

Parenting Style Differences Between Sami and Norwegian Children



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Seamless looping high definition video of the Norwegian flag waving on a flag pole with luma matte included. Flag has an accurate design and a detailed fabric texture with partial transparency [digital image]. Retrieved from [available](#)

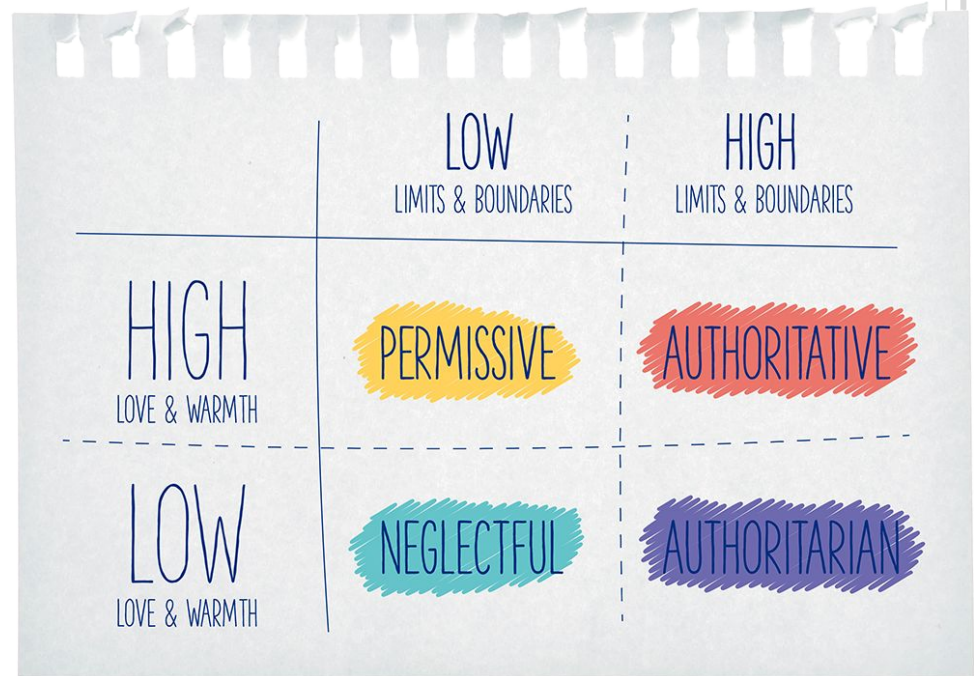
Reindeer Transparent Background [digital image]. Retrieved from [available](#)

Sápmelaččeat - thisisFINLAND [digital image]. Retrieved from [available](#)

Introduction

➤ What are the different parenting styles?

- **Permissive,**
Authoritarian,
Authoritative,
and Neglectful
(Mgbemere B., Telles R. 2013)



➤ Why is it important?

➤ What groups are being studied?

- **Sami and Norwegian**

Parenting Styles- Do you have one?-
Happy Families [digital image]. (2016).
Retrieved from [available](#)

Norwegians

➤ **Population: 5,312,191** (The World Factbook: Norway 2018)

➤ **Languages: Bokmal
Norwegian, Nynorsk
Norwegian**



Norway Political Map [digital image]. (2019). Retrieved from [available](#)

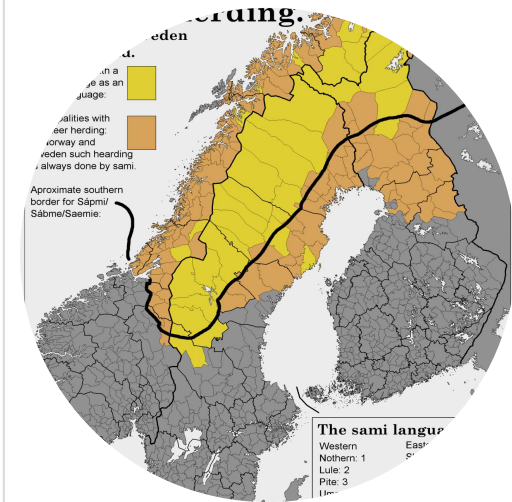
➤ **Religions:
Evangelical-Lutheran**



Norway is TOO White According to the President of the Jewish Community in Oslo [digital image]. (2014). Retrieved from [available](#)

Sami

- **Population: 80,000 to 100,000** (Sami in Sweden 2018)
- **Languages: Eastern Sami, Central Sami, Southern Sami**
 - **Distinct further divisions**



The Sami languages in Norway, Sweden, and Finland- Maps on the Web [digital image]. Retrieved from [available](#)

- **Religion: Sami Indigenous religion** (Holloway, A. I. n.d.)
 - **Animism, shamanism, polytheism**



Rare photos of indigenous Sami people of The Nordic Areas [digital image]. (2017). Retrieved from [available](#)

Sami



[umea2014]. (2013, May 29). *My People- The Sami people* [video file]. Retrieved from <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZZIU7KEis3w>

Sami



Key differences

(Javo, C., Rønning J. A., Heyerdahl S. 2004)

- **Lower Social Class**
- **Ethnicity**
- **Collectivist versus Individualistic**

Sami People- the indigenous people of the north
[digital image]. Retrieved from [available](#)

Sami versus Norwegians

Sami (Javo, C., Rønning J. A., Heyerdahl S. 2004)

- **More Permissive**
 - **High autonomy, same expectations**
- **Co-sleeping common**
- **Socially Independent**



Norwegian

- **Less Permissive**
- **Co-sleeping less common**
- **Less expectant of bladder control**



Sami versus Norwegians

Sami (Javo, C., Rønning J. A., Heyerdahl S. 2004)

- **Physical Punishment more common**
- **Emotional control**
 - **Supernatural beings**



A Sami Family [digital image]. Retrieved from [available](#)

Norwegians

- **Do not encourage retaliation**
- **More tolerant of aggression**



Norwegian Family Flashcards on Tincards [digital image]. Retrieved from [available](#)

Sami versus Norwegians

Sami (Javo, C., Rønning J. A., Heyerdahl S. 2000)

- **Girls vs Boys**
 - **Problem behaviors**
 - **Freedom and autonomy** (Javo, C., Rønning J. A., Heyerdahl S. 2004)



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Norwegians

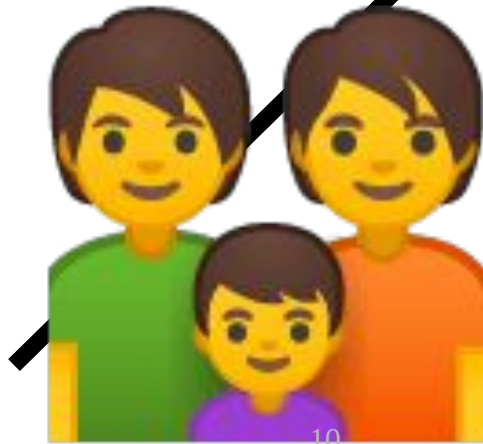
- **Girls vs Boys**
- **Differences not attributed to ethnic groups**



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Conclusions

- **What was learned?**
 - **Individualism versus collectivism** (Javo, C., Rønning J. A., Heyerdahl S. 2004)
- **Potential implications and consequences?**
- **What other studies should be done?**
 - **Checkups on families**



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