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Parental Control and Maturity Demands in Australia

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ABSTRACT This research was conducted in Brisbane, Australia. One hundred mothers and 55 father of preschool-aged children constituted the sample. A questionnaire was used to gather information on family demographics and parental beliefs about parental control and maturity demands from preschool-aged children. It was found that there were no parent gender differences in parental control and maturity demands from preschool-aged children. Child gender differences were also not observed for parental control and maturity demands. A higher percentage of mothers and fathers belonged to permissive category of parenting style. With increase in children's age, firm control and expectations for mature behavior increased. More educated parents were less likely to use harsh and lax control. With higher parental education demands for self-control increased.