INVENTORY OF BELIEFS ABOUT WIFE BEATING


Instructions

Below are a number of statements about violence toward wives which some people agree with and others disagree with. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each statement. There are no right or wrong answers.

“Beating” is used to mean repeated hitting intended to inflict pain.

1. Social agencies should do more to help battered women.
   Strongly Agree ___  Agree ___  Slightly Agree ____  Neither Agree Nor Disagree___
   Slightly Disagree___  Disagree___  Strongly Disagree ___

2. There is no excuse for a man beating his wife.
   Strongly Agree ___  Agree ___  Slightly Agree ____  Neither Agree Nor Disagree___
   Slightly Disagree___  Disagree___  Strongly Disagree ___

3. Wives try to get beaten by their husbands in order to get sympathy from others.
   Strongly Agree ___  Agree ___  Slightly Agree ____  Neither Agree Nor Disagree___
   Slightly Disagree___  Disagree___  Strongly Disagree ___

4. 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 ___

5. 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 ___

6. 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 ___
7. Even when women lie to their husbands they do not deserve to get a beating.

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8. Women should be protected by law if their husbands beat them.

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9. Wife-beating should be given a high priority as a social problem by government agencies.

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10. Sometimes it is OK for a man to beat his wife.

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11. Women feel pain and no pleasure when beat-up by their husbands.

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12. A sexually unfaithful wife deserves to be beaten.

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13. Causes of wife-beating are the fault of the husband.

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14. Battered wives try to get their partners to beat them as a way to get attention from them.

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15. Husbands who batter should be responsible for the abuse because they should have 
foreseen that it would happen.

   Strongly Agree ___  Agree ___  Slightly Agree ____  Neither Agree Nor Disagree___  
   Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___  Strongly Disagree ___

16. If I heard a woman being attacked by her husband, it would be best that I do nothing.

   Strongly Agree ___  Agree ___  Slightly Agree ____  Neither Agree Nor Disagree___  
   Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___  Strongly Disagree ___

17. Battered wives are responsible for their abuse because they intended it to happen.

   Strongly Agree ___  Agree ___  Slightly Agree ____  Neither Agree Nor Disagree___  
   Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___  Strongly Disagree ___

18. If a wife is beaten by her husband, she should divorce him immediately.

   Strongly Agree ___  Agree ___  Slightly Agree ____  Neither Agree Nor Disagree___  
   Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___  Strongly Disagree ___

19. Husbands who batter are responsible for the abuse because they intended to do it.

   Strongly Agree ___  Agree ___  Slightly Agree ____  Neither Agree Nor Disagree___  
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20. The best way to deal with wife-beating is to arrest the husband.

   Strongly Agree ___  Agree ___  Slightly Agree ____  Neither Agree Nor Disagree___  
   Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___  Strongly Disagree ___

21. Even when 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 ___

22. How long should a man who has beaten his wife spend in prison or jail? (Circle one):

   0           1 mo          6 mos          1 yr          3 yr          5 yr           10 yr          Don’t know

23. When a wife is beaten, it is caused by her behavior in the weeks before the battering.

   Strongly Agree ___  Agree ___  Slightly Agree ____  Neither Agree Nor Disagree___  
   Slightly Disagree ___ Disagree ___  Strongly Disagree ___
24. A wife should move out of the house, if her husband beats her.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ____ Neither Agree Nor Disagree___
Slightly Disagree___ Disagree___ Strongly Disagree ___

25. Wives who are battered are responsible for the abuse, because they should have foreseen it would happen.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ____ Neither Agree Nor Disagree___
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26. A husband has no right to beat this wife even if she breaks agreements she has made with him.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ____ Neither Agree Nor Disagree___
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27. 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 ___

28. 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 ___

29. Most wives secretly desire to be beaten by their husbands.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ____ Neither Agree Nor Disagree___
Slightly Disagree___ Disagree___ Strongly Disagree ___

30. If I heard a woman being attacked by her husband, I would call the police.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ____ Neither Agree Nor Disagree___
Slightly Disagree___ Disagree___ Strongly Disagree ___

31. It would do some wives some good to be beaten by their husbands.

Strongly Agree ___ Agree ___ Slightly Agree ____ Neither Agree Nor Disagree___
Slightly Disagree___ Disagree___ Strongly Disagree ___

Scales: WJ: 2,4,5,6,7,10,12,21,26,27,28,31; WG: 3,11,14,17,23,25,29; HG: 1,8,9,16,30; OP: 18,19,20,22; OR: 13,15,19,20