

Disapproving, Insensitive Relatives Translator



When Your Relative Says...

What they are THINKING is...

What they REALLY Mean is...

What about socialization?

I am concerned for your child's emotional well-being.

Why don't your kids act as immaturely as mine?

Do they have any friends?

Perhaps you are being selfish by denying them a wide circle of friends of the same age.

My children's friends are horrible and everyone needs to share in my suffering.

What about prom?

Missing prom will damage your child's social development.

Please tell me how to avoid the "nightmare that is Prom" and not have your kids hate you.

How will they get into college?

Your children may not be taken seriously by colleges.

Boy, I sure hope my kid doesn't have to compete with yours for college admission.

You don't think YOU can teach Calculus, do you?

Teaching high school subjects requires the expertise that only comes with a degree in education.

"...expertise that only comes with a degree in education..." Did I really just think that?

Don't you need to be an expert to teach?

Your child will be behind when they enter college.

The teachers in our school are experts in crowd control and chaos management.

Don't your kids get sick of you?

I'm concerned about your long-term family harmony.

My kids are SO sick of me...

Don't you get sick of your kids?

I'm concerned about your mental well-being.

I am SO sick of my kids...

How will they earn scholarships?

You won't be able to afford college and your children will live with you forever.

Please leave some scholarship money for my kids.

How will they graduate?

How will you know they're educated unless the government tells you?

I wonder if my kids will be educated when the government tells me they are ready to graduate?

I could never do that.

You aren't smart enough to teach your kids.

I'm not smart enough to teach my kids because I am the product of a public school education.

Aren't Christians supposed to be "salt and light" to the world?

You are not following the Lord if you do not allow your children to be raised by the government.

Our schools are spiritually bankrupt and my children are suffering.

Please...Help...Me....

You are smothering your children.

If you smother your children they will never mature.

Wow, your kids are amazing! You must be doing a great job smothering your children!

Haven't you given up on that crazy idea?

There must be something mentally wrong with you for homeschooling.

Maybe homeschooling isn't so crazy after all...