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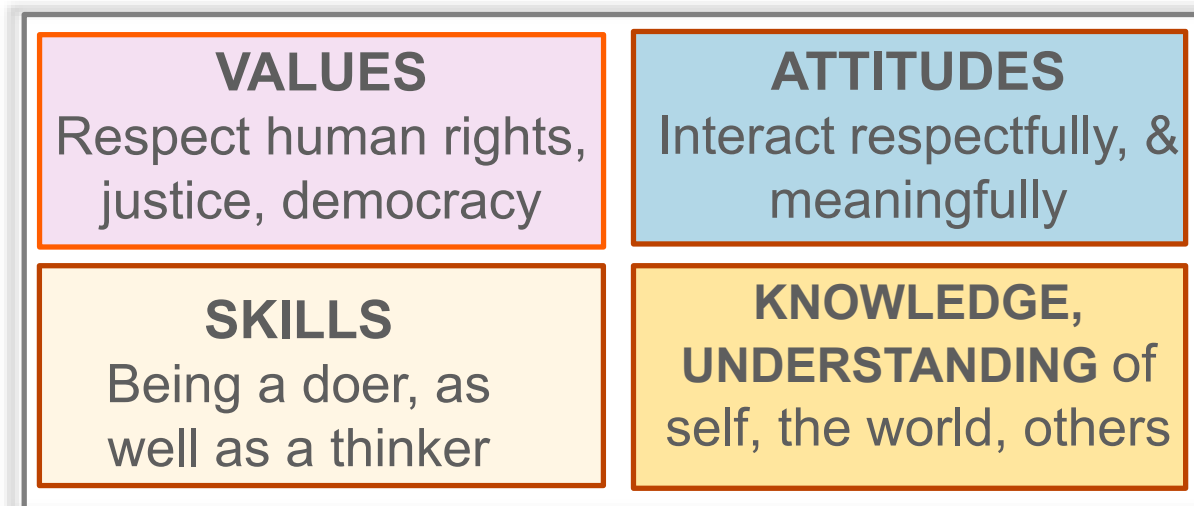
Digital Citizenship Education (DCE) – Engaging parents, empowering children

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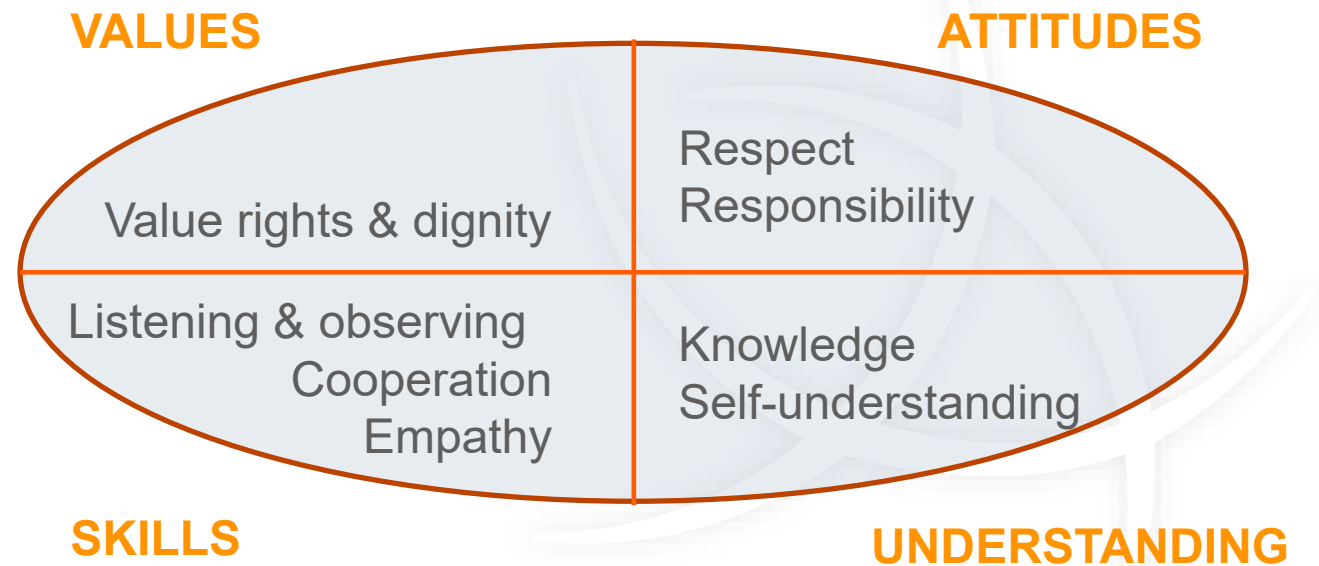# Why is digital citizenship education important?

