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Steve:

I think your essay took a new direction with professional tensions I had not fully labeled as you have. Erica found the key quote in your essay: partnership is better than paternalism.

I think the aspect that it of most concern is Paternalism can weaken the moral thinking of others. It can lead us to letting someone else make our moral decisions.

Having said that, Neglect is the other extreme, where we don't give any guidance, care, direction, advice or even confrontation.

Good parenting like being a good profession motivates moral thinking in others without dodging the responsibility of sharing one's own thinking.

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