

## **Evolution of Parenting in the United States**

### **1940s**

Child: Why do I have to do what you say?

Parent: Because the Bible says so.

### **1950s**

Child: Why do I have to do what you say?

Parent: Because if you don't, you will get a spanking.

### **1960s**

Child: Why do I have to do what you say?

Parent: Because I am your parent.

### **1970s**

Child : Why do I have to do what you say?

Parent: Just because.

Child: Because why?

Parent: Because I said so.

### **1980s**

Child: Like, why do I have to do what you say?

Parent: Because if you don't, I will take away your video games.

### **1990s**

Child: Why do I have to do what you say?

Parent: Because if you don't, I won't buy you the new video game you want.

### **2000s**

Child: Why do I have to do what you say?

Parent: Because if you don't, I won't be your friend anymore.

### **2010s**

Child: Why do I have to do what you say?

Parent: Whatever you want to do is fine as long as it does not affect my life much.