

Re: Are Children Self-Owners or Slaves?

As an update to this post:

After all of the discussion I've had on this the last few days, it seems the above is incomplete. I will add this, from Debbie Harbeson, "If one accepts that the principle of non-aggression is valid, there is no need to put children in a separate category of discussion at all is there? If you believe in non-aggression then it applies universally." Very true. I guess each of us must ask ourselves why it is we follow the NAP. Is it because we want to treat others peacefully and respectfully, how we want to be treated, or is it because we fear retaliation? In other words, would we violate it if we could get away with it? If the latter, perhaps that's why you feel it's okay to hurt or coerce children. I think the NAP is even a good approach to animals. We've all got to eat, but let's not waste life needlessly or treat it cruelly.

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