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**INSTRUMENT TITLE:** Legal & Administrative Aggression Scale

**SOURCE ARTICLE:** Hines, D. A., Douglas, E. M., & Berger, J. L. (2015). A self-report measure of legal and administrative aggression within intimate relationships. *Aggressive Behavior, 41*, 295-309.

**POPULATION:** heterosexuals, men, general population

**RESPONSE OPTIONS:** Scale had two components 1) 6 items on threatened legal/administrative aggression, and 2) 6 items on actual legal/administrative aggression

Threatened LA aggression was measured using the same scale as the CTS2: (0) Never happened, (1) 1 time in previous year, (2) 2 times in previous year; (3) 3-5 times in previous year, (4) 6-10 times in the previous year, (5) 11-20 times in the previous year, (6) more than 20 times in the previous year, (7) Did not happen in previous year, but happened before

Actual LA Aggression subscale: (1) Yes, (0) No, for whether each act actually happened

**SCORING:** Threatened LA aggression: indicating if threatened LA aggression ever happened or not (YES/NO), summing the number of aggressive acts that happened, summing the frequency of the six different types of aggression within past year.

Actual LA Aggression subscale: Counting the number of acts of aggression; indicating whether actual LA aggression happened or not.

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### **SURVEY ITEMS:**

Use the standard instructions from the CTS2 (Straus et al., 1996) which asks participants to indicate how often they and their partner did each of the following:

- (1) Threatened to make false accusations to authorities that the partner physically or sexually abused the other
- (2) Threatened to make false accusations to authorities that the partner physically or sexually abused the children
- (3) Threatened to leave and take the children away
- (4) Threatened to leave and take all the money and possessions
- (5) Threatened to ruin the partner's reputation at work
- (6) Threatened to ruin the partner's reputation in the community

Indicate if you and your partner actually engaged in the following acts:

- (1) Make false accusations to authorities that the partner physically or sexually abused the other
- (2) Make false accusations to authorities that the partner physically or sexually abused the children
- (3) Leave and take the children away
- (4) Leave and take all the money and possessions
- (5) Ruin the partner's reputation at work
- (6) Ruin the partner's reputation in the community

### **RELIABILITY INFORMATION:**

Population-based sample: perpetration of threatened LA aggression: Cronbach's  $\alpha = .89$

Population-based sample: victimization of threatened LA aggression: Cronbach's  $\alpha = .89$

Victims sample: perpetration of threatened LA aggression: Cronbach's  $\alpha = .47$

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**VALIDITY INFORMATION:** The following methods were used to assess validity:

Construct validity:

- Principal axis factor analysis of the threatened LA aggression scale

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Construct and concurrent validity:

- Principal axis factor analysis of the threatened LA aggression scale and other scales measuring non-physical forms of intimate partner abuse; threatened LA aggression came out as a separate factor, that was correlated with other forms of non-physical abuse.

Concurrent validity:

- Correlations between LA aggression scale and other forms of intimate partner violence (i.e., psychological aggression, controlling behaviors, physical aggression, sexual aggression, injuries)

Criterion validity:

- Significant differences in experiences of LA aggression between groups known to experience differences in partner violence (i.e., a victims sample versus a population-based sample)

### **FACTOR ANALYSIS:**

Factor analysis yielded 1 factor: Legal and administrative aggression

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