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## Who Decides for Children? Parents or Government?

From [World Net Daily](#):

The Charlie Gard case in Great Britain is stirring fierce debate over whether parents ought to have the final decision for their children or whether the government or children themselves ought to have that power.

But this debate goes much further than the U.K. or whether the parents of an 11-month-old boy ought to be able to seek additional treatment for their son.

In fact, one of the experts weighing in on behalf of the hospital in the Gard case says the American notion of parental rights is now more the exception than the norm thanks to action at the United Nations.

“Unlike the USA, English law is focused on the protection of children’s rights,” Jonathan Montgomery, professor of Health Care Law at University College London, told the Associated Press. “The USA is the only country in the world that is not party to the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child; it does not recognize that children have rights independent of their parents.”

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