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

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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)

I do not agree that the State should interfere with family life, particularly when such interference would criminalise parents

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. The Bill should be stopped.

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)
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)

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)

Criminalisation of parents for correcting thier children necessary reporting of minor smacks to overworked police and social workers, thus keeping them from prusuing genuine cases of assault.

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)

A study carried out in Sweden after a ban was introduced there showed that, instead of the ban reducing child on child attacks, they increased by over 1000%. There is no evidence that smacking (as opposed to hitting) does any harm to a child.

Look at what's happened in schools now that teachers are so limited in what correction they can administer - anarchy.

It is not the State's job to interfere in family life in such a way. Children are not adults. They need to be treated as children and this will interfere in a parent teaching a child right from wrong.