



## UNC CFAR Social and Behavioral Science Research Core Database

**INSTRUMENT TITLE:** MSCQ: Multidimensional Sexual Coercion Questionnaire

**SOURCE ARTICLE:** Raghavan, C., Cohen, S., & Tamborra, T. (2015). Development and preliminary validation of The Multidimensional Sexual Coercion Questionnaire (MSCQ). *Journal of Sexual Aggression*. 21(3): 271-289

**POPULATION:** heterosexual, women, men, students, African American, Latino

**RESPONSE OPTIONS:** 5-point Likert scale ranging from 0 (“this have never happened”) to 4 (“this happened more than 5 times in the past year”)

**SCORING:** Not Available

**SURVEY ITEMS:** See the formatted instrument below

**RELIABILITY INFORMATION:** Cronbach’s  $\alpha$  values range from 0.71 to 0.86 depending on the factor

**VALIDITY INFORMATION:** Content Validity and Factor Structure are reported

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Relationships are often complicated and challenging. Sometimes disagreements between partners are about sex. The following questions ask about how you and your partner have negotiated your intimate and sexual life in the past 12 months.

Each question has two parts. The first part asks about your experiences and the second part asks about things you may have done to your partner.

Each question asks about how often something has happened to you or your partner.

If it did not happen within the past year, but happened before that, please circle "A".

If it has never happened with your partner, please circle "B".

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1.	I had sexual intercourse even when I didn't want to because I was afraid that my partner would do something bad to me.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
1b.	I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
2.	I had sexual intercourse even when I didn't want to because I was afraid of how my partner would react if I said "no."	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
2b.	I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
3.	I had sexual intercourse even when I didn't want to because saying "no" has never worked.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
3b.	I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
4.	I had sexual intercourse even when I didn't want to because I was afraid how my partner would treat me later on.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
4b.	I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
5.	I had sexual intercourse even when I didn't want to because I have had bad experiences in the past when not complying with this partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
6b.	I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
6.	I had sexual intercourse even when I didn't want to in order to stop my partner insulting me.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
6b.	I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
7.	I had sexual intercourse even when I didn't want to in order to stop my partner swearing at me.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B

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7b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
8. I had oral sex even when I didn't want to because my partner used force (like hitting, holding down, or using a weapon).	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
8b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
9. I had anal sex even when I didn't want to because my partner used force (like hitting, holding down, or using a weapon).	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
9b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
10. I had vaginal sex even when I didn't want to because my partner used force (like hitting, holding down, or using a weapon).	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
10b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
11. I had sexual intercourse even when I didn't want to because my partner threatened to use force (like hitting, holding down, or using a weapon)	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
11b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
12. I had sexual intercourse even when I didn't want to because my partner insisted upon it.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
12b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
13. I had sexual intercourse even when I didn't want to because my partner was shouting and/or screaming at me.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
13b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
14. I had sexual intercourse even when I didn't want to because I was too drunk or intoxicated to physically resist.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
14b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
15. I had sexual intercourse even when I didn't want to because I was overwhelmed by my partner's never-ending arguments.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
15b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
16. I had sexual intercourse even when I didn't want to because of my partner's constant pressure.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
16b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
17. I had sexual intercourse even when I didn't want to because my partner threatened to end the relationship.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
17b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B

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18. I had sexual intercourse even when I didn't want to because my partner insisted that sex is part of a committed relationship.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
18b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
19. I had sexual intercourse even when I didn't want to because I was afraid my partner would find someone else to sleep with.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
19b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
20. I had sexual intercourse even though I didn't want to because my partner gave me alcohol or drugs to purposely impair my judgment.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
20b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
21. I had sexual intercourse even when I didn't want to because my partner accused me of being a bad lover.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
21b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
22. I had sexual intercourse even when I didn't want to because my partner threatened to humiliate me by telling others that I was a bad lover.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
22b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
23. I had sexual intercourse even when I didn't want to because my partner threatened to embarrass me in front of my friends.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
23b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
24. I had sexual intercourse even when I didn't want to because my partner threatened to badmouth me to my friends.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
24b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
25. I had sexual intercourse with someone other than my partner even though I didn't want to because my partner pressured me into doing it.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
25b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
26. I participated in my partner's sexual fantasies even though I didn't want to because my partner pressured me into doing it.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
26b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
27. I had sexual intercourse even though I did not want to because my partner blackmailed me.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
27b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B

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28. I had sexual intercourse even though I didn't want to because my partner said it was a way of proving my love.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
28b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
29. I had sexual intercourse even though I did not want to because my partner made false promises (she/he loved me, will be together forever, I was the only one...)	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
29b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
30. I had sexual intercourse without a condom even though I did not want to because my partner pressured me into doing it.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
30b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
31. I have been fondled, kissed, or touched sexually when I didn't want to because I was overwhelmed by my partner's persistence.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
31b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
32. I had sexual intercourse even though I did not want to because my partner accused me of being "gay" if I didn't want sex.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
32b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
33. I had sexual intercourse even though I did not want to because my partner accused me of being a prude or not masculine enough.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
33b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
34. I had sexual intercourse even though I did not want to because saying "no" caused a big fight last time.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
34b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
35. I had sexual intercourse even though I did not want to because it didn't seem worthwhile to resist.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
35b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
36. I had sexual intercourse even though I did not want to because my partner left the last time I said no.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
36b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
37. I had sexual intercourse even though I did not want to because I felt there was too much to lose by saying "no"	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
37b. I did this to my partner	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B

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38. I had sexual intercourse even though I did not want to because my partner made me feel like I owed it to him/her.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
38b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
39. I had sexual intercourse even though I did not want to because my partner lied to me.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
39b. I did this to my partner	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
40. I had sexual intercourse even though I did not want to because my partner accused me of being impotent or frigid.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
40b. I did this to my partner	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
41. I had sexual intercourse even though I didn't want to because my partner threatened to find someone else to sleep with.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
41b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
42. I had sexual intercourse even though I didn't want to because my partner ignored my verbal requests to stop.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B
42b. I did this to my partner.	1	2	3	4	5	6	A	B