

**PARENTING STYLES & DIMENSIONS QUESTIONNAIRE -
SHORT VERSION
(PSDQ-Short Version)
Constructs Scoring Key**

AUTHORITATIVE PARENTING STYLE (FACTOR 1*)

Subfactor 1 - Connection Dimension (Warmth & Support)

- 7. Encourages child to talk about the child's troubles.
- 1. Responsive to child's feelings or needs
- 12. Gives comfort and understanding when child is upset.
- 14. Gives praise when child is good.
- 27. Has warm and intimate times together with child.

[To obtain a Connection Dimension score - mean the above 5 items]

Subfactor 2 - Regulation Dimension (Reasoning/Induction)

- 25. Gives child reasons why rules should be obeyed.
- 29. Helps child to understand the impact of behavior by encouraging child to talk about the consequences of his/her own actions.
- 31. Explains the consequences of the child's behavior.
- 11. Emphasizes the reasons for rules.
- 5. Explains to child how we feel about the child's good and bad behavior.

[To obtain a Regulation Dimension score - mean the above 5 items]

Subfactor 3 – Autonomy Granting Dimension (Democratic Participation)

- 21. Shows respect for child's opinions by encouraging child to express them.
- 9. Encourages child to freely express (him/herself) even when disagreeing with parents.
- 22. Allows child to give input into family rules.
- 3. Takes child's desires into account before asking the child to do something.
- 18. Takes into account child's preferences in making plans for the family.

[To obtain an Autonomy Granting Dimension score - mean the above 5 items]

***Alpha = .86; Sample = 1377**

[To obtain an overall Authoritative Parenting Style score - mean all 15 items]

AUTHORITARIAN PARENTING STYLE (FACTOR 2*)

Subfactor 1 - Physical Coercion Dimension

- 2. Uses physical punishment as a way of disciplining our child.
- 6. Spanks when our child is disobedient.
- 32. Slaps child when the child misbehaves.
- 19. Grabs child when being disobedient.

[To obtain a Physical Coercion Dimension score - mean the above 4 items]

Subfactor 2 - Verbal Hostility Dimension

- 16. Explodes in anger towards child.
- 13. Yells or shouts when child misbehaves.
- 23. Scolds and criticizes to make child improve.
- 30. Scolds and criticizes when child's behavior doesn't meet our expectations.

[To obtain a Verbal Hostility Dimension score - mean the above 4 items]

Subfactor 3 - Non-Reasoning/Punitive Dimension

- 10. Punishes by taking privileges away from child with little if any explanations.
- 26. Uses threats as punishment with little or no justification.
- 28. Punishes by putting child off somewhere alone with little if any explanations.
- 4. When child asks why (he)(she) has to conform, states: because I said so, or I am your parent and I want you to.

[To obtain a Non-Reasoning/Punitive Dimension score - mean the above 4 items]

Alpha = .82; Sample = 1377

[To obtain an overall Authoritarian Parenting Style score - mean all 12 items]

PERMISSIVE PARENTING STYLE (FACTOR 3*)

Indulgent Dimension

- 20. States punishments to child and does not actually do them.
- 17. Threatens child with punishment more often than actually giving it.
- 15. Gives into child when (he)(she) causes a commotion about something.
- 8. Finds it difficult to discipline child.
- 24. Spoils child.

Alpha = .64; Sample = 1377

[To obtain an overall Permissive Parenting Style score - mean all 5 items]

Note: Please use the following when referencing the PSDQ-Short Version:

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