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Immigration, Acculturation and Parenting 1 Marc H. Immigration involves a displacement with significant effects on family life, not least because of the cultural shifts inherent in resettlement. An emergent body of research is focused on the implications of immigration and acculturation for parenting. Introduction and Research Context Parenting occupies a central node in the nexus between culture and adaptive human development. Parents of each generation have the important and continuing task to enculturate the next generation: While parents in all societies are expected to nurture and protect young children,^{2,3} culture influences a wide array of family functions including roles, decision-making patterns, and cognitions and practices related to childrearing and child development. What unique challenges do immigrant parents face in acculturating? How do immigration and acculturation affect parenting and, so, child development? Recent Research Results Parental acculturation Immigration requires acculturation. Acculturation entails processes of cultural and psychological change “ for example in customs, language, values “ that take place as a result of contact between two or more cultural groups and their individual members. Immigrants must negotiate new cultures and learn to navigate multiple new and different systems, often without the support of familiar social networks. Acculturation requires adjusting responses of engrained life scripts to compensate for cultural differences and disruption of familiar family roles. Immigrant parents bring with them on their journey from their original cultural context conceptual models of the successful parent and how to rear a child properly. When they migrate to a new culture, they find that socialization agents in the receiving culture, such as other parents, teachers and professionals, may possess different images of the successful parent and different strategies for childrearing. Cultural adaptation to conform to the receiving culture is often preferred in the public domain and cultural maintenance of customs from the old culture in the private domain. For example, Turkish and Moroccan immigrant parents in the Netherlands attribute more importance to cultural maintenance in the home and family context but consider adaptation more important in work situations. American mothers in their culture of destination than mothers in their cultures of origin. They may not be in a position to help their children with school work, experience cultural constraints with regard to dealing with educational authority figures, and thus negotiate with teachers and administrators less effectively. Moreover, peers and schools exert major socializing influences on youth, and this can result in children becoming more quickly acculturated than their parents. Resulting parental disappointment, stress, and depression are common as are difficulties in re-establishing relationships with and authority over children. The ambivalence and guilt experienced by parents who separate from their children during migration is justified. If rapid acculturation is indicated, does a shift in parental cognitions have to precede behaviour for parenting practices to change? How do immigrant parents feel about changing their parenting beliefs and practices? What reasons do they give for holding on to “ or for abandoning “ cultural beliefs and practices from their culture of origin? If so, what adaptations, if any, may be functional? Conclusion Immigration and acculturation are major transforming forces on families. This is why parents make great sacrifices for their children, often moving to a new continent and culture at great economic, physical, and psychological costs. When parents migrate to a new culture they carry with them from their culture of origin implicit knowledge of childrearing and goals for the development of their offspring, but they encounter new implicit cognitions and explicit practices concerning childrearing in their culture of destination. Acculturation therefore involves negotiation between the parenting cognitions and practices of the two cultures. There are large individual and group differences in the ways people go about acculturating, in the degree to which they achieve satisfactory adaptations, and in their types of adaptation. More research is needed about the impact of immigrant status and acculturation on parenting and child development. In addition to internal struggles inherent in resettlement, and loss of existing social networks, migrating parents also often have to deal with the critical appraisal of their time-honoured practices by well-meaning authorities and their own children. Clinicians should be aware of the limitations of the still

