

Evolution of Parenting in the United States

1940s

Child: Why do I have to do what you say?

Parent: Because the Bible says so.

1950s

Child: Why do I have to do what you say?

Parent: Because if you don't, you will get a spanking.

1960s

Child: Why do I have to do what you say?

Parent: Because I am your parent.

1970s

Child : Why do I have to do what you say?

Parent: Just because.

Child: Because why?

Parent: Because I said so.

1980s

Child: Like, why do I have to do what you say?

Parent: Because if you don't, I will take away your video games.

1990s

Child: Why do I have to do what you say?

Parent: Because if you don't, I won't buy you the new video game you want.

2000s

Child: Why do I have to do what you say?

Parent: Because if you don't, I won't be your friend anymore.

2010s

Child: Why do I have to do what you say?

Parent: Whatever you want to do is fine as long as it does not affect my life much.