Digital citizenship provides children with a set of competences that help them become:

➢ more responsible about what they do online;

➢ more resilient to the challenges of the virtual world;

➢ more adaptable, open to different views, cultures, practices.
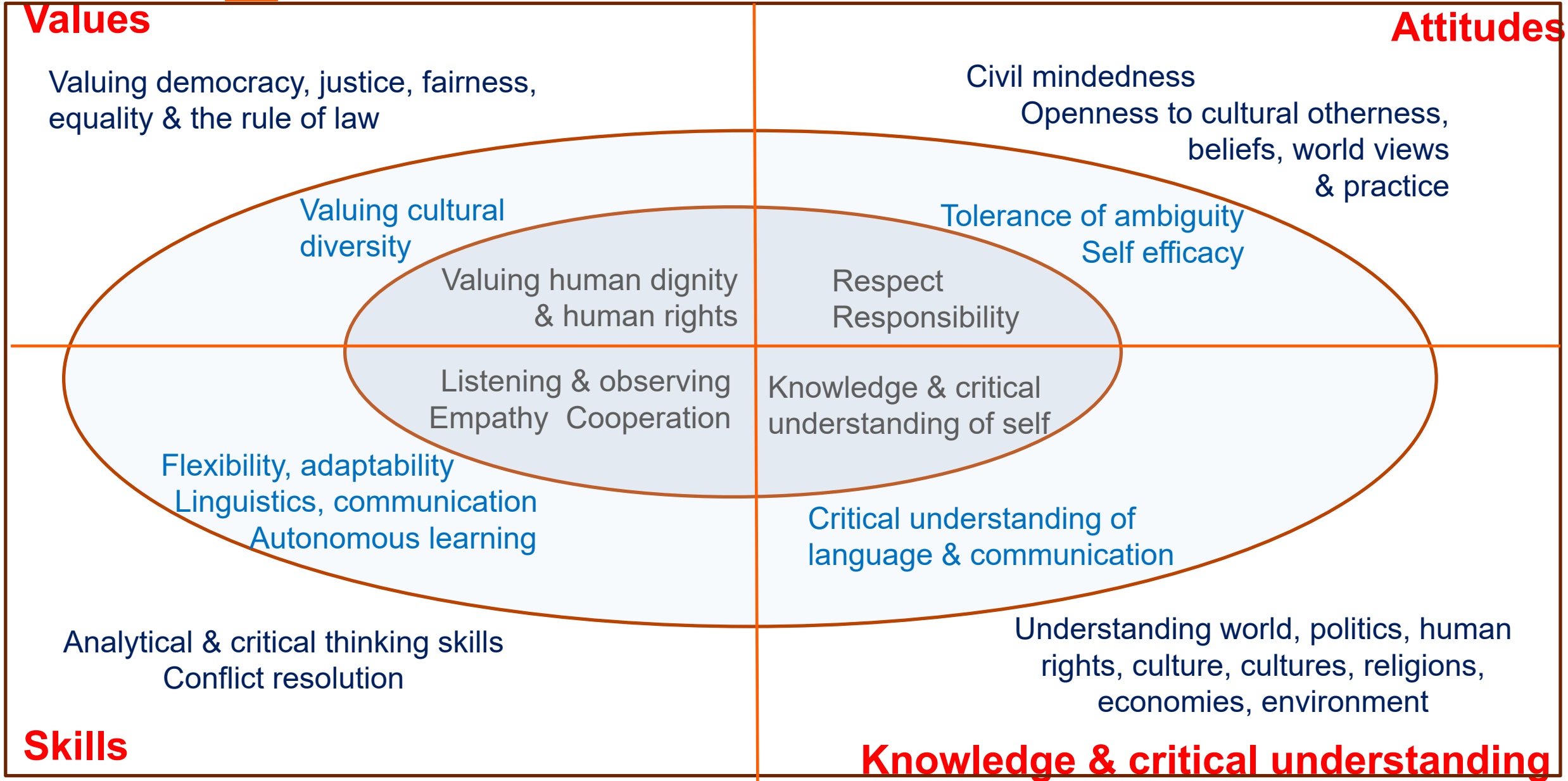
VALUES Respect human rights, justice, democracy	**ATTITUDES** Interact respectfully, & meaningfully
SKILLS Being a doer, as well as a thinker	**KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING** of self, the world, others

