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INSTRUMENT TITLE: Scale of Economic Abuse (SEA)

SOURCE ARTICLE: Adams, A. E., Sullivan, C. M., Bybee, D., & Greeson, M. R. (2008). Development of the scale of economic abuse. *Violence against women, 14*(5), 563-588.

POPULATION: Women

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. The scale also contains qualitative questions eliciting any additional forms of economic abuse that were experienced but not covered in the survey (not included in attached).

RELIABILITY INFORMATION: Cronbach's $\alpha = 0.93$

VALIDITY INFORMATION: Content validity, convergent validity, and criterion validity were assessed. The modified CTS and PMWI were the criterion used. Factor structure was tested and results revealed a two-factor solution.

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Appendix: Scale of Economic Abuse

Directions: I'm going to go through a list of things some men do to hurt their partner or ex-partner financially. Could you tell me, to the best of your recollection, how frequently your partner or ex-partner has done any of the following things since your relationship began?

1 = *never*, 2 = *hardly ever*, 3 = *sometimes*, 4 = *often*, 5 = *quite often*, 8 = *not applicable*, 9 = *prefer not to answer*

1. Steal the car keys or take the car so you couldn't go look for a job or go to a job interview.
 2. Do things to keep you from going to your job.
 3. Beat you up if you said you needed to go to work.
 4. Threaten you to make you leave work.
 5. Demand that you quit your job.
 6. Make you ask him for money.
 7. Take money from your purse, wallet, or bank account without your permission and/or knowledge.
 8. Force you to give him money or let him use your checkbook, ATM card, or credit card.
 9. Steal your property.
 10. Do things to keep you from having money of your own.
 11. Take your paycheck, financial aid check, tax refund check, disability payment, or other support payments from you.
 12. Decide how you could spend money rather than letting you spend it how you saw fit.
 13. Demand to know how money was spent.
 14. Demand that you give him receipts and/or change when you spent money.
 15. Keep you from having the money you needed to buy food, clothes, or other necessities.
 16. Hide money so that you could not find it.
 17. Gamble with your money or your shared money.
 18. Have you ask your family or friends for money but not let you pay them back.
 19. Convince you to lend him money but not pay it back.
 20. Keep you from having access to your bank accounts.
 21. Keep financial information from you.
 22. Make important financial decisions without talking with you about it first.
 23. Threaten you or beat you up for paying the bills or buying things that were needed.
 24. Spend the money you needed for rent or other bills.
 25. Pay bills late or not pay bills that were in your name or in both of your names.
 26. Build up debt under your name by doing things like use your credit card or run up the phone bill.
 27. Refuse to get a job so you had to support your family alone.
 28. Pawn your property or your shared property.
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