

FO Subject Description

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The online community that I plan on observing is a parenting community. This parenting community is found on reddit with about 8.1 million members. The page was first created March 24, 2008 with it being publicly open for everyone to view. The page is mainly about parents having to cope and deal with the struggles of parenting which isn't expressed as much as needed in today's times. The community offers this consoling environment where parents can share their stories and have discussions with those who have been in the same boat or offer advice. The page has five community bookmarks being early years, older kids, discussion, crises, and additional resources. Each bookmark represents its own category of resources where if parents feel that they need help with what they have going on they can reference back to these resources. These resources also stretch worldwide, so if you are in a different country you may find resources in places like Canada or Scotland. There are 10 rules for this community I won't go into all but I'll elaborate on a few. The first rule is only parents and guardians can create posts meaning you have to own a kid or be a person who takes care of kids. The next one is to be decent and civil, to hold respect and be positive. The third rule is no medical and legal advice so don't go asking anything legally or medically reddit. The fourth rule is more stricter, no surveys, studies, or interviews. This is mainly because this is a safe space for people to tell their stories and console within one another. The main interest of this community is to discuss the process of childhood and how to have good parenting. The fact based research I will be conducting outside is pointing

out the difference in struggles and experiences of raising a child and what truly is “good parenting”. To do this I will be referring to an online parenting guide for children of all ages to compare and contrast the parent strategies of those in the community and those from an actual guide on how to raise a child.

The web link for the community is: <https://www.reddit.com/r/Parenting/>

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