

On Spanking

Is spanking abuse? Let us consult its etymology! Says EtymOnline.com, for abuse, “mid-15c., ‘improper practice,’ from Old French *abus* (14c.), from Latin *abusus*. Earlier in Middle English was *abusion* ‘wicked act or practice, shameful thing, violation of decency’ (early 14c.), ‘an insult’ (mid-14c.).” Very interesting. Is spanking an “improper practice”? Yes. Is it a “wicked act or practice”? Yes. Is it a “shameful thing”? Quite. Is it a “violation of decency”? Oh, most certainly. And is it “an insult”? Ten out of ten kids agree that it is! Yes, *spanking is abuse*. And that’s today’s two cents.

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