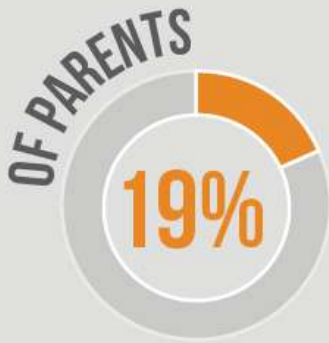




FEATURED STUDY

PARENTS & ADOLESCENTS' SPANKING BELIEFS

survey of 1,000 parent-child pairs in Manitoba



BELIEVE:
spanking is a
normal part of
parenting



SPANKING BELIEFS ARE INTERGENERATIONAL



If parents think spanking is normal, their adolescents are **7.1x** more likely to have the same belief.

5x AS MANY PARENTS AGREE WITH THE STATEMENT...

“Some children
need to be

SPANKED

so that they will
learn a lesson”

VS.

“Some children
need to be

HIT

so that they will
learn a lesson”

The only difference:
THE VERB

SPANKING IS HITTING

but some parents perceive a distinction

PARENTS' POSITIVE SPANKING BELIEFS ARE RELATED WITH THEIR CHILD BEING SPANKED

BELIEVE:

spanking is a normal part of parenting

likelihood of spanking

16.4x
parent-reported

3.7x
adolescent-reported

BELIEVE:

some children need to be spanked

likelihood of spanking

11.6x
parent-reported

3.0x
adolescent-reported

Access the full study:



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