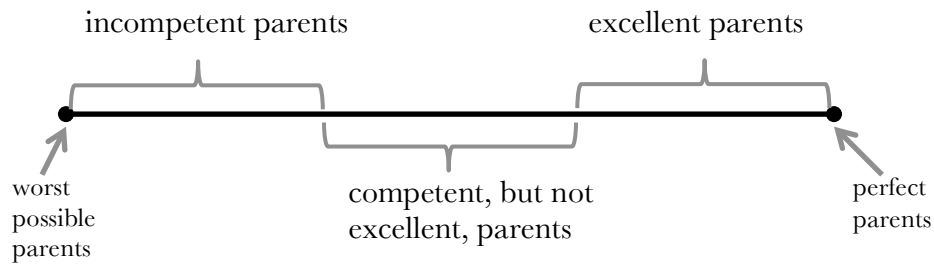


special obligation:

Cassidy's view



incompetent parents:

competent, but not excellent, parents:

excellent parents:

Cassidy's thesis (?): If a person knows [reasonably expects?] that they will be a competent but not excellent parent, then it is wrong for that person to choose to become a parent.

1. Is there any evidence that supports the following conditional? Are there any counterexamples? If so, how might the conditional be improved?

If a person does x now, and knows [reasonably expects?] that x will lead to or cause them to do a serious wrong in the future, then it is wrong to do x now.

2. Is the following ever true? If so, think of some examples. If not, why not? (Note that the following is not a conditional)

It can be wrong to chose x rather than y [when x and y only affect one's child] even though x is better for one's child's well-being than y.