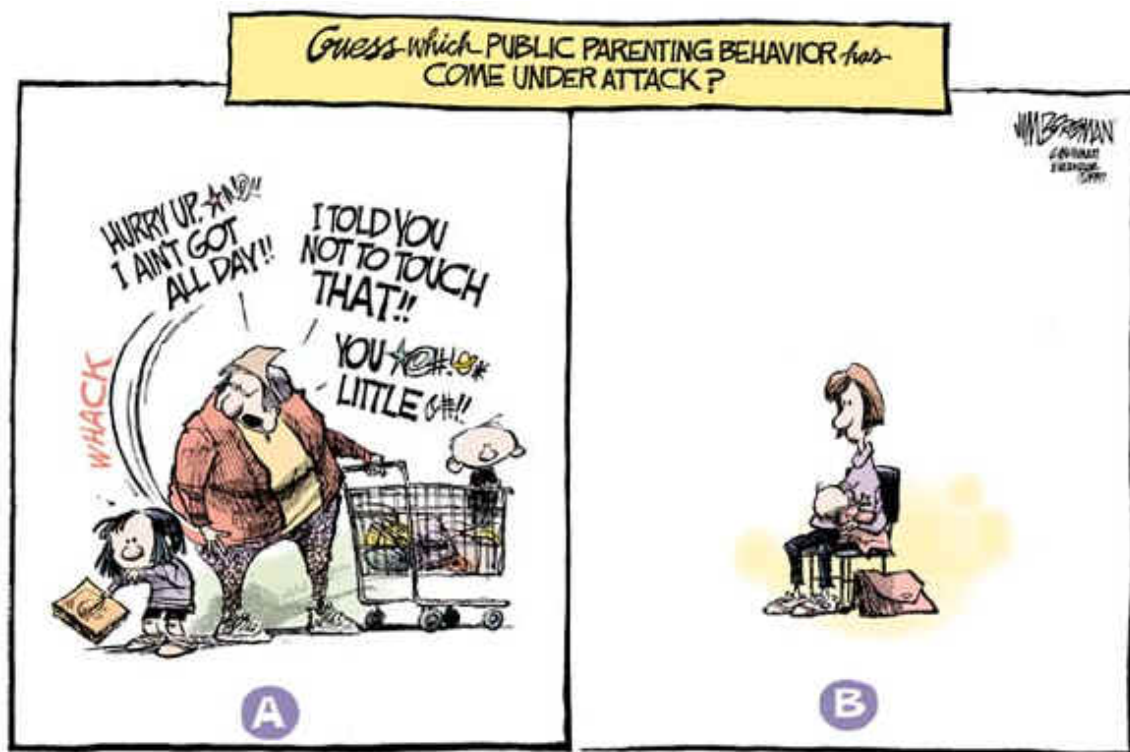


WHY I CHOOSE NOT TO USE A CAR SEAT

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I refuse to feel guilty for making an educated choice to not put my baby in a car seat. There are so many militant car seat users in our society and I am tired of them pushing their beliefs on me. There are lots of reasons I have made this choice. First of all, I want my husband to be able to drive him around in his car. He can just sit him on his lap when they go for a ride. This will help him bond and be closer with our son. I don't want to be the only one that drives him around. It makes my husband, mother and friends feel special when they can take him for rides. I will be returning to work in 6 weeks and I don't want a big old car seat in the back of our luxury car. I never put my first son in a car seat and he is just fine. I was never in a car seat, neither was my mother and we are both as healthy as can be. On the other hand, my sister in law's cousin used a car seat and her child was seriously injured in a car wreck. My aunt tried to use a car seat and wasn't able to. She was never able to latch the baby in the seat properly. In fact, my car is too small for a car seat anyway. What matters most is that my baby is healthy and happy. When I left the hospital, they told me that I should try to use the car seat, but if it didn't work out that it was all right to not use it. In fact, in the diaper bag that I received from the hospital, it has some information for how to safely ride in the car with my son without a car seat. I tried for 1 week to use a car seat with my first son and it made both of us miserable. I told my pediatrician about it, and he said it would probably be best to not use a car seat anymore. Now he is happy and content sitting on my lap as we drive. Using a car seat is just so inconvenient! My privacy is also an issue. Do I want everyone to know when they see my car that I have a child??? Besides, my children need to learn how to ride in the car without being in the car seat. I don't want a 3 year old still wanting to get in his seat! I know that using a car seat has some benefits, but there are a lot of people out there who don't use them and their kids are just fine! There are people out there that cannot use a car seat (can't latch baby in properly, car is too small, doesn't match with the interior). Using a car seat is a personal choice and nobody's business. As a parent I have made the decision for what is best for my child. It works best for us and our child.....and that is all that is important. It's my choice after all, isn't it?



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SO. HOW'S BREASTFEEDING GOING?

OH, I'M NOT BREASTFEEDING. I TRIED AND TRIED BUT NEVER COULD GET IT TO WORK.

AND THE LA LECHE LEAGUE MEETING SCHEDULE AND LEADER PHONE NUMBERS I GAVE YOU?

I DIDN'T NEED THEM. IN THE END I JUST COULDN'T MAKE ENOUGH BREASTMILK.

WHO TOLD YOU THAT YOU COULDN'T MAKE ENOUGH MILK?

MY PEDIATRICIAN. HE SAYS IT'S REALLY COMMON AND HE SHOULD KNOW! HE'S PRACTICALLY SPONSORED BY A FORMULA COMPANY. WHY?

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WOW! HOW COOL IS THIS?!

"THIS PHENOMENON, CALLED BREAST BIOSYNCHRONY, MEANS THAT ONE BREAST MIGHT BECOME WARMER TO HELP A BABY WHOSE BODY...

MOTHERING

...TEMPERATURE NEEDS TO BE HIGHER, WHILE THE OTHER BREAST MIGHT REMAIN AT THE SAME TEMPERATURE OR EVEN GROW COOLER, IF THE INFANT ON THAT BREAST IS ALREADY WARM ENOUGH."

CARING FOR YOUR PREMATURE BABY BY CHRISTINE GROSS-LOH

I MEAN, COME ON!!! THAT'S FREAKIN' AMAZING!

WHAT? OF COURSE! THIS SIDE IS MILKSHAKE THAT SIDE IS HOT MILK. IT'S OBVIOUS!

ALL I'M SAYING IS IF THIS DOESN'T CONVINCEN YOU THAT MAMAS ARE AWESOME SURERLISCIOUS MIRACLE MAKERS, WHAT WILL? WOW. I'M GONNA BAKE MYSELF A CAKE. AND NOTHING GOES BETTER WITH CAKE THAN WARM MILK!

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