

When talking about home education in the world, people seem to believe that Chinese parents are more likely to be the dominators of their children, so does Amy Chua. In her article “Why Chinese Mothers Are Superior”, she mentions that Chinese parents prefer forcing their Children to get through the hardest process of getting good at something, determining their children’s future and overriding their children’s own desires. What she talks about in the article seems reasonable, but I’m afraid there are still some questionable arguments from the Chinese perspective.

She said, *“To get good at anything you have to work, and children on their own never want to work, which is why it is crucial to override their preferences”*. As we know that children usually like playing because their purpose is to find enjoyment. So sometimes they will be fond of working once they find joy in it. We can infer that the key to developing their skills from the beginning is attracting their interest but not overriding their preferences, and the so-called *“never want to work”* may just be a prejudice. So it may be a “Hasty generalizations” mistake, and the statement loses its reason.

So does the statement *“Chinese parents believe that their kids owe them everything.”* We admit that the statement is partly true, since our lives are given by our parents and we are raised up by them. Sometimes Chinese parents indeed use this statement in the argument with their children, but mostly as a kind of excuse instead of their true thoughts. She only give her opinion here but not give any evidence to support the point. If the support of this statement comes from our real life, as I mentioned above, saying that Chinese parents believe in it is not proper.

She also said, *“Chinese parents believe that they know what is best for their children and therefore override all of their children's own desires and preferences”*. I should emphasize that nowadays it is advocated that teaching children in accordance of their aptitude. Parents’ believe of what is best for their children is based on the physical truth of them. Such things like *“override all of their children’s own desires and preferences”* are impossible if they really know what is best for their children, because the best choice must relate to their children’s preference and desires. So the statement has a logical problem and can’t be an convincing evidence.

Above all, the author seems defending the topic well, but in fact it just judge the problem from the surface, or from her own sight. Though we always say that “What we see is what we believe”, the vision out from the phenomenon or inside the essence will cause a big difference. Generally she could justify herself in the article, but some details couldn’t suffer deliberations from the readers’ viewpoint or from the social reality.