DCE – an ongoing process that begins in the cradle

VALUES

ATTITUDES

Value rights & dignity

Respect
Responsibility

Listening & observing
Cooperation
Empathy

Knowledge
Self-understanding

SKILLS

UNDERSTANDING

Reference Framework for a Democratic Culture

20 competences for a Democratic Culture.

= early childhood   = middle childhood

Values   **Attitudes**

Valuing democracy, justice, fairness, equality & the rule of law

Civil mindedness

Openness to cultural otherness, beliefs, world views & practice

Valuing cultural diversity

Tolerance of ambiguity

Self efficacy

Valuing human dignity & human rights

Respect Responsibility

Listening & observing Empathy Cooperation

Knowledge & critical understanding of self

Flexibility, adaptability
Linguistics, communication
Autonomous learning

Critical understanding of language & communication

Analytical & critical thinking skills
Conflict resolution

Understanding world, politics, human rights, culture, cultures, religions, economies, environment

Skills

Knowledge & critical understanding

Only 1 in 3 parents say they understand what it means to be a digital citizen

Less than 50% of parents say they know their children's online friends

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION FROM A PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE

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2021-22: 21,000 parents, 46 countries

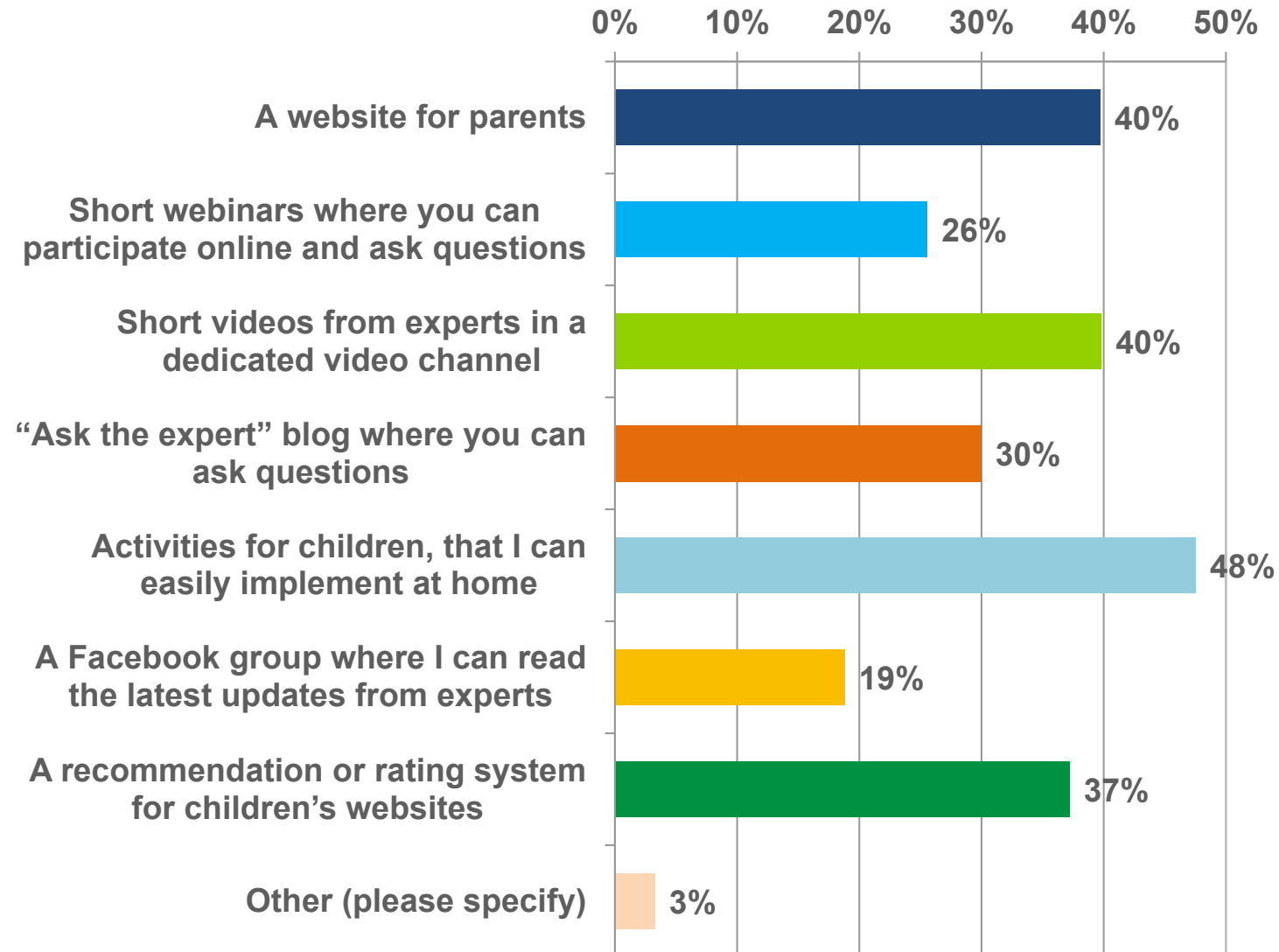**Less than 40% talk to their children about behaving respectfully & kindly online**