largely Eurocentric tools and standards used in the fields of parenting and child development. They should have access to education in the meaning of parenting beliefs and practices from cultures other than the mainstream culture. Last but not least, immigration policies should facilitate family reunification. Situating the child in context: Attachment relationships and self-regulation in different cultures. Kitayama S, Cohen D, eds. Handbook of cultural psychology. Parenting science and practice. Child psychology and practice. Damon W, Lerner RM, gen eds. Handbook of child psychology; vol. Continuities and discontinuities in cultural conditioning. Handbook of cultural developmental science. Studies of child rearing. Memorandum for the study of acculturation. American Anthropologist ;38 1: Reducing risk for children in changing cultural contexts: Child Abuse and Neglect ; 2: Chia A, Costigan CL. Understanding the multidimensionality of acculturation Among Chinese Canadians. Canadian Journal of Behavioural Science ;38 4: Is acculturation unidimensional or bidimensional? A head-to-head comparison in the prediction of personality, self-identity, and adjustment. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology ;79 1: Phalet K, Swyngedouw M. A cross-cultural analysis of immigrant and host values and acculturation orientations. Vinken H, Esther P, eds. Universal goals, cultural strategies, individual behavior. Parental behavior in diverse societies. New directions for child development. Resiliency in Native American and immigrant families. Resiliency in family series; vol 2. Bohr Y, Tse C. Satellite babies in transnational families: Infant Mental Health Journal ;30 3: Mother-infant interaction and acculturation: Behavioural comparisons in Japanese American and South American families. International Journal of Behavioral Development ;25 6: Mothers-parenting cognitions in cultures of origin, acculturating cultures, and cultures of destination. Child Development ;75 1: Social and didactic parenting behaviors and beliefs among Japanese American and South American mothers of infants. Behavioural coherence and correspondence in Japanese American and South American families. A comparison of child-rearing practices among Chinese, immigrant Chinese, and Caucasian-American parents. Child Development ;61 2: Cultural evidence, child maltreatment, and the law. Child Maltreatment ;5 2: Kelley ML, Tseng H. Cultural differences in child rearing: A comparison of immigrant Chinese and Caucasian American mothers. Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology ;23 4: Working with transnational immigrants: Expanding meanings of family, community, and culture. Family Process ;46 2: Birman D, Poff M. Intergenerational differences in acculturation. Bornstein MH, topic ed. Encyclopedia on Early Childhood Development [online]. Centre of Excellence for Early Childhood Development; Accessed April 12, Acculturation, substance use, and deviant behavior: Examining separation and family conflict as mediators. Child Development ;74 6: Child Development Perspectives ;4 3: University of California Press; Making up for lost time: The experience of separation and reunification among immigrant families. Family Process ;41 4:

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These challenges are vast and complex, and often conflict with core cultural practices that guide one of our most fundamental and universal responsibilities: Judge Lisa Bloch Rodwin is a family court judge who has a great deal of experience in adjudicating these issues for immigrants and refugee parents. In , one incident proved to be a catalyst for action. A mother from a central African country had recently arrived in the U. This was a common practice in her country. She reached out to an acquaintance, who brought the matter to the attention of Child Protective Services CPS , the governmental department often first to respond to reported incidents of child abuse. The incident led Judge Rodwin, working with others, to create a partnership to identify the multitude of cultural differences and logistical needs facing refugees and immigrants in Western New York. For parents, perhaps one of the most difficult aspects is bridging cultural divides, which frequently contradict their own values and norms. And, many of these children would never think to argue with their parents. We tell them to talk with their children [to resolve disputes]; to them these are not just discussions, they perceive it as really serious. More problems arise when government officials become involved. Most have simply never experienced this type of protocol in dealing with family disputes. This lack of understanding can cause panic and mistrust for parents when they first meet with CPS caseworkers. Bridging the divide There are increased services offered to provide greater instruction and support to these parents. Barem offers a to week program that helps parents cultivate new skills and brings awareness of many of these child protection laws. These classes are for parents with children up to 6 years old. Topics discussed include discipline and school readiness. Class instruction can walk a delicate line. The parents are always very responsive. Both the Collaborative and CPS are working towards training more foster parents. In situations where a child must be temporarily placed in protective custody, they can remain with families of similar backgrounds. Educating parents is important; many professionals have also noted the need for their own cultural training. As Judge Rodwin noted, there are many cultural nuances that can cause misunderstanding amongst professionals. Chris Anderson, administrative director of CPS, sees the need for greater training in his ranks as well, especially around issues such as trauma that greatly afflicts the population. The legal framework surrounding cases can be complex. Clearly, professionals in family court must consider the legal implications of these cases carefully. And parents and advocates must continue to take on the challenges. Do we still have challenges? Barem believes the parents are willing to work at this because their aspirations in the U.

