

Palestinian Parents and their Views of Corporal Punishment against Children

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The purpose of this study is to examine to what degree Palestinian parents support the use of different forms of corporal punishment against their children and the relationship between levels of for corporal punishment of children and of income and education levels. The population of the study included a sample of 890 parents of children who reside in the Palestinian Authority territory (West Bank). The research instrument used in the study was a closed questionnaire in the Arabic language, which includes descriptions of non-normative behaviors of children. Regarding each of these behaviors, the parent was requested to express his/her agreement level to possible responses. The main findings of the study were: First, parents' support level of all types of punishment, including corporal and non-corporal punishment, decreased with an increase in level of education . Second, parents with a family income higher than NIS 5,000 a month were less supportive of corporal punishment than parents with a lower family income.

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