

INVENTORY OF BELIEFS ABOUT WIFE BEATING

Long Version (Saunders, Lynch, Grayson & Linz, *Violence and Victims*, 1987 2(1), 39-58)

Instructions

Below are a number of statements about violence toward wives which some people agree with and others disagree with. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each statement. There are no right or wrong answers.

“Beating” is used to mean repeated hitting intended to inflict pain.

1. Social agencies should do more to help battered women.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___

Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

2. There is no excuse for a man beating his wife.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___

Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

3. Wives try to get beaten by their husbands in order to get sympathy from others.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___

Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

4. A woman who constantly refuses to have sex with her husband is asking to be beaten.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___

Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

5. Wives could avoid being battered by their husbands if they knew when to stop talking.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___

Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

6. Episodes of a man beating his wife are the wife's fault.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___

Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

7. Even when women lie to their husbands they do not deserve to get a beating.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___
Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

8. Women should be protected by law if their husbands beat them.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___
Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

9. Wife-beating should be given a high priority as a social problem by government agencies.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___
Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

10. Sometimes it is OK for a man to beat his wife.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___
Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

11. Women feel pain and no pleasure when beat-up by their husbands.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___
Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

12. A sexually unfaithful wife deserves to be beaten.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___
Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

13. Causes of wife-beating are the fault of the husband.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___
Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

14. Battered wives try to get their partners to beat them as a way to get attention from them.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___
Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

15. Husbands who batter should be responsible for the abuse because they should have foreseen that it would happen.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___

Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

16. If I heard a woman being attacked by her husband, it would be best that I do nothing.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___

Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

17. Battered wives are responsible for their abuse because they intended it to happen.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___

Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

18. If a wife is beaten by her husband, she should divorce him immediately.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___

Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

19. Husbands who batter are responsible for the abuse because they intended to do it.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___

Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

20. The best way to deal with wife-beating is to arrest the husband.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___

Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

21. Even when a wife's behavior challenges her husband's manhood, he's not justified in beating her.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___

Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

22. How long should a man who has beaten his wife spend in prison or jail? (Circle one):

0 1 mo 6 mos 1 yr 3 yr 5 yr 10 yr Don't know

23. When a wife is beaten, it is caused by her behavior in the weeks before the battering.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___

Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

24. A wife should move out of the house, if her husband beats her.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___
Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

25. Wives who are battered are responsible for the abuse, because they should have foreseen it would happen.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___
Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

26. A husband has no right to beat this wife even if she breaks agreements she has made with him.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___
Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

27. Occasional violence by a husband toward his wife can help maintain the marriage.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___
Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

28. A wife doesn't deserve a beating even if she keeps reminding her husband of his weak points.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___
Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

29. Most wives secretly desire to be beaten by their husbands.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___
Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

30. If I heard a woman being attacked by her husband, I would call the police.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___
Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___

31. It would do some wives some good to be beaten by their husbands.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree ___
Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___ Strongly Disagree ___