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**TYPES OF PARENTING AND THE EFFECTS ON THEIR CHILDREN AS MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.**

Parenting can be defined as the process of bringing up a child. Parenting is a major factor in an individual’s life, which plays a major role in the total behaviour of the child and the roles he/she plays in the society. They are four types of parenting namely:

1. Authoritative
2. Authoritarian
3. Permissive
4. Uninvolved

Authoritative parenting style:Authoritative parenting is characterized by reasonable demands and high responsiveness. While authoritative parents might have high expectations for their children, they also give their kids the resources and support they need to succeed. Parents who exhibit this style listen to their kids and provide love and warmth in addition to limits and fair discipline. Traditionally, the authoritative parenting style has been identified as the most effective and helpful to a child.

Characteristics of Authoritative parenting style:

1. They listen to their children

2. They allow their children to express opinions

3. They encourage their children to discuss options

4. They foster independence and reasoning

5. They place limits, consequences, and expectations on their children's behavior

6. They express warmth and nurturing

7. They administer fair and consistent discipline when rules are broken

Effects of Authoritative parenting style:

Research has repeatedly shown that children raised by authoritative parents;

1. Tend to be more capable, happy, and successful.

2. Tend to have happier dispositions

3. Have good emotional control and regulation

4. Develop good social skills

5. Are self-confident about their abilities to learn new things

Authoritarian Parenting Style:

Authoritarian parenting is a parenting style characterized by high demands and low responsiveness. Parents with an authoritarian style have very high expectations of their children, yet provide very little in the way of feedback and nurturance. Mistakes tend to be punished very harshly. When feedback does occur, it is often negative. Yelling and corporal punishment are also commonly seen in the authoritarian style. A sense of hate may also surface in the child’s attitude towards the parent.

Characteristics of Authoritarian Parents

1. Authoritarian parent tends to be very demanding, but not responsive.

2. They don't express much warmth or nurturing.

3. Authoritarian parents utilize punishments with little or no explanation.

4. Authoritarian parents don't trust their children to make good choices.

5. They are not willing to negotiate.

Effects of Authoritarian Parents

1. They associate obedience and success with love

2. Some children display more aggressive behavior outside the home

3. Some children may act fearful or overly shy around others

4. Children often have lower self-esteem

5. They tend to conform easily, yet may also suffer from depression and anxiety

6. They may struggle with self-control because they are rarely able to make choices and experience natural consequences

Permissive Parenting Style:

Permissive parenting is a type of parenting style characterized by low demands with high responsiveness. Permissive parents tend to be very loving, yet provide few guidelines and rules. These parents do not expect mature behavior from their children and often seem more like a friend than a parental figure.

These parents tend to be the polar opposite of the so-called "helicopter parents." Instead of hovering over their children's every move, permissive parents are incredibly lax and rarely make or enforce any type of rules or structure. Their motto is often simply that "kids will be kids." While they are usually warm and loving, they make little or no attempt to control or discipline their kids.

Because there are few rules, expectations, and demands, children raised by permissive parents tend to struggle with self-regulation and self-control.

Characteristics of Permissive Parenting:

1. Are usually very nurturing and loving towards their kids

2. Ask their children's opinions on major decisions

3. Emphasize their children's freedom rather than responsibility

4. Have few rules or standards of behavior, any rules they do have are inconsistent and are easily broken with little or no consequence on the children

5. May use bribery such as toys, gifts, and food as a means to get a child to behave

6. Often seem more like a friend, rather than a parent

7. Provide little in the way of a schedule or structure

8. Rarely enforce any type of consequences

 Effects of Permissive Parenting

 Children raised by permissive parents tend to lack self-discipline, possess poor social skills, may be self-involved and demanding, and may feel insecure due to the lack of boundaries and guidance.

1. Display low achievement in many areas
2. May be more prone to delinquency and substance use
3. Show more aggression and less emotional understanding
4. Unable to manage their time or habits
5. Teens with permissive parents were three times more likely to engage in heavy drinking. Researchers also suggest that permissive parenting is linked to other risky behaviors such as drug use and other forms of misconduct.
6. Children raised by parents with this style tend to grow up without a strong sense of self-discipline.
7. They may be more unruly in school due to the lack of boundaries in the home and may be less academically motivated than many of their peers.
8. While they may be good at interpersonal communication, they lack other important skills such as sharing.

Uninvolved Parenting Styles:

Uninvolved parenting, sometimes referred to as neglectful parenting, is a style characterized by a lack of responsiveness to a child's needs. Uninvolved parents make few to no demands of their children and they are often indifferent, dismissive, or even completely neglectful. They are often emotionally detached, have little or no care or responsibility for their child and is hands-off the worst type of parenting.

Characteristics of uninvolved parenting:

1. Act emotionally distant from their children
2. Limit interactions with their children because they're too overwhelmed by their own problems
3. Provide little or no supervision
4. Set few or no expectations or demands for behavior
5. Show little warmth, love, and affection towards their children
6. Skip school events and parent-teacher conferences
7. They do not respond well to the needs of their children and provide little affection, support, or love. They also make very few demands of their children.
8. They rarely set rules and do not offer guidance or expectations for behavior.

Conclusion.

People who had Authoritative parents are more likely to become independent, self-reliant, socially accepted, academically successful, and well-behaved. They are less likely to report depression and anxiety, and less likely to engage in antisocial behavior like delinquency and drug use. They will be more law abiding, make good leaders and be the ones most likely to better the community.

People who had Authoritarian parents tend to possess anxiety, difficult in social interaction and end up being very anti-social. They tend to have no effect on the society and often do not participate in political activities.

People who had Permissive parents tend to be self-centered, lack good decision making and sometimes end up practicing illegal activities, they tend to affect the community negatively if care is not taken.

People who had uninvolved parents generally perform poorly in nearly every area of life. These children tend to display deficits in cognition, attachment, emotional skills, and social skills. They tend to be anti-social and affect the community negatively or not at all if care is not taken.

Through this, one can see that the types of parenting styles used in raising a child matters in his behavior or attitude towards he’s environment ,community and the betterment of him/her as a person. This can reduce the rate of crimes like armed robbery, theft and rape in the future.