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INSTRUMENT TITLE: Partner Abuse Interview

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POPULATION: Women

RESPONSE OPTIONS: [enter response options here]

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SCORING: [explain how instrument is scored, if available]

Physical Aggression:

0 – aggressive behavior was absent

1 – behavior was present but did not result in injury

2 – behavior was present and caused injury

3 – behavior was present and caused injury

Injuries included bruises, bleeding, wounds, or wounds requiring care from a health professional

Fear:

1 – no fear

2 – slight fear

3 – very fearful

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SURVEY ITEMS: [enter survey here]

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RELIABILITY INFORMATION:

Cronbach's $\alpha=0.82$;

Physical aggression: kappa = 0.88

Severe violence: kappa = 1.00

Partner abuse: kappa = 0.77

VALIDITY INFORMATION: N/A

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Appendix 1: Distress and Abuse Classification Interviews

Current relationship distress	Criteria				
<p>Now I'm going to ask you some questions about your relationship</p> <p>In the last month ...</p> <p>... have you been feeling unhappy about your relationship? (Has it been more than half of the days in the last month?)</p> <p>... have you had thoughts of separation or divorce, or that you'd be better off without your partner? IF YES: How long do these thoughts last?</p> <p>Do you think your relationship is in need of professional help?</p>	<p>A. (1) Subjective sense of overall unhappiness in the relationship during the past month, more days than not</p> <p>(2) Thoughts of divorce/separation that are more than transitory</p> <p>(3) Perceived need for professional help for the relationship. Excluded are situations in which the relationship itself is not troubled (e.g., sexual problems without accompanying relationship problems, adjusting to infertility in a happy couple)</p>	?	1	2	3
<p>During the past month, when you disagreed about something with your partner ...</p> <p>... does it escalate quickly into a fight?</p>	<p>B. (1) Marked escalation of negative behavior or affect (e.g., "little" disputes evolve into screaming matches)</p>	?	1	2	3
<p>(Do little problems escalate into screaming matches?)</p> <p>... do you or your partner leave the room, withdraw or stop talking so that it's impossible to resolve the problem?</p>	<p>(2) Withdrawal from interaction so that resolution is impeded. Withdrawal can either be through leaving a discussion before it is resolved, or through more pervasive disconnectedness that impedes bringing up or resolving problems. NOTE: Constructive use of time-out procedures that include later discussion of the issue would not meet this criterion.</p>	?	1	2	3
<p>During the past month, when your partner has done something you didn't like, did you think that s/he did it on purpose or that s/he had negative intentions? Do you think that it reflects a negative part of his/her personality?</p>	<p>C. (1) Distressed attributional pattern: Negative behaviors of the partner are attributed to negative personality traits, or are perceived to be done voluntarily, intentionally, or with negative intent. Positive behaviors of the partner are attributed to temporary states, or are perceived to be done accidentally, unintentionally, or with hidden negative intentions.</p>	?	1	2	3
<p>Do you think that you can improve your relationship?</p>	<p>(2) Low sense of efficacy that the relationship can improve (without professional help)</p>	?	1	2	3
<p>During the past month, how often have you felt angry or sad about your partner?</p>	<p>D. Interactions with or thoughts about the partner are frequently marked by intense and persistent levels of:</p> <p>(1) Anger or sadness</p>	?	1	2	3

Current relationship distress		Criteria					
(If apathy seems present) Do you feel as strongly about your partner as you did once?	(2) Apathy			?	1	2	3
Physical aggression (victimization)		Happened?			Injured?		
Many people, at one time or another, get physical with their partners when they're angry. For example, some people threaten to hurt their partners, some push or shove, and some slap or hit. I'm going to ask you about a variety of common behaviors, and I'd like you to tell me if YOUR PARTNER'S done this during the past year: (For each behavior answered yes, ask about							
• the most serious occurrence in the past year							
• if subject was bruised or injured in any other way. Code 3 for any injury.)							
Thrown or smashed or hit or kicked an object		Y	N				
Thrown something at you	A. (1) Respondent was victimized by partner's physical aggression, resulting in an injury.	Y	N	?	1	2	3
Pushed, grabbed or shoved you		Y	N	?	1	2	3
Slapped, kicked, or bit you		Y	N	?	1	2	3
Hit you with a fist or with an object		Y	N	?	1	2	3
Beat you up		Y	N	?	1	2	3
Threatened you with a gun or knife		Y	N	?	1	2	3
Used a gun or knife		Y	N	?	1	2	3
Physically forced you to have sex when you didn't want to		Y	N	?	1	2	3
Other		Y	N	?	1	2	3
IF YES BUT NO INJURY, ask "Some people are afraid that their partners will physically hurt them if they argue with their partners or do something their partners don't like. How much would you say you are afraid of this?" (READ LIST)	A. (2) Respondent was victimized by partner's physical aggression, resulting in significant fear.						
Not at all					1		
A little						2	
Quite a bit							3
Very afraid							3
Physical aggression (perpetration)		Happened?			Injured?		
Now I'd like to ask what YOU've done during the past year: (For each behavior answered yes, ask about							
• the most serious occurrence in the past year							
• if subject was bruised or injured in any other way. Code 3 for any injury.)							
In the last year, have YOU ...							
Thrown or smashed or hit or kicked an object		Y	N				
Thrown something at your partner	A. (1) Respondent committed physical aggression, resulting in an injury to the partner.	Y	N	?	1	2	3
Pushed, grabbed or shoved your partner		Y	N	?	1	2	3
Slapped, kicked, or bit your partner		Y	N	?	1	2	3
Hit your partner with a fist or with an object		Y	N	?	1	2	3
Beat your partner up		Y	N	?	1	2	3
Threatened your partner with a gun or knife		Y	N	?	1	2	3
Used a gun or knife on your partner		Y	N	?	1	2	3
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