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INSTRUMENT TITLE: Proximal Antecedents to Violent Episode (PAVE) scale

SOURCE ARTICLE:

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POPULATION:

Men, women, heterosexuals, African American, Latino

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

6-point, Likert-type scale: responses range from 1 (not at all likely to be violent in the specific situation) to 6 (extremely likely to be violent in the specific situation)

SURVEY ITEMS: See attached formatted by author

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RELIABILITY INFORMATION:

Cronbach's α :

Total scale: 0.97

Factor 1: 0.95

Factor 2: 0.74

Factor 3: 0.95

VALIDITY INFORMATION:

Types of validity assessed:

Convergent validity (CTS, CTS2, MCMI-III, State-Trait Anger Inventory, Self Report of Psychopathy II, Psychological Maltreatment of Women Inventory)

Discriminant validity (Balanced Inventory of Desirable Responding)

FACTOR ANALYSIS:

Factor analysis revealed 3 factors:

Violence to Control

Violence Out of Jealousy

Violence Following Verbal Abuse

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Proximal Antecedents of Violent Episodes

(Babcock, Costa, Green & Eckhardt, 2004)

Sometimes there are situations when people are more likely to become **PHYSICALLY** aggressive than other times. Sometimes people feel that violence is justified, given the situation. Please indicate how likely it is that you would be physically aggressive in each of the following types of situations, if they were to arise.

Please answer as carefully and accurately as you can by circling a number for each of the items below.

How likely are you to be PHYSICALLY AGGRESSIVE in each of the following situations?						
	Not at all Likely	Very Unlikely	Somewhat Unlikely	Somewhat Likely	Very Likely	Extremely Likely
1. My partner does something to offend or "disrespect" me.	1	2	3	4	5	6
2. My partner threatens to leave me.	1	2	3	4	5	6
3. My partner just won't stop talking or nagging.	1	2	3	4	5	6
4. I walk in and catch my partner having sex with someone.	1	2	3	4	5	6
5. My partner says "I wish I never married you."	1	2	3	4	5	6

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6. My partner spends a lot of time with close friends of the opposite sex.	Not at all Likely 1	Very Unlikely 2	Somewhat Unlikely 3	Somewhat Likely 4	Very Likely 5	Extremely Likely 6
7. I find out that my partner has been flirting with someone.	Not at all Likely 1	Very Unlikely 2	Somewhat Unlikely 3	Somewhat Likely 4	Very Likely 5	Extremely Likely 6
8. My partner comes home late.	Not at all Likely 1	Very Unlikely 2	Somewhat Unlikely 3	Somewhat Likely 4	Very Likely 5	Extremely Likely 6
9. My partner spends money without consulting me.	Not at all Likely 1	Very Unlikely 2	Somewhat Unlikely 3	Somewhat Likely 4	Very Likely 5	Extremely Likely 6
10. When my partner and I argue about sex.	Not at all Likely 1	Very Unlikely 2	Somewhat Unlikely 3	Somewhat Likely 4	Very Likely 5	Extremely Likely 6
11. My partner threatens to divorce me.	Not at all Likely 1	Very Unlikely 2	Somewhat Unlikely 3	Somewhat Likely 4	Very Likely 5	Extremely Likely 6
12. My partner ridicules or makes fun of me.	Not at all Likely 1	Very Unlikely 2	Somewhat Unlikely 3	Somewhat Likely 4	Very Likely 5	Extremely Likely 6
13. My partner tells me not to do something that I want to do.	Not at all Likely 1	Very Unlikely 2	Somewhat Unlikely 3	Somewhat Likely 4	Very Likely 5	Extremely Likely 6
14. My partner tries to control me.	Not at all Likely 1	Very Unlikely 2	Somewhat Unlikely 3	Somewhat Likely 4	Very Likely 5	Extremely Likely 6

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15. My partner interrupts me when I'm talking.	Not at all Likely 1	Very Unlikely 2	Somewhat Unlikely 3	Somewhat Likely 4	Very Likely 5	Extremely Likely 6
16. My partner does not include me in important decisions.	Not at all Likely 1	Very Unlikely 2	Somewhat Unlikely 3	Somewhat Likely 4	Very Likely 5	Extremely Likely 6
17. My partner ignores me.	Not at all Likely 1	Very Unlikely 2	Somewhat Unlikely 3	Somewhat Likely 4	Very Likely 5	Extremely Likely 6
18. My partner is physically aggressive towards me first.	Not at all Likely 1	Very Unlikely 2	Somewhat Unlikely 3	Somewhat Likely 4	Very Likely 5	Extremely Likely 6
19. My partner tries to leave during an argument.	Not at all Likely 1	Very Unlikely 2	Somewhat Unlikely 3	Somewhat Likely 4	Very Likely 5	Extremely Likely 6
20. My partner blames me for something I didn't do.	Not at all Likely 1	Very Unlikely 2	Somewhat Unlikely 3	Somewhat Likely 4	Very Likely 5	Extremely Likely 6

Scoring Key for Three Subscales:

Violence to Control = Item9 + Item12 + Item13 + Item14 + Item15 + Item16 + Item17 + Item18 + Item19 + Item20 .

Violence out of Jealousy = Item5 + Item6 + Item7 + Item8.

Violence following Verbal Abuse = Item1 + Item2 + Item3 + Item5 + Item10 + Item11.

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