

ADOLESCENTS AND PARENTS

Transition Point

The Generation Gap

PARENTING STYLE

	High	Low	Responsiveness
High	Authoritative	Indulgent	
Low	Authoritarian	Indifferent	
Demandingness			

Maccoby and Martin 1983

Authoritative

Authoritarian

Indulgent (Permissive)

Indifferent

Frequencies of the Different Parenting Styles

	Permissive	Authoritarian	Authoritative
Mothers*	12%	11%	48%
Fathers*	18%	29%	36%
Teens rating mothers	44%	29%	10%
Teens rating fathers	40%	37%	9%

*Parents' self rating

Inconsistency in style

Mother/Father with different styles

Interaction of Parental Style and Adolescent's Personality

Divorce

Legal Custody
Physical Custody
Disneyland Dad

Stepparents

“Adolescents often resent the major shifts in their customary family patterns and resist learning new roles and relating to new family members when they are concerned with growing away from the family.” McGoldrick & Carter (2005)