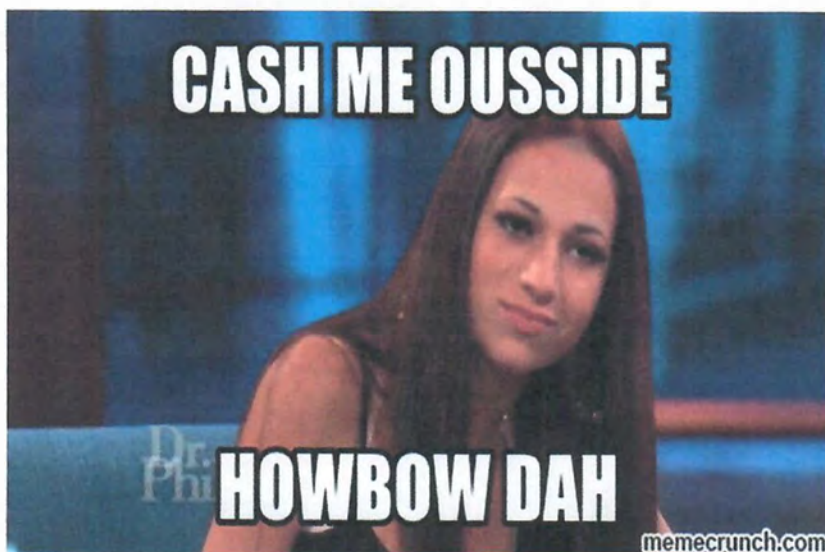


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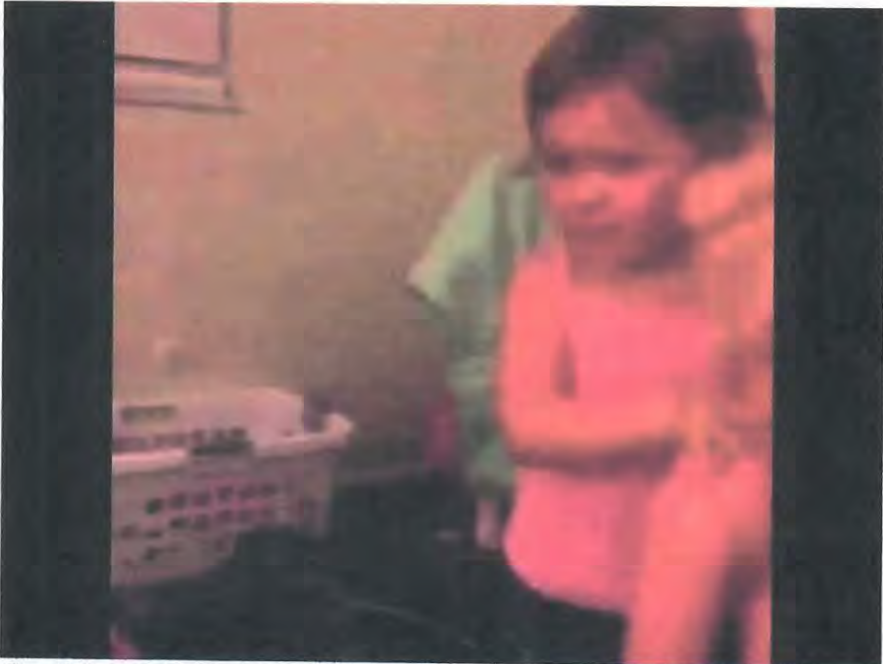
## Bad Parenting V. Good Parenting

Social media has shown us two sides or kinds of parenting. On Facebook I found a video called, “Good Parenting V. Bad Parenting”. This video shows us a “bad parenting” sign and a video clip of the Dr. Phil show where we see a desperate mother seeking for Dr. Phil’s help with her rebellious, out of control 13-year-old daughter. Both the mother and daughter are Caucasian. I felt the need to point this out because it is an essential part of the video in order for a better understanding of why it is funny. As I was saying, we see a Caucasian mother and daughter at the Dr. Phil show, and right away we can see that this is not your typical 13-year-old. She is very ill-mannered and tries to intimidate anyone who even just tries to talk to her including her own mother. She shows aggressive body language towards the studio audience, Dr. Phil and her mother. The girl faces the audience and says, “cash me outside howbow dah”. After she says



that Dr. Phil looks clueless and asks her what that means, to which her mother answers Dr. Phil’s question by saying that she’s trying to pick a fight. After answering Dr. Phil’s question her daughter gets up and again

displays violent body language towards them, and Dr. Phil gives an annoyed expression as he orders her to sit down. Then we see a sign that says, “Good Parenting” and there we see a Mexican man speaking in Spanish bragging to two men sitting in front of his desk of how his son must respect otherwise he will smack him. As his son sits next to him behind a desk, his son chuckles and looks at his father and says he wouldn't hit him, and he says the same thing the girl from the Dr. Phil clip said, “cash me outside howbow dah”, and his father immediately gets up and slaps him in the face and demands that he must respect him because he is his father, kicks him out of the room, and the video ends there. The “Good Parenting” Part of the video was only an act; it was not real. In another video, I found on Instagram we see young Caucasian little girl throwing a naked Barbie doll and saying “give me your fucking money”. Of course, no one



would expect the little girl to ever behave or act like that. Many would expect that her parents would discipline her but instead she was recorded and posted on social media.

Many people find the “Bad Parenting V.

