

Study Finds Newborn Infants Can Tell If Parents Are Losers

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CHICAGO—A study published this week in the journal *Pediatrics* found that, within seconds of their birth, babies have the ability to sense whether their parents are losers. "From the moment they open their eyes, newborns can tell if their mother had no other options and was forced to settle for their father, or if their father is a sad sack who has no friends and gets drunk on a single glass of chardonnay," said researcher Dr. Stuart Lindstrom, explaining that despite their blurry vision, infants can still identify basic loser body types, and have specialized olfactory receptors allowing them to detect the odor of failure. "In fact, we've determined that as early as the second trimester, a fetus picks up on the income and social standing of its mother via the umbilical cord." The study also concluded that the screams of newborns stem from the sudden realization they will be stuck with their loser parents for at least 18 years.

Man Reluctantly Deletes Video Of Friend Trying To Vault Mailbox To Clear Data Space For Child's Birth

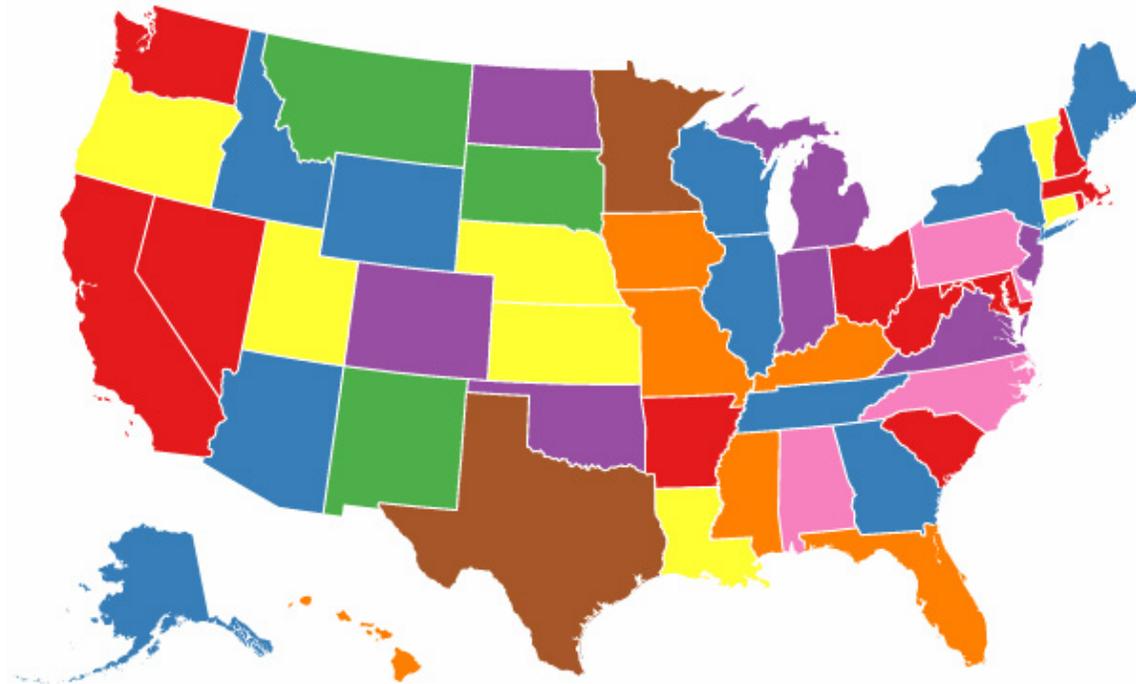
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SANTA FE, NM—Sadly conceding that there ultimately wasn't enough room for both on his smartphone, local man Brad Jacobsen made the difficult decision Thursday to delete video of his friend attempting to jump over a USPS mailbox in order to clear enough data space to record his child's birth. "It's totally hilarious, and I know I'm going to really miss watching it, but I don't think I can keep it and still have enough storage to capture the moment my baby enters the world," said Jacobsen of the approximately minute-long clip of his friend Glenn running up to the blue metal box after a night of drinking, propelling himself into the air, and failing to clear the top of the 4-foot-tall structure before tumbling heavily to the pavement. "I mean, maybe I'll have the chance to email this to myself before my wife's fully dilated. That way, I won't even have to choose." At press time, Jacobsen was giving the video one last farewell viewing as the head of his baby had begun to crown.

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- Yes, but only if you've first tried verbally reasoning with them for at least two seconds.
- Of course. That's part of the thrill.
- Only if you really rationalize it to yourself beforehand.
- Absolutely not. How parents choose to discipline their children is between them, their children, and the other people at the supermarket.
- Yes, as long as they are also positively reinforced with relaxing massages for good behavior.
- No way. The only appropriate punishment for children is to quickly justify their bad behavior to other adults.
- Sure, but only for the kids who are going to grow up just fine.
- We can punish our kids?

High School Seniors Vote For Communism-Themed Prom

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Teenagers at a high school in New Mexico have voted to make the theme of their prom communism and name the event “Prom-munism,” prompting the head of the school to plan a talk with the students about what communism really means so they can decide whether they want to celebrate it. What do *you* think?



“Sure, a communism prom theme sounds good in theory, but it’s terrible in practice.”

Gerald Adams –
Tile Setter



“Before we rush to judgment, when they say ‘communism,’ do they mean classic Marxism or the blend of authoritarianism and market economics pioneered by Deng Xiaoping?”

Lynn Gildersleeve –
Weather Observer



“Everyone knows prom is supposed to highlight class differences based on who can afford a limo.”

Alex Wendler –
Padlock Attacher