

**1. Legality of punishments – Spanking with a hand**

Do you think each of the following forms of punishment should be legal or illegal for parents to use on their children?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Legal	81%	84%	79%	74%	81%	84%	84%	75%	82%	89%
Illegal	9%	10%	8%	15%	9%	6%	8%	14%	7%	7%
Not sure	10%	6%	13%	11%	10%	10%	8%	11%	11%	5%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (485)	100% (515)	100% (181)	100% (268)	100% (379)	100% (172)	100% (334)	100% (423)	100% (243)

	Race				Family Income			Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Legal	81%	79%	90%	85%	80%	82%	82%	75%	80%	83%	84%
Illegal	9%	10%	5%	6%	10%	6%	10%	10%	9%	9%	8%
Not sure	10%	11%	5%	8%	9%	11%	8%	15%	11%	8%	8%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (767)	100% (116)	100% (117)	100% (361)	100% (283)	100% (200)	100% (190)	100% (213)	100% (348)	100% (249)

	Total	Parents use corporal punishment		
		Yes	No	Prefer not to say
Legal	81%	88%	69%	52%
Illegal	9%	7%	16%	7%
Not sure	10%	5%	15%	42%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (1,000)	100% (731)	100% (222)	100% (46)

**2. Legality of punishments – Spanking with an item like a switch, belt or strap**

Do you think each of the following forms of punishment should be legal or illegal for parents to use on their children?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Legal	32%	42%	24%	31%	35%	33%	29%	26%	36%	34%
Illegal	53%	41%	64%	51%	47%	53%	64%	63%	47%	51%
Not sure	15%	17%	12%	18%	18%	14%	7%	11%	17%	15%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (484)	100% (515)	100% (181)	100% (268)	100% (378)	100% (172)	100% (334)	100% (423)	100% (242)

	Race				Family Income			Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Legal	32%	29%	61%	27%	31%	30%	38%	21%	24%	44%	31%
Illegal	53%	56%	28%	59%	53%	56%	52%	65%	55%	43%	58%
Not sure	15%	15%	10%	14%	16%	14%	11%	15%	22%	12%	11%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (767)	100% (116)	100% (116)	100% (361)	100% (283)	100% (199)	100% (190)	100% (213)	100% (348)	100% (248)

	Total	Parents use corporal punishment		
		Yes	No	Prefer not to say
Legal	32%	40%	11%	23%
Illegal	53%	48%	78%	26%
Not sure	15%	12%	12%	51%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (730)	100% (222)	100% (46)

**3. Legality of punishments – Spanking that causes bruising**

Do you think each of the following forms of punishment should be legal or illegal for parents to use on their children?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Legal	10%	14%	6%	13%	15%	6%	7%	4%	12%	13%
Illegal	75%	69%	81%	70%	66%	82%	82%	83%	71%	73%
Not sure	15%	17%	13%	18%	19%	13%	11%	12%	17%	14%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,000)	(485)	(515)	(181)	(268)	(379)	(172)	(334)	(423)	(243)

	Race				Family Income			Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Legal	10%	11%	8%	6%	9%	7%	14%	8%	6%	12%	12%
Illegal	75%	74%	74%	83%	76%	83%	71%	79%	74%	72%	78%
Not sure	15%	15%	19%	11%	15%	10%	15%	13%	20%	16%	10%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,000)	(767)	(116)	(117)	(361)	(283)	(200)	(190)	(213)	(348)	(249)

	Total	Parents use corporal punishment		
		Yes	No	Prefer not to say
Legal	10%	11%	6%	7%
Illegal	75%	75%	85%	38%
Not sure	15%	13%	9%	55%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,000)	(731)	(222)	(46)

**4. Legality of punishments – Spanking that breaks the skin**

Do you think each of the following forms of punishment should be legal or illegal for parents to use on their children?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Legal	4%	7%	1%	6%	7%	2%	4%	1%	7%	3%
Illegal	86%	82%	90%	82%	77%	90%	94%	92%	80%	89%
Not sure	10%	11%	9%	12%	16%	8%	3%	7%	13%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,000)	(485)	(515)	(181)	(268)	(379)	(172)	(334)	(423)	(243)

	Race				Family Income			Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Legal	4%	4%	5%	3%	5%	3%	5%	4%	2%	5%	4%
Illegal	86%	85%	86%	90%	84%	90%	84%	88%	84%	85%	87%
Not sure	10%	11%	9%	7%	11%	7%	11%	7%	14%	10%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,000)	(767)	(116)	(117)	(361)	(283)	(200)	(190)	(213)	(348)	(249)

	Total	Parents use corporal punishment		
		Yes	No	Prefer not to say
Legal	4%	4%	5%	—
Illegal	86%	88%	88%	53%
Not sure	10%	8%	7%	47%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,000)	(731)	(222)	(46)

