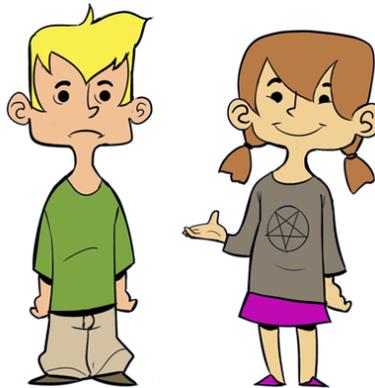


PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL **PUNISHMENT** IN **SCHOOL**

Frequently Asked Questions



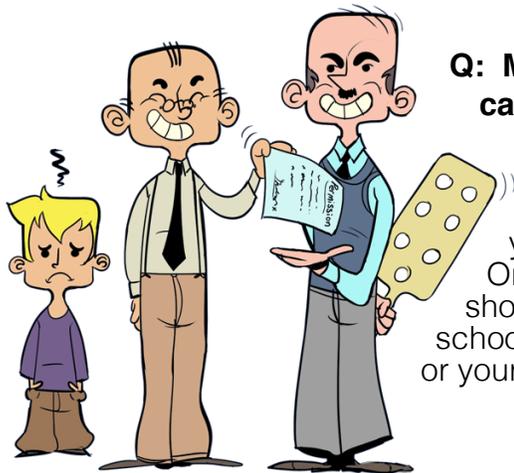
Q: I am not a member of The Satanic Temple, or any religious organization, can I still claim that my religion prohibits me from being hit in school?

A: If you have sincerely held religious, moral, or ethical beliefs, regardless of whether they are logical or understandable to others, and regardless of whether these beliefs are crafted by you, your beliefs are protected.

Q: I am a member of a religious organizations that preaches “spare the rod” and my religious leaders advocate hitting children. Can I still claim that my religion opposes being hit?

A: If you sincerely believe it is immoral or unethical to be hit, then you can claim that you are exempt from corporal punishment or other forms of abuse.

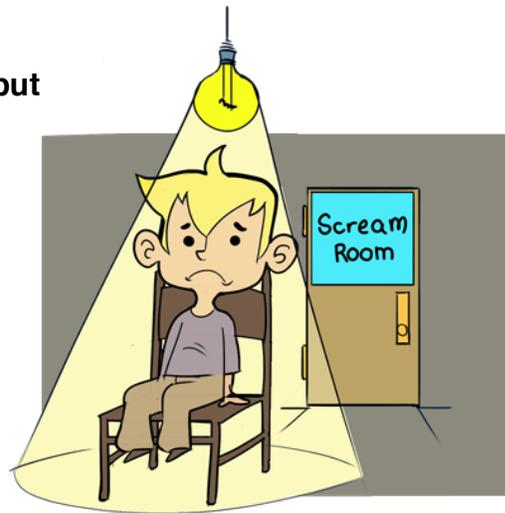




Q: My parents signed a form saying that I can be hit. Does that invalidate my beliefs?

A: Your parents cannot decide what your sincerely held religious beliefs are. Only you can. Technically, your beliefs should prevail. However, whether or not a school decides to honor your parent's wishes or yours might be up to courts to decide.

Q: My school does not hit students, but places punishes students by placing them in solitary confinement – sometimes called “isolation rooms” “decompression rooms” “time out rooms” “scream rooms,” or “seclusion rooms.” This is a form of psychological torture that violates my sincerely held beliefs. Can I claim a religious exemption from this as well?



A: Yes



Q: What should I do if my principal refuses to acknowledge my religious beliefs and I am hit or placed in solitary confinement?

A: Notify The Satanic Temple, the ACLU, and local law enforcement. Keep careful notes about exactly what transpired and be as accurate as possible. Violent interferences with civil rights are criminal acts, although the legal system will ultimately make these determinations.

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