

HARSH PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT & CHILD MALTREATMENT LINKED TO ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOURS IN ADULTHOOD

A nationally representative U.S. study

HARSH PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT

Shoving, pushing, hitting, grabbing, slapping

CHILD MALTREATMENT

Physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, physical neglect, emotional neglect, witnessing violence against their mother

LINKED TO

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOURS

Symptoms of Antisocial Personality Disorder



Repeated acts grounds for arrest



Lying repeatedly and misleading others for pleasure



Acting impulsively and failure to plan ahead



Repeated aggression and irritability



Ignoring safety of self and others



Consistent irresponsibility

PREVENTING HARSH PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT & MALTREATMENT IN CHILDHOOD COULD POTENTIALLY REDUCE ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOURS IN THE USA BY

45.5%
among men



47.3%
among women



Full study by Afifi TO, Fortier J, Sareen J, Taillieu T. Associations of Harsh Physical Punishment and Child Maltreatment in Childhood With Antisocial Behaviors in Adulthood. JAMA Netw Open. 2019;2(1):e187374. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2018.7374