

Cultural Influences in Parenting

After reading the "Raising Psychologically Healthy Children" on pages 411-412, it would seem that according to Western tradition the Authoritative parenting style is superior in raising healthy, well-adjusted children. This is not the full story, however, as you will see from the attached article. It is important to note that the socio-cultural context in which the child is raised makes a difference.

<http://www.apa.org/science/about/psa/2008/03/wang.aspx>

After reading both of these articles, discuss your reactions in a 3-5 page paper addressing these points:

1. Discuss the characteristics of each of the parenting styles as identified by Diana Baumrind.
2. Which of the parenting patterns best match your own upbringing? Provide examples to demonstrate an understanding of the particular pattern being discussed.
3. Would you/ or have you used this same pattern in raising your own children? What would you do similarly, and what would you do differently?
4. What are your reactions to the article regarding parenting practices in Asian families? What are some of the reasons why this style might be superior within the socio-cultural context?
5. If this has not already been addressed, what do you consider to be the most important characteristics in parenting in order to raise psychologically healthy children?