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A family is a social unit composed of multiple relations who govern or control different relations. The main participants or controlling bodies in any family are the parents and no family is complete without them. Different families have different structures and hence their culture varies from person to person (Bales, & Parsons, 2014). Every family has its own set of rules, regulations and norms that are set for the whole family or at least for the submissive members of the family.

Parents, being the head and the controllers of the family, adopt different styles and techniques of parenting through which they can manage their families, most of the times, children. These techniques of managing and controlling their children and instilling specific values and norms in the family are called parenting style. Majorly, there are three main parenting styles that are most common all over the world and mostly adopted by families. These parenting styles are Egalitarian, Paternalistic and Patriarchal.

Being born and raised in an educated and rich (in terms of thinking) American family, I was lucky enough to receive the best of everything. My parents adopted Egalitarian parenting style which focuses on equality and implies the equal distribution of resources, opportunities, and resources among all the members of the family. The rules in my family were devised and implemented by the mutual consent of all the members of the family including the children. These rules and regulations were made while keeping in mind all the interest of all the members of the family and represented the opinion of all the members of the family. This parenting style helped to instill a lot of positive values in my life and raised me a balanced kid (García, & Gracia, 2014). It developed resistance in me towards delinquency and helped me develop into a rule-obeying and law-abiding citizen.

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