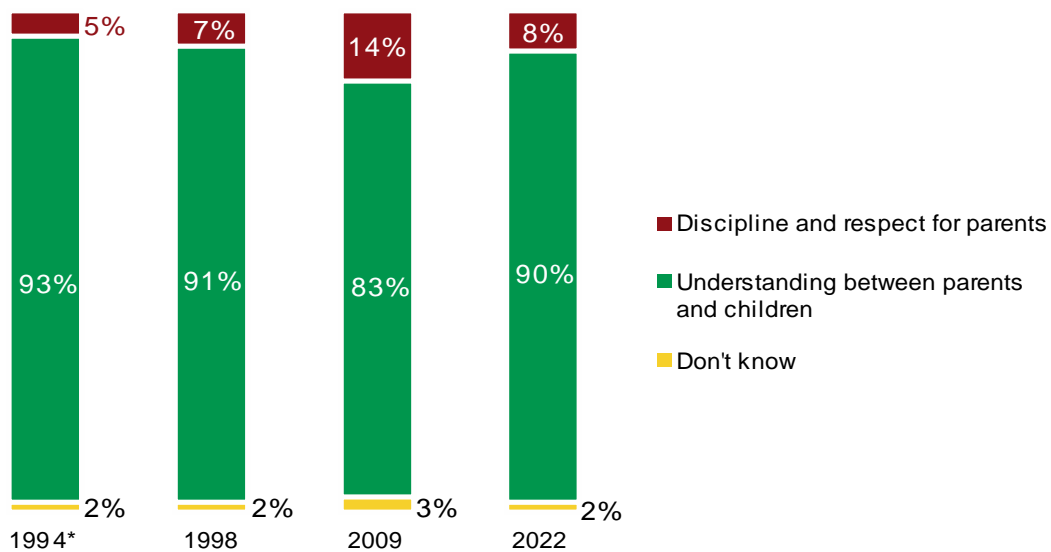


Raising children

Poles invariably believe that understanding between parents and children plays the key role in upbringing (currently 90% of respondents share this opinion), and only relatively few (8%) believe that obedience towards parents is more important.

In your opinion, what is more important for good upbringing of children?

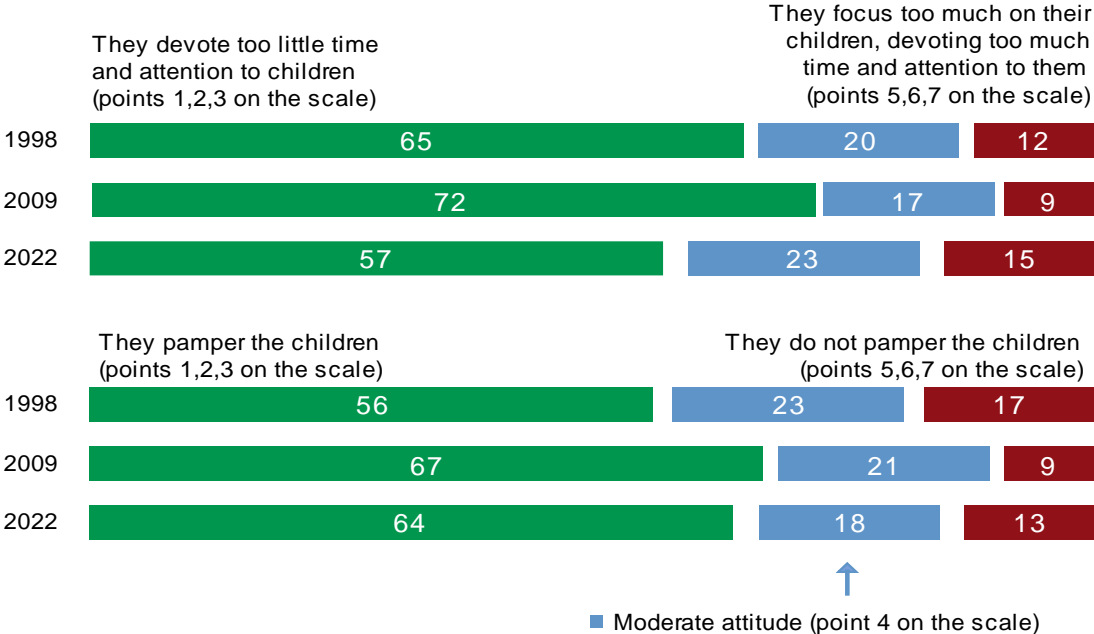


The prevailing opinion in society is that Polish parents are too liberal and lenient towards their children rather than too strict and demanding.