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And although she has seen immigration authorities arrest co-workers at the factory where she sews garments, she has never been targeted and never dwelt on the possibility of deportation. But after seeing TV reports of recent immigration raids, Riso is asking questions she previously avoided: Who would care for her children -- U. And what about rent, bills and food for her children? Work-site arrests of illegal immigrants have increased tenfold nationwide to nearly 5, last year, according to the federal government. Images of the raids have been splashed on television news reports and on the front pages of Spanish-language newspapers around the country. The jump has led some illegal immigrant parents such as Riso to reconsider lackadaisical attitudes toward deportation. Some advocates are asking immigrant families, many of which include at least one U. Others are asking them to write certified letters designating caretakers for their U. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church near USC, immigrant organizer Bernabe urged Riso and other parents to set aside money to be used in case they are picked up in an immigration raid. For Walter, a construction worker who attended the workshop with his wife, teenage daughter and 1-year-old son, the message was stark. Who is going to pay the rent? These are questions he would rather not think about, Walter said. He asked that his last name not be used because he is an illegal immigrant. He also wondered what would happen to his children, the youngest of whom is a U. In most cases, there are three options for dealing with children of deportees, said Virginia Kice, a spokeswoman for the U. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency. Parents can take children with them -- though the government usually will not pay for the trip. They can designate a caretaker in the United States; or, in the few cases in which a parent does not designate someone, the customs agency will call local social services. But, after a few highly publicized work-site raids in which some adolescents were left to fend for themselves with little adult supervision while their parents were held in detention, some parents fear that their children might be left alone. In a small community room behind Dolores Mission Church in Boyle Heights on a recent Friday, Matilde, 38, sat waiting to put her plan in writing. She asked that her last name not be published because she is an illegal immigrant. Her 5-year-old son, in a gray Spider-Man sweat shirt, fiddled with a pair of sunglasses next to her. Organizer Rita Chairez called them into her office and showed Matilde a form letter. It asks parents to name a temporary guardian for their children in case they are arrested in a raid, she said. Chairez compared it to having a will. After she answered all the questions on the form, Matilde returned to the community room and waited to sign it in front of a notary. She said she has been in the U. Her two children were born here and are "accustomed to life in the United States. If anything happens, the children would stay indefinitely with an aunt who is in the country legally, she said.

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Are the experiences the same or different for various family members? Many families from third world countries move to more developed countries in hopes to better their lives and the future lives of their children. Out of these hundreds of thousands of people, every one of them has to adjust in some way to Canadian culture and way of living. According to our text, acculturation is acquiring knowledge about a new culture and deciding what conditions of the origin culture to maintain or displace. This process can be challenging for any individual, but can also have serious complications when an entire family is involved. There are various difficulties each family member goes through based on their age. In popular opinion, children and adolescents of immigrant families more easily adapt to the new culture than their parents. The study examined 88 Chinese families of parents born abroad that immigrated to Western Canada in which host domain Canadian behaviours and values were independently compared to ethnic domain Chinese behaviours and values. It was hypothesized that children from immigrant families acculturated more easily than their parents, debating that acculturation may differ between children and parents because of the varying amounts of exposure to the host or ethnic culture. It was also predicted that immigrant parents would continue to preserve traditional beliefs and practices more so than their children, who would be more acculturated to the host domain. Independently obtained reports of acculturation from fathers, mothers, and children were used to achieve objective comparison of family members. Children were more exposed to Canadian culture through school, media, and peer interaction, creating a greater sense of peer acceptance than parents. Children preferred using English in media and conversation and, as expected, showed the largest difference of acculturation between parents and children in the host domain. Although parents were in favour of modifying behaviours following immigration, their behaviours were still considerably less modified to Canadian culture than their children. Portuguese Immigrant Acculturation Stresses Morrison and James, , conducted another study looking into the impact of acculturation on immigrant families. The study consisted of 49 Portuguese immigrants between the ages of 22 and 78 years