

Expectations of children by fathers born in the 1980s

Through interview surveys of fathers in the city of Sichuan ,China

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Abstract

In China, economy, culture, education were changed after the Reform and Opening of the 1980s. Therefore, we should have a new recognition about the 1980s generation. With dual-earning families increased, males join in the house working and the child care increased as well. This study provides their actions of child care and their expectations of their children.

This study interviews six fathers who live in city. The results show that fathers give their children appropriate material which is easy to become spoiled. Fathers try to create contact with child. For the fathers, the most important thing is their child's health, because they know the difficulty of education and the pressures of employment, so they expect their children to have an open character and excellent social ability .They also hope their child will stay pure and innocent. Fathers respect their child's decision about education and careers. On the other hand, fathers expect their children has a university diploma at least for their better life. They have a deeper recognition about the role of a husband or a son after they become a father. The education which these fathers had can influence the way of the child care.

The study concludes that child care is a sacred thing for fathers, and the growth of fathers, and child care and expectations of their children influence each other.