Good Parenting” video clip very humorous, especially Hispanic people because most of us can relate to that video. I personally have had my mother smack me in the face once or twice because I disrespected her as many other Hispanic children might have received the same kind of discipline from their parents for talking back to them or simply disrespecting them. And those

who watch shows like the Dr. Phil show, the Maury show, or, the Steve Wilkos Show, may not be surprised to see another Caucasian family there who are seeking help to control their children. Many people may also find the video clip funny because of how the 13-year old girl expresses herself and how she says “catch me outside how about that” with a funny accent. As for the other video, many people might find it humorous because you don't usually see a little girl throwing a doll across the room and cursing. Back when I was a little girl I was afraid to even curse because I knew that I would get in trouble for cursing, and nowadays I hear and see little kids cursing freely, and frequently. And when I witness that I just think about what my parents would do to me if they ever heard those words coming out of my mouth, and of course it would probably be a smack in the face or in the butt. Now people think it's funny to hear a child curse or show disrespect on social media. This has shown us how much our generation of children are changing. Of course, many of us have noticed some change of behavior due to technology. Some of us are shocked when we see a five-year-old with a smartphone or a tablet and we think back to our childhood when we didn't get to have that luxury. All we had was our toys and playing outside with our neighbors or friends. Back when I was a child the discipline was a lot harsher than what it is now. If you spank your child it is no longer seen as discipline. It is seen as child abuse. That has changed how our generation of children behave today.

It seems that the discipline that children receive nowadays is not enough for them to behave. Our generation of children now seem to be a little more rebellious than before. Hearing children curse or disrespect their parents is starting to become funny or a normal thing that is being posted constantly on social media as a meme. It is rare that we see a Hispanic child cursing or disrespecting their parents on social media, yet we see a lot of Caucasian children cursing and disrespecting their parents on social media for amusement and entertainment. That may lead a lot

of people to think that Caucasian parents don't discipline their children, which leads me to think that discipline varies in different kinds of race, but our generation and society now has changed on child discipline because spanking is seen as child abuse. Now don't get me wrong here, I do not agree with a parent excessively spanking their child as a form of discipline, but it's not bad to give a mild spank in the butt or even a nonphysical form of discipline when we know that our child has misbehaved. There really is not much to dispute in the analysis I have offered of the parental discipline. The real question concerning these issues has to do with the lack of parental discipline. Put simply: What does the future hold for children who lack discipline? What will the future generation of children be like if they are not properly disciplined, but rewarded by getting positive recognition by being posted on social media as entertainment? To answer this question, we can look at another video: called "Kids today smh". (smh: Shaking, My, Head). I found this video on Instagram. It is an 8 second video of a little kid, maybe about 5 years old reacting to a realistic baby doll who moves and makes noise. His reaction was to was to say, "what the fuck!". He didn't even think twice about what he was going to say or how his parents would react. It was like his first instinct. When I was his age I definitely thought twice about cursing in front of my parents because I knew I would get punished. It seemed to be regular behavior in his household.

As we see our new generation of children they seem to lack the sense of discipline as shown on with the "Bad Parenting V. Good Parenting" video, and the other video where the little girl throws her naked doll across the room and curses as shown on social media (Facebook, and Instagram, etc.). Some may say it's wrong to spank their children as a form of discipline. However now that the new generation lack that form of discipline they seem to be getting worse. I use my little sister as an example. My mother does not discipline her the way she disciplined me when I was her age. Her behavior is a lot worse than mine was when I was her age. I was

afraid to talk back to my mother when I was her age because I knew my mother would discipline mean by giving me a spanking, and now, that form of discipline is considered bad, and my mom no longer disciplines her the way she disciplined me when I was her age and the result of that is my sister constantly talking back and disrespecting my mother, which shocks me. It shocks most of us to hear a 10-year-old cussing because when we were their age we knew we would be punished for it, now rather than getting punished it is on social media is using it as means of entertainment. Some may argue that discipline can lead to abuse. For example, in Sweden, it is illegal to spank children. One of the main reasons for making spanking children illegal is because there were cases where parents excessively spanked their children which just lead to abuse. In an CNN article called, "In Sweden, a generation of kids who've never been spanked", there was a case where there was a young teen named Hillary Adams IS able to capture video evidence of physical abuse by the hands of her parents. Her father was the main parent inflicting the abuse, and made her mother go along with what he called "discipline". She explains to the CNN reporter how her father's discipline slowly started escalating to abuse over time. It says in the article, "No countries in North America ban physical punishment by parents, but there's a perennial debate about the line between discipline and abuse, and who's allowed to administer it. It flared again last week after millions watched a seven-minute YouTube video from 2004 that showed a Texas judge cursing at his teen daughter and beating her with a belt". It is a very difficult video to watch for many parents. This video shows the teen girl sitting on her bed looking frightened because she knows what her father and mother are going to do to her, and sure enough her father violently enters the room yelling at the top of his lungs. He then continues to violently smack her and yell at her. At one point, he steps out of the room to grab his belt to continue the gruesome violence he considers "discipline". This is an example of why parents

may have eased up on disciplining their children. Some parents can simply cross the boundary between discipline, and abuse. If I were a parent myself I would make sure to draw a line between discipline and abuse after being aware of that video that was posted on 2004.

I conclude that discipline does not vary in race because of what the “Bad Parenting V. Good Parenting” video shows us, but it does vary in the type of parents that we have now that have let themselves be influenced by what society and social media think about discipline. And so far, social media has shown us that Caucasian parents have been influenced the most because of the lack of discipline we see on social media where a child is recorded cursing and misbehaving for entertainment of others. There are some Hispanics that no longer discipline their children by giving them a spank and many of us see the lack of discipline when we are out and see a small child cursing or disrespecting their parent in public. It is important for the sake of our future generation of children that they are disciplined properly, but not excessively.

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