According to the public opinion, contemporary parents spoil their children (64% of respondents share this view), are overprotective and do not teach children independence (60%), but at the same time devote too little time and attention to them (57%). Many people believe that parents use physical punishment too rarely (44%) and that they do not make any demands on their children (39%).

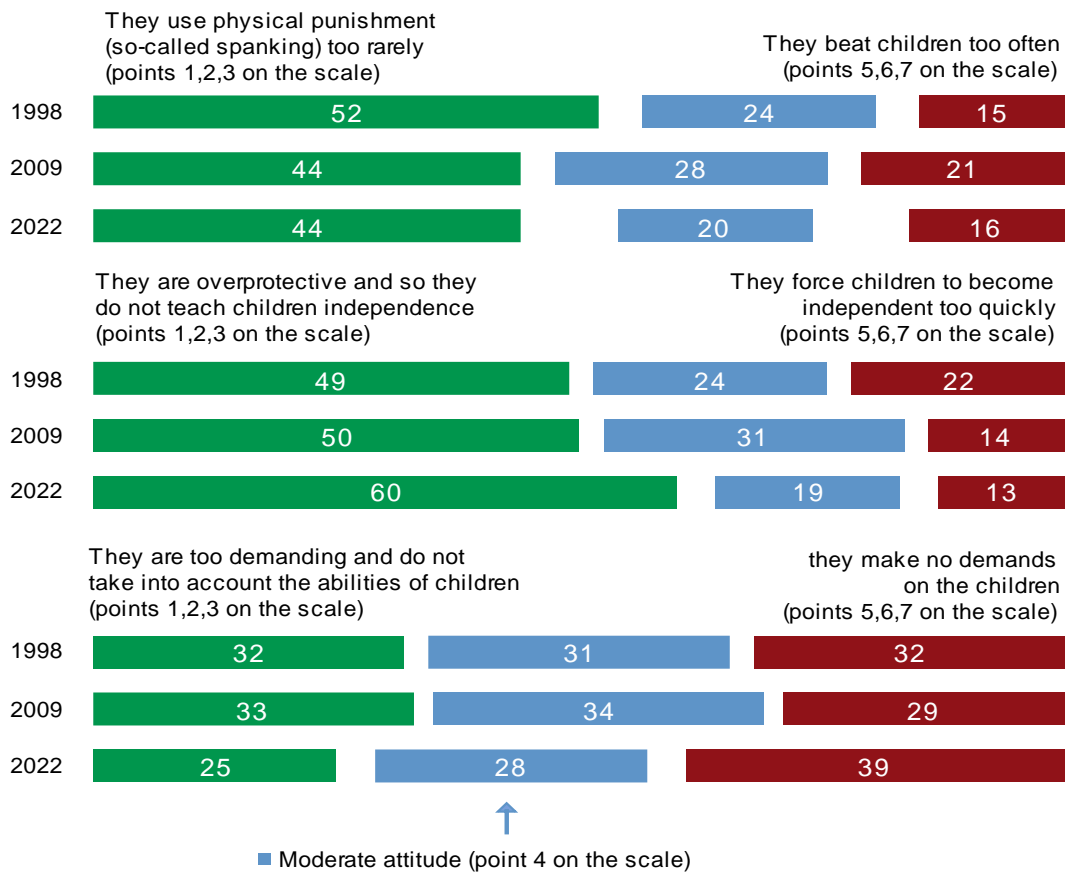
Over the last years since 2009, the belief that currently parents are overprotective (increase by 10 percentage points) and insufficiently demanding (increase by 10 percentage points) has strengthened, while at the same time the opinion that parents do not devote enough time and attention to their children has decreased (a 15-point drop).

How do you think parents generally bring up their children today?



