Consultation on the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Tystiolaeth i’r Pwyllgor Plant, Pobl Ifanc ac Addysg ar gyfer craffu Cyfnod 1 Bil Plant (Diddymu Amddiffyniad Cosb Resymol) (Cymru)</th>
<th>Evidence submitted to the Children, Young People and Education Committee for Stage 1 scrutiny of the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CADRP-106</td>
<td>CADRP-106</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

About you
Individual

1 The Bill’s general principles

1.1 Do you support the principles of the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill?

— No

1.2 Please outline your reasons for your answer to question 1.1

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

Sadly, there are some who cannot see a very clear distinction between abuse and measured, loving discipline. Abuse is motivated by hate, control, or contempt. It leads to harmful acts (emotional, as well as physical) that impair or harm the child’s development. The goal is personal gratification of either of those traits and is sensually satisfying to the perpetrator.

Loving discipline is motivated by an urgency, or other imperative, that requires a clear message from the responsible parent to the developing child. The emotion on the part of the parent is of love; that the discipline is a ‘regretful necessity’. It is never administered in anger or carelessly.

1.3 Do you think there is a need for legislation to deliver what this Bill is trying to achieve?

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

No. Abuse is already illegal.
2 The Bill’s implementation

2.1 Do you have any comments about any potential barriers to implementing the Bill? If no, go to question 3.1

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

Wales already appropriates enough of English tax-payers money. We can’t afford the resources to train the 'mandatory reporters'... let alone employ more.

2.2 Do you think the Bill takes account of these potential barriers?

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

Not in the slightest. The only motive is some political traction. Had it been clearly designed to benefit individuals and society as a whole, it wouldn’t have got this far.

3 Unintended consequences

3.1 Do you think there are any unintended consequences arising from the Bill? If no, go to question 4.1

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

Yes. Continued societal breakdown, where children grow up victims of emotional and psychological manipulation.

4 Financial implications

4.1 Do you have any comments on the financial implications of the Bill (as set out in Part 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum)? If no, go to question 5.1

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

-

5 Other considerations

5.1 Do you have any other points you wish to raise about this Bill?

(we would be grateful if you could keep your answer to around 1000 words)

-