**5. Legality of punishments – Hitting or slapping**

Do you think each of the following forms of punishment should be legal or illegal for parents to use on their children?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Legal	31%	38%	24%	27%	30%	34%	31%	26%	31%	36%
Illegal	49%	41%	55%	47%	48%	47%	54%	57%	44%	46%
Not sure	21%	21%	21%	26%	22%	19%	16%	17%	25%	18%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,000)	(485)	(515)	(181)	(268)	(379)	(172)	(334)	(423)	(243)

	Race				Family Income			Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Legal	31%	30%	38%	27%	26%	29%	46%	31%	34%	30%	29%
Illegal	49%	48%	54%	47%	54%	48%	39%	41%	43%	52%	55%
Not sure	21%	22%	8%	26%	20%	23%	15%	29%	24%	18%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,000)	(767)	(116)	(117)	(361)	(283)	(200)	(190)	(213)	(348)	(249)

	Parents use corporal punishment			
	Total	Yes	No	Prefer not to say
Legal	31%	35%	23%	4%
Illegal	49%	46%	57%	44%
Not sure	21%	19%	20%	52%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%
(Unweighted N)	(1,000)	(731)	(222)	(46)

**6. Corporal punishment effective**

Do you think corporal punishment can be an effective way of teaching a child what is right and wrong, or not?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	49%	59%	40%	40%	48%	57%	43%	39%	50%	61%
No	32%	25%	38%	37%	31%	27%	36%	46%	27%	24%
Not sure	19%	16%	22%	23%	21%	16%	20%	16%	24%	15%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (485)	100% (514)	100% (180)	100% (268)	100% (379)	100% (172)	100% (333)	100% (423)	100% (243)

	Race				Family Income			Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	49%	48%	59%	43%	47%	48%	60%	38%	47%	58%	45%
No	32%	33%	20%	35%	32%	34%	30%	42%	34%	27%	30%
Not sure	19%	18%	21%	22%	21%	18%	10%	21%	20%	15%	24%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (767)	100% (116)	100% (116)	100% (360)	100% (283)	100% (200)	100% (190)	100% (213)	100% (348)	100% (248)

	Total	Parents use corporal punishment		
		Yes	No	Prefer not to say
Yes	49%	64%	13%	8%
No	32%	23%	64%	10%
Not sure	19%	13%	23%	82%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (731)	100% (221)	100% (46)

**7. Corporal punishment damaging**

Do you think corporal punishment is psychologically damaging to a child, or not?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	34%	27%	41%	45%	37%	28%	32%	45%	32%	25%
No	43%	52%	34%	32%	42%	51%	41%	34%	41%	57%
Not sure	23%	21%	25%	23%	21%	21%	28%	21%	26%	18%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (484)	100% (513)	100% (181)	100% (268)	100% (376)	100% (172)	100% (333)	100% (422)	100% (242)

	Race				Family Income			Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	34%	35%	22%	43%	34%	34%	33%	41%	36%	32%	33%
No	43%	43%	57%	31%	44%	44%	49%	38%	42%	47%	40%
Not sure	23%	23%	20%	26%	22%	22%	19%	21%	22%	21%	27%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (765)	100% (116)	100% (116)	100% (360)	100% (282)	100% (199)	100% (189)	100% (213)	100% (347)	100% (248)

	Parents use corporal punishment			
	Total	Yes	No	Prefer not to say
Yes	34%	26%	60%	32%
No	43%	55%	15%	9%
Not sure	23%	19%	26%	60%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (997)	100% (728)	100% (222)	100% (46)

**8. Parents use corporal punishment**

Did your parents ever use corporal punishment when you were a child?

	Gender			Age				Party ID		
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	Democrat	Independent	Republican
Yes	71%	78%	64%	57%	73%	78%	69%	63%	74%	74%
No	23%	17%	29%	33%	20%	19%	24%	31%	18%	23%
Prefer not to say	6%	6%	7%	11%	7%	3%	7%	7%	8%	3%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (485)	100% (514)	100% (181)	100% (268)	100% (378)	100% (172)	100% (334)	100% (422)	100% (243)

	Race				Family Income			Region			
	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Under 40	40-80	80+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	71%	70%	79%	65%	69%	72%	80%	68%	70%	73%	70%
No	23%	23%	11%	33%	24%	25%	19%	30%	22%	20%	24%
Prefer not to say	6%	7%	10%	2%	7%	3%	1%	2%	8%	7%	6%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (766)	100% (116)	100% (117)	100% (361)	100% (282)	100% (200)	100% (190)	100% (212)	100% (348)	100% (249)

	Total	Parents use corporal punishment		
		Yes	No	Prefer not to say
Yes	71%	100%	—	—
No	23%	—	100%	—
Prefer not to say	6%	—	—	100%
Totals (Unweighted N)	100% (999)	100% (731)	100% (222)	100% (46)