

AN INTERCULTURAL APPROACH TO CHINESE AND FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES



中外大学校园文化对比研究



Unit 7 Parent-adult children relationship

Watch movie clips. Then select one of the parenting styles and make comment on it.



Pop quiz: Do you have a helicopter (grand)parent?

Does s/he regularly wake you up to make sure you are on time for class?

Does s/he frequently follow-up with university administrators and instructors?

Does s/he have your class schedule posted and follow-up to see if you are going to class?

Does s/he still assist homework and research for papers?

Does s/he make academic decisions for you (choose classes, majors, universities, etc.)

Does s/he schedule appointments for you?

Does s/he accompany you to appointments?

Does s/he want/have your student account in order to check your grades?

Does s/he go to the university bookstore to purchase your books or other supplies?

Five different types of "helicopter parents" that now characterise England's higher education system

http://www.bbc.co.uk/1/health/2006/06/060621_helicopter_parents.shtml

The Agent Having an Agent helicopter parent is like having Max Clifford working for you round the clock-for free. They operate like a footballer's agent: fixing deals, arranging contracts, smoothing out local difficulties. It's the Agent's job to represent his or her client at events which, for whatever reason, the client feels are simply too tedious to attend.

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The Banker Accessible online, face-to-face or via a personal hotline, the Banker is unique in the world of financial services for charging no APR (annual percentage rate 年度百分率), asking few if any questions, expecting no collateral(抵押品), and being psychologically inclined to say "yes" no matter how illogical or poorly articulated the request. The Banker is also resigned to never seeing loans repaid.

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The White Knight Imbued with an almost semi-mythical status, the White Knight parent appears at little to no notice to resolve awkward situations. Once resolved, the White Knight will fade anonymously into the background. Intervention is accomplished silently and with minimum fuss.

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The Bodyguard The primary function of the Bodyguard is to protect the client from a range of embarrassing social situations - such as cancelling appointments and soaking up complaints on behalf of their client. Particularly skilled in constructing elaborate excuses. When not protecting life, limb and reputation, doubles up as a chauffeur and personal assistant.

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The Black Hawk Named after the military helicopter, and dreaded by teachers and educational administrators, the Black Hawk is unique among helicopter parents due to their willingness to go to any lengths - legal or illegal - to give their offspring a positional advantage over any competition. Particularly lethal when elected to parent-teacher associations.

Why "hovering parents"?

Having a helicopter parent

Upsides

Downsides

Upsides to having a helicopter parent



Richard Settersten, a sociologist at Oregon State University

1. A slow path is good, and a fast path is risky.
2. Parents and young people feel a closeness or connection that they didn't have in the past.
3. Why do we focus so much on making sure that young people are "independent," when human existence is built on relationships? At every age, our welfare rests on our connections to other people.
4. The resources and relationships of parents are crucial in ensuring kids' successes. ...we should be more worried about uninvolved parents.
5. A quick departure from home means you have fewer resources to invest in your future. Early departures from home are much more likely to result in poverty.
6. A quick marriage is clearly more likely to end in divorce and involve kids.

Cited from <http://www.usatoday.com/story/life/parenting/family/teen-yes/2011-01-12/10140112> ST. N.htm

Downsides to having a helicopter parent

".....too much parental involvement can backfire: Employers may shy away from job candidates because they don't want to deal with parents."

from "Helicopter' parents hover when kids job hunt" cited from http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/economy/employment/2007-04-23/helicopter-parents-usat_N.htm

.....The children of helicopter parents are "teacups" because they are ready to break at the slightest stress or "crispiess" who come to college already burned out from the treadmill of success their parents have placed on them." Kathleen Elliott Vinson, professor at Suffolk University Law School in Boston.

Cited from <http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/jobcenter/workplace/buzzesse/story/2012-08-26/helicopter-parents-hurt-generation-of-workers/572929001>

Adult children (02:40)



Do parents have a say in the university administration? Why or why not?

YES!

NO!

Discussion III

Campus chronicle II Family Bond

Next Week: College sport