75% of parents talk to their children about bullying

50 -70% OF PARENTS USE TECH WITH THEIR CHILDREN to watch videos, communicate with family, do homework.

1 in 10 create content with their children

1 in 5 show them how to use social networks

Almost 50% of parents want DCE activities that they can do with their children at home

What parents want to support their children

Category	Percentage
A website for parents	40%
Short webinars where you can participate online and ask questions	26%
Short videos from experts in a dedicated video channel	40%
"Ask the expert" blog where you can ask questions	30%
Activities for children, that I can easily implement at home	48%
A Facebook group where I can read the latest updates from experts	19%
A recommendation or rating system for children's websites	37%
Other (please specify)	3%

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The DCE model is divided into activity areas (domains)

Access and inclusion – enjoy equal access to online opportunities.

Learning and creativity – lifelong learners, knowing how to use digital tools creatively.

Media and information literacy – critically understand, interpret and use digital technology.

Ethics and empathy – learn to be fair, ethical, and open to diversity, empathetic.

Health and well-being – aware of the digital impact on body and mind.

ePresence and Communication – maintain a positive online image, engage with responsibly online.

Being Online

Well-being Online

Rights Online

Active participation – play an active role in on/offline communities.

Rights and responsibilities – know, understand and defend our rights, respect our responsibilities.

Privacy and security – aware of the impact of our actions, and able to protect information and personal data.

Consumer awareness – know our rights as users, eco-logically responsible consumers and entrepreneurs.

Resources for parents- informative and fun

LEAFLETS

DIGI-NAUTS

BOOKS/BOOKLETS

Engaging parents, empowering children

- ➤ Parents are busy, make it fun

- ➤ The first port of call on digital issues? Search engine!

- ➤ Messaging must be clear, sticky, understandable to children & parents

- ➤ Parental controls are conversations stoppers rather than starters

- ➤ Reach parents through children e.g. the Digi-Nauts

- ➤ A little magic goes a long way

- ➤ Empathy, responsibility, resilience… practice makes "perfect"

2025 – European year of Digital Citizenship Education

Enhance visibility of digital citizenship, in homes, at school and in the community.

Raise awareness

Encourage sharing of innovative ideas, resources, good practice.

Foster collaboration

Support, educate

Help more citizens develop society-friendly values and attitudes, benefit from opportunities protect their rights

Build participation

Promote equal access to digital platforms, stamp our discrimination, help citizens have their voice heard.