## GLOBAL PERCEPTIONS OF BEING JUDGED AS A PARENT

U.S. Version

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Q1. As a parent, how often, if at all, do you feel judged by others?

Feeling judged has the potential to impact parents' mental health, which evidence has shown to impair children's development.

Most parents in every one of the 28 countries surveyed feel judged at least sometimes, with the U.S. showing the highest proportion (92%) in a tie with Singapore.

Four out of ten American parents (39%) feel that they are judged often, slightly.

Base: All parents (7,273)

Country	Very often	Fairly ofter	n S	Sometimes	Never	Prefer	not to say	
Global Average	12%	24%		46%			14%	82%
India		28%	3	2%		8%	8%	88%
South Africa		23% 22%			43%		11%	87%
Mexico	19% 21%			45%			13%	85%
Australia		17% 27%		41%			14%	84%
Brazil	17%			39%		1	1%	81%
Germany	16%	24%	37		1		5%	77%
Singapore	16%	30%		46%			7%	92%
United States	15%	24%		53%			6%	92%
Poland	14%	29%		51%			7%	91%
Saudi Arabia	14%	29%	37%			14%	80%	
Great Britain	13%	22%		48%	48%		13%	83%
Turkey	13%	21%		46%			18%	80%
Canada	11%	19%		43%		229	%	73%
Chile	11%	22%		47%			19%	79%
Belgium	10%	28%		41%			3%	79%
France	10%	29%		39%		14		77%
Argentina	9%	21%		52%			15%	82%
Malaysia	9%	20%		57%			12%	86%
Hungary		19%		57%			11%	83%
Netherlands		20%	49%				20%	77%
Peru		8%	58%			14%	84%	
South Korea	7%	28%	55%				9%	89%
Spain	7%	29%	45%			16%	81%	
Italy	6%	29%	42%		17%		78%	
Japan	<b>5%</b> 14%			3%		21%		72%
China	<b>3%</b> 20%		54%		23%		77%	
Russia	<b>3%</b> 11%		51%	51%		28%		65%
Sweden	<mark>3%</mark>	39%			42%		14%	85%



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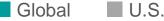
Q2. When you are feeling judged as a parent, what do you think people are judging you for?

Child's behavior is the top reason for feeling judged, followed by how parents are being perceived to be managing their child's behavior (being too strict/how they speak to their child).

American parents feel that they are most judged for how they are perceived to be managing their child's behavior (58%).

Global vs. U.S. % lowest % highest **Global averages** 46% Italy Japan The way my child/children behave (30%) (68%) United 39% How I manage my child's/children's Spain States 58% (25%) behavior (58%) 31% The things my child/children Chile Japan can/can't do 39% (17%) (44%) 24% South Japan Being too strict Africa 35% (5%) (38%) 24% How I speak to my child/children Japan Germany (8%) (38%) 21% India Italy How my child/children look 28% (9%) (35%) 20% South Russia Spoiling my child/children Korea 25% (6%) (41%) 20% Japan Mexico Being too lenient (6%) (28%) United My child's screen-time/use of 19% Japan States technology 29% (6%) (29%)

The amount of time I spend with my child/children



17%



Malaysia

(29%)

Japan (5%)

Base: All parents who feel judged (5,953)





Q3. How often, if at all, have you judged parents?

The judgement parents perceive is real and not imagined. A similarly high proportion of non-parents say they judge parents.

Nine out of ten Americans that are non-parents say that they have judged parents, with 30% saying that they do so often. Country Prefer not to say Very often Fairly often Sometimes Never **Global Average** 9% 19% 53% 14% 81% South Africa 23% 28% 43% 5% 93% India 20% 23% 35% 17% 79% Turkey 19% 15% 54% 11% 88% Argentina 16% 28% 42% 13% 86% Singapore 13% 24% 11% 50% 87% Chile 20% 13% 55% 10% 88% Peru 12% 19% 54% 12% 84% **United States** 11% 19% 59% 9% 89% Saudi Arabia 11% 29% 30% 9% 70% Canada 11% 20% 7% 60% 90% 11% Malaysia 17% 45% 20% 73% 11% Italy 20% 48% 13% 79% 11% 28% Japan 19% 53% 84% Mexico 10% 17% 54% 16% 81% Brazil 10% 14% 22% 46% 77% Great Britain 10% 19% 58% 11% 87% Australia 8% 22% 58% 10% 88% Sweden 8% 17% 60% 13% 85% Belgium 7% 19% 53% 17% 79% 7% 21% 48% 19% Spain 76% Poland 6% 23% 12% 53% 82% France 6% 17% 55% 16% 78% 5% 12% Germany 46% 24% 63% 5% Hungary 16% 64% 12% 86% Netherlands 4% 13% 57% 22% 74% South Korea 4% 12% 28% 50% 66% Russia **3%** 11% 21% 57% 71% **2**% 16% China 18% 62% 80%

Base: All non-parents (15,731)



Q4. What are you judging parents for?

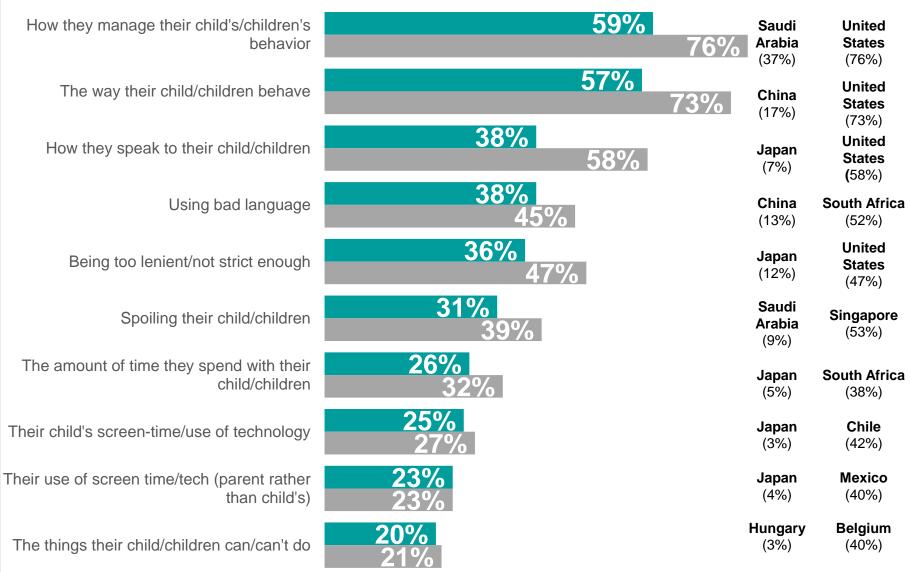
How parents are managing their child's behavior is the top reason for judging parents.

Americans have the highest rates of judging parents for managing their child's behavior (76%), the way the child behaves (73%), how they speak to their child (58%), and being too lenient (47%).

Base: Non-parents who judge parents (12,805)



#### Top mentions



U.S.

Global



% lowest

% highest

#### **Technical note**

These are the results of a 28-market survey conducted by Ipsos on its Global Advisor online platform. Ipsos interviewed a total of 23,004 adults aged 18-74 in Singapore, 18-74 in the United States, Canada, Malaysia, South Africa and Turkey, 21-74 in Singapore and 16-74 in 22 other markets between **December 23**, **2020 and January 8, 2021.** 

The sample consists of approximately 1,000 individuals in each of Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, mainland China, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Spain and the U.S., and 500 individuals in each of Argentina, Chile, Hungary, India, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, and Turkey.

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