



## UNC CFAR Social and Behavioral Science Research Core SABI Database

**INSTRUMENT TITLE:** Propensity for Abusiveness

**SOURCE ARTICLE:** Dutton, D. G. (1995). A scale for measuring propensity for abusiveness. *Journal of family violence*, 10(2), 203-221. Chicago

**POPULATION:** men in treatment for wife assault and their female partners

**RESPONSE OPTIONS:** This instrument has already been formatted by the author. Please see attached.

**SCORING:** N/A

**SURVEY ITEMS:** This instrument has already been formatted by the author. Please see attached.

**RELIABILITY INFORMATION:** Cronbach's  $\alpha = 0.91$

**VALIDITY INFORMATION:** Discriminant validity assessed with Psychological Maltreatment of Women Inventory, PAS generated significant discriminant function.

**TERMS OF USE:**

Individuals may use this information for research or educational purposes only and may not use this information for commercial purposes. When using this instrument, please cite:

Dutton, D. G. (1995). A scale for measuring propensity for abusiveness. *Journal of family violence*, 10(2), 203-221. Chicago

When presenting results using any survey information you obtained from the SABI, please acknowledge the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Center for AIDS Research (CFAR), an NIH funded program P30 AI50410.



## UNC CFAR Social and Behavioral Science Research Core SABI Database

### APPENDIX A

#### Propensity for Abusiveness Scale (PAS)

##### Anger

If the statement is *completely undescriptive* of you: circle the '1'

If the statement is *mostly undescriptive* of you: circle the '2'

If the statement is *partly undescriptive* and *partly descriptive* of you: circle the '3'

If the statement is *mostly descriptive* of you: circle the '4'

If the statement is *completely descriptive* of you: circle the '5'

1. (MAI18). I can make myself angry about something in the past just by thinking about it. 1 2 3 4 5
2. (MAI26). I get so angry, I feel that I might lose control. 1 2 3 4 5
3. (MAI27). If I let people see the way I feel, I'd be considered a hard person to get along with. 1 2 3 4 5
4. (BPO5). I see myself in totally different ways at different times.
5. (BPO10). I feel empty inside.
6. (BPO11). I tend to feel things in a somewhat extreme way, experiencing either great joy or intense despair.
7. (BPO12). It is hard for me to be sure about what others think of me, even people who have known me very well.

#### TERMS OF USE:

Individuals may use this information for research or educational purposes only and may not use this information for commercial purposes. When using this instrument, please cite:

Dutton, D. G. (1995). A scale for measuring propensity for abusiveness. *Journal of family violence*, 10(2), 203-221. Chicago

When presenting results using any survey information you obtained from the SABI, please acknowledge the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Center for AIDS Research (CFAR), an NIH funded program P30 AI50410.



## UNC CFAR Social and Behavioral Science Research Core SABI Database

8. (BPO18). I feel people don't give me the respect I deserve unless I put pressure on them.
9. (BPO30). Somehow, I never know quite how to conduct myself with people.
10. (RSQ1). I find it difficult to depend on other people.
11. (RSQ5). I worry that I will be hurt if I allow myself to become too close to others.
12. (RSQ24). I am somewhat uncomfortable being close to others.

Beside each statement, please write in the number of the response listed below (1-4) that best describes how often the experience happened to you with your mother (or female guardian) and father (or male guardian). If you had more than one mother/father figure, please answer for the persons who you feel played the most important role in your upbringing.

1	2	3	4
never occurred	occasionally occurred	often occurred	always occurred

Father/Mother  
Guardian Guardian

- |     |     |              |  |
|-----|-----|--------------|--|
| ___ | ___ | 13 (EMBU3).  | My parent punished me even for small offenses.                             |
| ___ | ___ | 14 (EMBU8).  | As a child I was physically punished or scolded in the presence of others. |
| ___ | ___ | 15 (EMBU10). | My parent gave me more corporal punishment than I deserved.                |
| ___ | ___ | 16 (EMBU18). | I felt my parent thought it was <i>my</i> fault when he/she was unhappy.   |
| ___ | ___ | 17 (EMBU22). | I think my parent was mean and grudging toward me.                         |

### TERMS OF USE:

Individuals may use this information for research or educational purposes only and may not use this information for commercial purposes. When using this instrument, please cite:

Dutton, D. G. (1995). A scale for measuring propensity for abusiveness. *Journal of family violence*, 10(2), 203-221. Chicago

When presenting results using any survey information you obtained from the SABI, please acknowledge the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Center for AIDS Research (CFAR), an NIH funded program P30 AI50410.



## UNC CFAR Social and Behavioral Science Research Core SABI Database

- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 18 (EMBU26). I was punished by my parent with out having done anything.
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 19 (EMBU29). My parent criticized me and told me how lazy and useless I was in front of others.
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 20 (EMBU32). My parent would punish me hard, even for trifles.
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 21 (EMBU35). My parent treated me in such a way that I felt ashamed.
- \_\_\_ \_\_\_ 22 (EMBU37). I was beaten by my parent.

How often have you experienced each of the following in the *last two months*? Please circle the appropriate number.

0	1	2	3
never	occasionally	fairly often	very often

- 23 (TSC1). Insomnia (trouble getting to sleep)
- 24 (TSC2). Restless sleep
- 25 (TSC3). Nightmares
- 26 (TSC15). Anxiety attacks
- 27 (TSC25). Fear of women
- 28 (TSC32). Feeling tense all the time
- 29 (TSC33). Having trouble breathing

### TERMS OF USE:

Individuals may use this information for research or educational purposes only and may not use this information for commercial purposes. When using this instrument, please cite:

Dutton, D. G. (1995). A scale for measuring propensity for abusiveness. *Journal of family violence*, 10(2), 203-221. Chicago

When presenting results using any survey information you obtained from the SABI, please acknowledge the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Center for AIDS Research (CFAR), an NIH funded program P30 AI50410.