

INVENTORY OF BELIEFS ABOUT WIFE BEATING
Short Form

Instructions

Below are a number of statements about violence toward wives that some people agree with and others disagree with. Please show how much you agree or disagree with each statement by placing a check after one of the levels of agreement. There are no right or wrong answers. "Beating" is used to mean repeated hitting intended to inflict pain.

1. 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___

2. 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___

3. 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___

4. 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___

5. A sexually unfaithful wife deserves to be beaten.

Strongly Agree___ Agree___ Slightly Agree___ Neither Agree Nor Disagree___
Slightly disagree___ Disagree___ Strongly Disagree___

6. A husband has no right to beat his 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__

7. 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__

8. Even if 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__

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

Strongly Agree__ Agree__ Slightly Agree__ Neither Agree Nor Disagree__

Slightly disagree__ Disagree__ Strongly Disagree__

10. 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__

11. 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__

Note: Items 1-8 form the subscale: Wife-beating Is Justified; items 9-11 form the subscale: Help Should be Given. The long version of the Inventory Beliefs About Wife-beating and the psychometric information about it first appeared in: Saunders, Lynch, Grayson & Linz, Violence and Victims, 1987 2(1) 39-58.