Iona Opie argues that childhood is not disappearing and there is still separation between children and adults.

The globalisation of western childhood

Child liberationists argue that modern western childhood is oppressive and children today are subject to adult authority. Also, far from disappearing, western notions of childhood are being globalised.

Contradictory trends – the reconstruction of childhood?

- Sue Palmer: phrase “Toxic Childhood” i.e. rapid technological and cultural changes” have damaged children’s physical, emotional and intellectual development. These changes range from junk food, computer games etc.

- Julia Margo and Mike Dixon state that the UK tops the league for obesity, self harm, drug and alcohol abuse.