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RICH AND POOR IN LAREAU

Rich and Poor in Lareau's *Unequal Childhoods*

Lareau's book suggests that the children of middle class families are more prepared for the work world than their poorer counterparts. Lareau (2003) calls the major style of middle-class parenting "concerted cultivation" (p. 2) and the major style of (p. 3). In concerted cultivation, the parents make the children act like equals to adults, asking them a lot of questions, and encouraging them to engage in lots of organized activities like soccer leagues and piano lessons (Lareau, 2003, p. 1). In the accomplishment of natural growth, the parents encourage the children to play by themselves. For them, the crucial responsibilities of parenthood do not lie in eliciting their children's feelings, opinions, and thoughts. Rather, they see a clear boundary between adults and children. Parents tend to use directives: they tell their children what to do rather than persuading them with reasoning. (Lareau, 2003, p. 3)

As a result, children tend to regard themselves as subject to authority.

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References

Lareau, A. (2003). *Unequal childhoods: Class, race, and family life*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

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