not stop violent and molesting until we uproot using physical punishment as a way of "upbringing the children".

