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**INSTRUMENT TITLE:** Partner Violence Interview

**SOURCE ARTICLE:**

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**POPULATION:**

Adolescents, youth, African American, women, men

**RESPONSE OPTIONS:**

“Not ever having experienced or engaged in the item listed” (0) or “Having ever experienced or engaged in the item listed” (1)

**SCORING:**

Overall scores obtained in each of three categories (violence inflicted by current partners, violence inflicted by any previous partners, and violence inflicted by subject toward a partner) by summing positive responses

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### **SURVEY ITEMS:**

Three scales (26 items):

Current partner scale (violence inflicted by current partners)  
Ex-partner scale (violence inflicted by any previous partners)  
Toward partner scale (violence inflicted by the subject toward a partner)

\*See attached for instrument formatted by author

### **RELIABILITY INFORMATION:**

Internal consistency:

Current partner scale: 0.91-0.95

Ex-partner scale: 0.89-0.92

Toward partner scale: 0.83

Retest reliability (Pearson's r):

Current partner scale: 0.85,  $p < 0.001$

Ex-partner scale: 0.70,  $p < 0.001$

### **VALIDITY INFORMATION:**

Convergent validity:

PVI and CTS

PVI and Community Violence measure

PVI and Beck Depression Inventory

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# PVI

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Case # \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have a current partner? **Y / N** Date \_\_\_\_\_

This interview is designed to ask about conflicts that you may have had with your current or ex-partners. We are interested in learning whether you have experienced any of the incidents described at any time in your relationship. You will also be asked if your child(ren) witnessed any of the events described. If your child(ren) witnessed the event, please indicate separately for each child. Please answer yes to all questions if the events described happened to you whether or not you understand why they happened.

Part I

1. Did something or said something to anger you.

Current partner	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	Child witnessed	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	Name:	I did	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Any ex-partner	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	Child witnessed	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	Name:	I did	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>

2. Sulked or refused to talk about something you wanted to talk about.

Current partner	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	Child witnessed	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	Name:	I did	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>
Any ex-partner	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	Child witnessed	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	Name:	I did	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>

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3. Stomped out of the room, house or yard.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

4. Insulted you or swore at you.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

5. Interrupted your eating or sleeping.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

6. Said that you could not leave or see certain people.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

7. Verbally pressured you to have sex.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

8. Made threats to leave the relationship.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

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9. Made non-violent threats to withhold money, take away the children, have an affair, etc.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

10. Withheld sex from you.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

11. Screamed or yelled.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

12. Smashed, kicked or hit an object.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

13. Threatened to hit you or throw something at you.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

14. Pushed, carried, restrained, grabbed or shoved you.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

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15. Slapped or spanked you.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

16. Drove recklessly to scare you.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

17. Burned you.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

18. Threw and object at you.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

19. Kicked or hit you with a fist.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

20. Threw you bodily.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

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21. Physically forced sex on you.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

22. Hit you or tried to hit you with something.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

23. Beat you up (hit you many times).

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

24. Choked or strangled you.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

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25. Threatened you with a knife or a gun.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

26. Used a knife or a gun on you.

Current partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N
Any ex-partner	Y	N	Child witnessed	Y	N	Name:	I did	Y	N

Part II.

- A. How many different partners (in total) have engaged in violence with you (13-26) from high school to present?
- B. As a result of the violence you experienced with your partner, what is the most serious injury you ever received?
0. None
  1. Mild (scratch, small bruise, swelling)
  2. Moderate (fracture, minor burns, cuts, large bruises)
  3. Severe (major wounds, severe bleeding or burns, knocked out)
  4. Permanent Damage (blindness, hearing loss, disfigurement, chronic pain)

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- C. As a result of witnessing violence between you and your current or ex-partner(s), you believe your child(ren) were:
0. Not affected
  1. Mildly affected (limited, short-term reaction)
  2. Moderately affected (significant, short-term reaction, or mild, intermediate reaction)
  3. Severely affected (significant, long-term reaction)

Please describe your child(ren)'s reactions.

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