

Corporal punishment of children is in Czech republic unfortunately wide-spread business. This work in its beginning shortly summarises current data pieces of knowledge about this problem, about his history, about legislature and organizations, which deals with corporal punishment or with corporal tyranny. Researching part is trying to chart the situation about this problem in university medical students. 62 respondents took part in research (80 questionnaires were distributed, but only 77,5% of them returned). Group of respondents is extremely interesting because of a high number of university graduate parents within. (76% of students has at least one parent with university diploma and 40,5% even both of them). Other results, than in big population studies, were therefore expected.

After research and analysis these findings were followed on:

1) Students were (as children) punished less commonly, than average population of their days. 87% of them met with corporal punishment though. 54% from that 87% met with beating with some object (like spoon or belt) – this meets requirements for corporal tyranny.

2) Most frequent reason for punishment was disobedience in the face of parents (61%), followed by falsehood (55,5%), late homecoming (52%), dog-fights with a sib (48%), nonfulfilment of houseworks (33%), bad benefit at school (31%), smoking plus/or hard drinking (28%), damaging or destruction of things (24%).

3) Students were punished more frequently by father, than by mother.

4) More alternative punishments were used in families of our students, than body punishments. Students considered alternative punishments as more efficient.

5) Apart from the fact that our students are supposed to have quite good knowledge of this broad issue, absolute majority of students intents to punish their children corporally, they disallows a negative role of corporal punishment in upbringing of a child and they don't want to have a law to forbid corporal punishment in our country.

Following the results of the research there were recommendation given: to extend further education of students in this questions with making already ongoing education more intensive.