

Rosemond's Bill of Rights for Children

Article One: Because it is the most character-building word in the English language, children have the right to hear their parents say no at least three times a day, every day.

Article Two: Children have the right to find out early in their lives that their parents exist not to make them happy, but to offer them the opportunity to learn the skills the children need to eventually make themselves happy.

Article Three: Children have a right to scream all they want over the decisions their parents make, albeit their parents have the right to confine said screaming to certain isolated areas of their homes.

Article Four: Children have the right to find out early that their parents care deeply for them but don't give a hoot what their children think about them at any given moment in time.

Article Five: Because it is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, children have the right to hear their parents say "Because I said so" on a regular and frequent basis.

Article Six: Because it is the most character-building activity a child can engage in within the four walls of the home, children have the right to share significantly in the doing of household chores.

Article Seven: Every child has the right to discover early in life that he isn't the center of the universe, and that in the overall scheme of things and in strictly earthly terms, he isn't very important at all-no one is. This will prevent him from becoming an insufferable brat.

Article Eight: Children have the right to learn to be grateful for what they receive. Therefore, they have the right to receive all of what they truly need and very little of what they simply want.

Article Nine: Children have the right to learn early in their lives that obedience to legitimate authority is not optional, that there are consequences for disobedience, and that said consequences are memorable and therefore persuasive.

Article Ten: Every child has the right to parents who love him enough to make sure he enjoys all of the above rights.

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