PS 259

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**Child Rearing Assignment**

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In Chapter 8 (pp. 278-283, Table 8.2) Berk covers four different types of child rearing that show varying amounts of acceptance/responsiveness, demand/control and autonomy granting:

Authoritarian parenting Authoritative parenting

Uninvolved parenting Permissive parenting

Identifying Parenting Styles

The following observations are real. For each observation below, indicate which parenting style you think it illustrates and why.

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| **Observation 1**  Setting: Frozen food aisle. Child age 6 with male adult  Child: Ice cream bars!! Yum. This kind this kind…. [banging on the glass case]  Adult: I think we have some at home.  Child: Not this kind. These are better.  Adult: But we may not have room in the freezer, and I am not sure Lily likes that kind.  Child: For me please…..  Adult: [puts the ice cream bars into the cart] | **Parenting Style (and why):** |
| **Observation 2**  Setting: Cereal aisle. Child age 5 with female adult  Child: grabs cereal off shelf and says “I want this”  Adult: gently takes the box out of her hands and says, “No, remember we eat Kashi”.  Child: whines and says “noooooo”.  Adult: Says more sternly, “Look we already have the cereal we need” and points to the box in the cart.  Child: pouts and turns away, clearly disappointed, but doesn’t continue arguing. | **Parenting Style (and why):** |
| **Observation 3**  Setting: Paint store. Child age 5 with female adult (mom is overweight and carrying a fly swatter)  Child: Immediately pulls away from parent’s hand when enters the store and starts touching stuff on the shelves.  Adult: tries to get to the child quickly but moves slowly  Child: continues to touch and say “what’s this, what’s this”  Adult: uses a fly swatter to hit the child an says “not for you.” Tries to get his hand but he runs away.  This continues during their whole visit to the store. | **Parenting Style (and why):** |
| **Observation 4**  Setting: entering the checkout at Shaw’s. Child: 3-4 year old female  Child is blocking the shopping cart and mom, so mom cannot get into the area where she needs to unload the groceries.  Adult: Grabs child by arm and sternly says “MOVE IT: Yanks child out of the way. Child screams and starts to cry.  Child: Moves away from mom to candy display. Has her back to mom but keeps looking over her shoulder to mom. Touches a few bars, pouting.  Adult: Ignores child. Empties cart and waits for total. Next customer approaches  Child: Child bumps into next customer’s cart to get ahead of him and runs over to mom who is now bagging food. | **Parenting Style (and why):** |
| **Observation 5**  Setting: Produce. Child age 7 with male adult  Adult: What fruit do you like?  Child: Oranges are best.  Adult: How about apples too?  Child: No, I like oranges. The little ones.  Adult: I think your brother likes grapes.  Child: Maybe he can have grapes, and I can have the small oranges.  Adult: OK. (and puts oranges, apples, and grapes into the basket). | **Parenting Style (and why):** |

1. Why might the grocery store be a less-than-ideal context for observing parents at their best?
2. Why might the grocery store be an ideal context for seeing how parents parent?

Article by Padilla-Walker and Nelson (2012)

What is the research question?

Summarize the method.

Describe the key results (in your own words)?

What is the take home message (in your own words)?

In the (real) examples below indicate whether you think the parent behavior is an example of helicopter parenting.

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| Both parents taking time off from work to take their child to college. | Yes No Not sure |
| Parents stay a week in their child’s college town (in the US) while he goes through first year orientation. The parents met and married in this town, but they have since lived in Singapore. | Yes No Not sure |
| A mom calls the Department Chair because her child cannot get into a course. She says, “What are you going to do about this?” | Yes No Not sure |
| A dad calls a faculty member and tells her that his daughter has a history of disordered eating. He asks the faculty member to call him every time his daughter misses a class. | Yes No Not sure |
| A parent in Arizona wants her child to go to school on the East Coast but the child is afraid to fly. The parent says that the child can take the train. Over the summer, the mother changes her mind, and says the child has to fly by herself (her grandmother lives nearby and will get her at the airport and take her to school). | Yes No Not sure |
| A child does not get along with her roommate and the mom who works in College Life at another school encourages her daughter to try to work it out or to talk to the housing office about switching rooms (not sure the child followed through). After several weeks, the daughter mentions that to top it off the roommate never locks the door and the daughter is worried about her personal safety. The parent calls the Dean of Students directly to demand her child get a new room. | Yes No Not sure |

1. How might helicopter parenting factor into the period of emerging adulthood?
2. Create a bumper sticker or a laptop sticker encouraging parents to engage in less helicopter parenting. (Draw by hand and paste image into this file.)