

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing this reply to discuss the issue of the legal obligation for children to support their old parents. Here are some opinions and discussions.

Firstly, I consider supporting children's own parents are a legal obligation. As the civilisation has evolved, the spirit of filial piety should not be forgotten. Our parents cultivate us, educate us and provide us with care and security, we should show our grateful love to them. Many young men are not aware of their parents' situations as they are too busy from work, it is a chance for them to show their care and love by fulfilling the obligation. When our parents get old, there are many obstacles come from various aspects. For example, physical abilities, mental health and financial difficulties. As a return, or as a way of showing our care to them, we should definitely support them with no doubt.

Secondly, suggesting children to support their parents as a legal obligation has been real cases in a myriad of countries. For instance, China has adopted the law of considering children supporting their parents as an obligation, no matter in a financial perspective or a physical perspective. The law has claimed that children must support their parents with reasonable amount of money each month, and they must visit their parents at least once a year. Under this law, it regulates some irresponsible people who do not show gratitude to their parents, and to go visit and support them. At the same time, it encourages those who are grateful for and always show their care to their parents to keep doing that. In this way, it would be a practical suggestion since various of countries have adopted it.

To conclude, my main points would be agreeing with the suggestion of considering children supporting their parents as a legal obligation, and consider it as a practical advice. As I have mentioned, it is because it can bring many advantages, and it has been introduced in many countries. Therefore, I show my full support to this suggestion. Thank you for your time!

Best regards,

Chris Chan

*“A letter in the newspaper suggests that it should be a legal obligation for children to support their parents when they are old. Write a reply, discussing the issue and stating whether you feel this is a practical or sensible suggestion. Sign yourself ‘Chris Chan’.”*

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