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Man In The Street

Should Teachers Have Right To Spank Kids

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On Monday October 20 the State Supreme Court ruled in a case before it that teachers have the right to spank students.

Following that decision the "man in the street" this week asked citizens of the city how they felt about the decision.

Willie Morgan, 35, and a father of four school-aged children said, "I disagree with it (the ruling). Teachers treat the children like animals. They don't feel for the students, they don't care enough for them to be allowed to spank kids. Teachers shouldn't have a bad time at home and be allowed to come to school and take it out on the kids."

Gertrude Murphy, who has a 21-year-old daughter, answered, yes, I think they (teachers) should be allowed to spank students. Some children are awfully bad. When a child is in school the teachers are his parents."

Tonya Davis, a 29-year-old mother of three commented, "No, teachers shouldn't spank students. If one of my children does something at school that merits a spanking let the teacher tell me and I'll give him a spanking.

I think spanking is for parents, not teachers."

Thomas Holmes, 33, and father of seven stated, "No, I don't think teachers should spank kids at school. There are other ways of discipline."

Bill Kepley, 29, has no children, but his wife is a teacher. He said, "I think teachers should have the right to determine punishment. They should be allowed to spank children as long as someone is with them like the principal.

I think discipline should be maintained in the classroom."

Gwen Brown, who has one pre-school aged child commented, "I disagree with spanking. There should be some other type of punishment. Standing in a corner is better than hitting."

John Dole, a bachelor, said, "Teachers should have the right to spank. Some parents

fail to discipline their children."

Angela Myres, a college student studying to be a teacher said, "Im not going to spank my students. I think other forms of punishment are more effective and productive."

The majority of people interviewed were opposed to the ruling. Many cited teacher discrimination as their reason for opposition, others felt spanking should be left up to the parent.

One gentleman who refused to give his name said, "All these people who say they agree will feel differently the first time their child comes home with bruises on his butt."

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