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 believe it is the parent’s responsibility to bring up their children not the State. Parents have a responsibility to raise their children to be well adjusted, good citizens & equip them for their life ahead. That might on occasion mean using physical punishment to help train a young child in the right way. This is the duty of every loving parent.

This is not child abuse as some people say but loving them enough to bring order into their lives.

The punishment should always be measured, not harsh or out of anger & an explanation should always be given to the child.

In my raising of our children I only used physical punishment on one or two occasions but it always was an option in training them. This should not be taken away.

. We have seen what has happened to standards of behaviour in schools since corporal punishment was abolished perhaps we should learn from our mistakes.
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)
Certainly Not

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)
I wonder how this proposed law can be effectively policed. Any punishment could far outway the "crime" Will children be taken away from their parents who have been found "guilty"? The trauma to any child would be long lasting & detrimentally affect other family members. Is any child to be believed over a parent?

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)
Money could be better spent on helping children who are abused or to prevent such abuse.

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)