who immigrated to Waterloo, Ontario. Although Waterloo has a high Portuguese population, immigrants in this community have had many difficulties with racism, language barriers, and obtaining employment. The participants were asked to discuss changes over time due to acculturation and immigration; family relationships, process of changing, speaking Portuguese, and adapting to two cultures were a few topics discussed. Reflections of cultural changes were reported from as early as leaving their homeland and women felt more intensely about family relationships, being more preoccupied than men. Sadness was expressed throughout interviews due to various changes. Nostalgia and a sense of strong ties to the Portuguese culture was also evident when discussing previous life back home. One woman stated that even though her husband has adjusted to life in Canada, he still talks a lot of back home and has issues lying there. Another man was adamant that in his home, he and his wife would always be Portuguese. Morrison and James also found that there was tension between generations. The children of the families adapted to the new Canadian culture more quickly, resulting in a decrease of understanding between the generations. The second generation also did not understand Portuguese when it was spoken to them and generally forget the language as they grow up. Unfortunately, this can also lead to further intergenerational tension within in family. Life Satisfaction in Arab Youth A study conducted by Paterson and Hakim-Larson looked into family and life satisfaction of Arab youths between the ages of 15 and 21 years. It was predicted that the youths enculturated to their Arab culture and acculturated to their Canadian culture would be related to the adjustment of their private and public domains. It was also hypothesized that family life satisfaction would be related to Arab orientation through family social support and Canadian orientation and school life satisfaction would be related to social support from friends. The results showed that youth with Arab orientation, or enculturation, indeed related to family life satisfaction with family social support being the key

element. This resulted in a strong sense of ethnic identity and positive adjustment. Even though having Canadian orientation was a strong predictor of school satisfaction, both family and friend social support showed a positive relation in satisfaction, rather than friend support alone. Learning about Culture in School There are many different ways children adapt to Canadian culture through various school programs. Joyce Public School in Toronto and the Emergent Multiliteracies Project conducted a project in which young students presented the story of how their families immigrated to Canada. Using technology such as laptops, cameras, and SMART boards, the students were able to demonstrate through a graphic comic how their parents or grandparents emigrated from different countries around the world in search of a better life. Such programs in schools are important in order for children to understand where they come from and what their family history is. The children also learn general interview skills through talking to their parents and presentation skills from presenting to the class, as well as problem solving and collaborative working from using multiple media to complete their assignment. Technology is advancing every day and teaching children how to adapt to these changes through simple class assignments are essential for their lives. Find the video discussing the project here: There are numerous links on their website regarding integrating to Canadian life, finding a place to live, and improving your English or French, among other things. They list everything you need to know regarding whichever topic you are looking into and how to acquire it. The CIC explains in simple English what health care in Canada is, how to acquire public or private health insurance, exactly what documents are needed to apply, and further links to research depending on what province you are moving to. The CIC also presents helpful tips and information regarding adapting to a new culture. Further information about Canada in general is also provided. Information regarding schools, housing, and talking to your family is all provided. Every day, thousands of people change their lives by immigrating to a new country. Moving can be nerve-wrecking enough, but having to adjust to a new culture while trying to arrange a new life for your family is even more stressful. Through Canada being one of the most immigrant-friendly countries in the world, it is easy to find resources and people available to help smooth out the process. Every individual family member, children, teenagers, parents, even grandparents, struggle in their own way to adapt to this new lifestyle. Through these struggles, tensions may arise and create more stress in the family. However, with time, things can work out for the better because in the end, caring and being there for your family always comes first. The process of parenting. Citizen and Immigration Canada. Adjusting to life in Canada " Integrating. Retrieved from Citizen and Immigration Canada. Preliminary tables " Permanent and temporary residents, Retrieved from Costigan, C. Similarities and differences in acculturation among mothers, fathers, and children in immigrant Chinese families. The impact of acculturation. Family Process, 48 1 , Arab youth in Canada: Acculturation, enculturation, social support, and life satisfaction.

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