



Nature vs. Nurture



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How much credit or blame to parents deserve?

★ Authoritarian Families

- Parents believe that they are the bosses of their children. They do not believe that they have to explain their actions or demands.

★ Democratic or authoritative families

- The children participate in decisions affecting their lives. The parents will listen the child's reasons for wanting to go somewhere or do something.

★ Permissive or Laissez-faire Families

- The parents attempt to guide their children. Normally the children have the final say.



How much credit or blame do parents deserve? (continued)

The effects of parenting styles.

- Studies have shown that children that grow up in **democratic or authoritative** families are a lot more confident on their own and goals than other people.
- Child abuse can hurt the child physically, mentally, and emotionally. Mistreatment or negative treatment to the child by adult can affect on how the child is going to be.

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Good things of parenting

- Children who have grown into **democratic families** are more confident of their own values and goals than people.
- The child will more likely to identify with parents who love and respect him/her than parents that treat him/her that there below them.
- In social development the child or children have to learn what is acceptable and what isn't



Peer Influence

- ❖ Even though nature and nurture can explain why someone has certain traits or act the way they do, peers can also be a factor.
 - ❖ People might do certain things to please others in society or seem cool

Ex.

You've been bullied all throughout high school. Finally, you move to a new state and start going to a new school. You start to make new friends and you finally feel like you belong. But, your new friends like to smoke and steal. Your friends ask you to be to wait in the car while they rob a store. If you don't go along with them, they'll drop you as their friend. If you do go along with them, you could be punished severely.



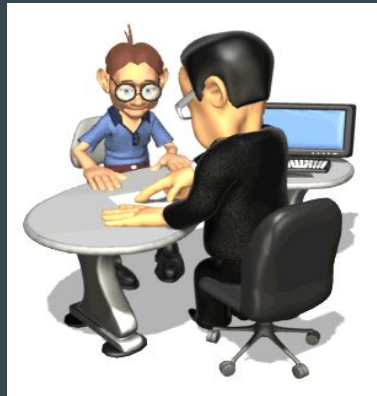
Peer Influence (continued)

Peer influence is a huge problem in today's society and its not all just drugs and alcohol. Peers around you can try to make you do certain things that you don't want to do.

Nature- Right from wrong

Nurture- peers can influence you by: stealing, or robbing, wearing the best clothes that you don't like, changing the way they talk or act.

All of these things could get you in serious trouble.



Culture

- You are influenced by the culture that your parents teach you.
- So the culture you surround yourself with, influences the way you think, your beliefs and your customs.
- Part of what you believe in comes from the group you are exposed to.
- **For example:** in the Hispanic culture some families are shaped into the Christianity belief, they might have been taught to have a strong connection to their families.



The Nature and Nurture of Gender

A huge influence that nature and nurture have on people is gender roles. Gender roles have been around for as long as we can remember and not a lot has changed since then.

Female

Stay at home mom
(cook, clean, and
take care of kids)
More emotional
Don't play sports
Nurses not doctors
Never in charge
Not as strong as men
Never fight (physically)
"Needy"
Love to shop



Male

Aggressive
Enjoy working or looking
at cars
Enjoy outside activities
(fishing, hunting)
Lazy or messy
Don't cook, clean, or sew
Very competitive with
sports
Always the dominant one
in a relationship
Always knows how to fix
things



The Nature and Nurture of Gender (continued)

Culture. Culture is another big influence on nature and nurture. There are many different cultures and everyone is different in its own way, especially with gender. In asian culture you are supposed to be skinny, pale, and weak (not physically strong) and is supposed to be at home cooking and cleaning after the kids while mexican stereotypes can be different like women are expected to clean, cook, and take care of kids or younger siblings.



Reflection of Nature vs. Nurture

- ★ Nature - the characteristic that someone inherits
 - Ex. The looks of a child has to there parents or family members or sometimes there personality
- ★ Nurture - The environment such as family culture education and experiences
 - Ex. The music or people that someone hangs out around