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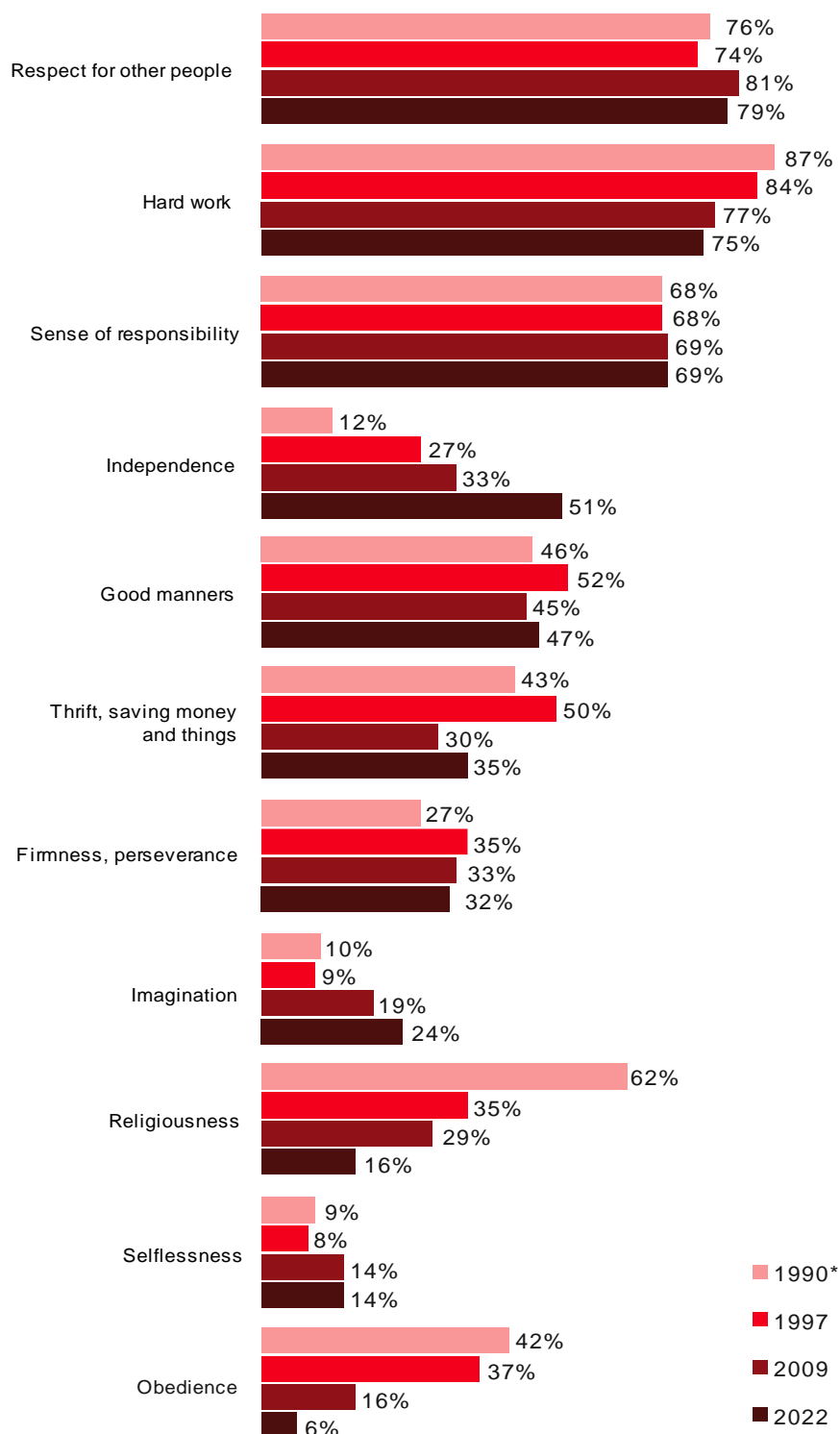
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In the educational process, there is an intergenerational transmission of behaviour patterns, norms and cultural values. Hence, the analysis of the hierarchy of goals and values that, in public opinion, parents should pass on to their children, can be extrapolated to the whole society. The most important values, which - in the opinion of respondents - parents should first of all instil in their children, include: respect for other people (79%), diligence (75%) and a sense of responsibility (69%). All three values can be considered the most universal, as they were recognised as a priority in all subsequent studies carried out since 1990. Despite the invariably high importance attached to the development of attitudes such as diligence, responsibility and respect for others among young people, significant changes have occurred over the years within educational values and thus - more broadly - social values. The perceived role of independence has clearly increased: in 1990 only 12% of respondents considered it to be one of the most important values that parents should instil in their children, in 2009 33% shared this view, and now more than half (51%). At the same time, traditional values such as religiosity (in 1990 mentioned among the key values by 62% of respondents, currently only 16%) and obedience (in 1990 indicated by 42% of respondents, currently by only 6%) lost their importance.

In your opinion, what should parents bringing up children pay special attention to? What should the children mainly learn?



*The data comes from the study "Varieties of values in life", carried out by the team: A. Jasińska Kania, J. Koralewicz, M. Marody

More information about this topic can be found in CBOS report in Polish: "Poles on Raising Children", October 2022. Fieldwork for national sample: August 2022, N=1043. The random sample is representative for adult population of Poland.