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)

A smack administered by a loving parent is not child abuse.

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! Children are already protected under the law from genuine harm and abuse why criminalise loving parents.

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)

Chaos! The police and social services will be inundated, overwhelmed by totally unnecessary complaints against parents simply trying to keep unruly children under control.

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)

See above re police and social services.

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)

Children are children, they are not adults. This Bill pretends that they are adults and seeks to treat them in the same way. Children need discipline and the type of discipline most appropriate to the individual child should be assessed by a loving parent NOT THE STATE.