

**EMERGE Gender Questions**  
**Household Decision-Making Control and Agency**  
*This module is designed to be implemented with women and girls*

**Household Decision-Making Control for Women and Girls**

In general, how much control do you have over personal decisions that have a major impact on your life, such as whether you will go out of the house into the community, with whom you will associate outside of your household, or when and from whom to seek health care for yourself?

	<b>How much control do you have over your decision?</b>	<b>How much control do your husband or other household members have over your decision?</b>	<b>If your husband or family do not agree with your decision, can any of the following happen?</b>
1. Leaving the house to go into the community	a. None b. Very Little c. Some d. A fair amount e. Full Control	a. None b. Very Little c. Some d. A fair amount e. Full Control	a. They will stop you. b. They will be angry and may speak badly about you but won't stop you. c. They will punish you. d. Nothing will happen
2. Who you will associate with outside of your household	a. None b. Very Little c. Some d. A fair amount e. Full Control	a. None b. Very Little c. Some d. A fair amount e. Full Control	a. They will stop you. b. They will be angry and may speak badly about you but won't stop you. c. They will punish you. d. Nothing will happen
3. From whom to seek health care for yourself	a. None b. Very Little c. Some d. A fair amount e. Full Control	a. None b. Very Little c. Some d. A fair amount e. Full Control	a. They will stop you. b. They will be angry and may speak badly about you but won't stop you. c. They will punish you. d. Nothing will happen
4. When to seek health care for yourself	a. None b. Very Little c. Some d. A fair amount e. Full Control	a. None b. Very Little c. Some d. A fair amount e. Full Control	a. They will stop you. b. They will be angry and may speak badly about you but won't stop you. c. They will punish you. d. Nothing will happen
5. Large household purchases	a. None b. Very Little c. Some d. A fair amount e. Full Control	a. None b. Very Little c. Some d. A fair amount e. Full Control	a. They will stop you. b. They will be angry and may speak badly about you but won't stop you. c. They will punish you. d. Nothing will happen
6. Visits to family or relatives	a. None b. Very Little c. Some d. A fair amount e. Full Control	a. None b. Very Little c. Some d. A fair amount e. Full Control	a. They will stop you. b. They will be angry and may speak badly about you but won't stop you. c. They will punish you. d. Nothing will happen

**SOURCES:** Questions on Household Decision-Making Control were taken or adapted from:

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### Household Cyber-Control

Please indicate if any of the following are a significant problem for you from individuals in your household. Also, indicate whether these issues have gotten worse, better, or stayed the same since the COVID-19 pandemic and social containment:

	<b>Has this happened in the past 12 months? (circle one)</b>	<b>Who did this to you most recently? (circle one)</b>
1. Looked through your phone without your permission	a. Yes, in the past 12 months b. Yes, but not in the past 12 months c. No	a. Husband b. Parent c. Brother d. Sister e. In-law f. Other
2. Looked through your computer, iPad, or tablet (e.g. social networking accounts, photos, etc.) without your permission	a. Yes, in the past 12 months b. Yes, but not in the past 12 months c. No	a. Husband b. Parent c. Brother d. Sister e. In-law f. Other
3. Forced you to reveal your password to social networking websites, cell phone, and so on, so they could access your private accounts?	a. Yes, in the past 12 months b. Yes, but not in the past 12 months c. No	a. Husband b. Parent c. Brother d. Sister e. In-law f. Other
4. Repeatedly asked you where you are or what you are doing through texts, posts, and so on	a. Yes, in the past 12 months b. Yes, but not in the past 12 months c. No	a. Husband b. Parent c. Brother d. Sister e. In-law f. Other
5. Told you who you can and cannot communicate with via the phone, Internet, and so on	a. Yes, in the past 12 months b. Yes, but not in the past 12 months c. No	a. Husband b. Parent c. Brother d. Sister e. In-law f. Other

**SOURCE:** Questions on Cyber-Control taken and adapted from: Marganski, A., & Melander, L. (2018). Intimate partner violence victimization in the cyber and real world: examining the extent of cyber aggression experiences and its association with in-person dating violence. *Journal of interpersonal violence, 33*(7), 1071-1095. See [https://emerge.ucsd.edu/R\\_3QXZKEEhplVCQ7s/](https://emerge.ucsd.edu/R_3QXZKEEhplVCQ7s/)

### Locus of Control

Describe how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements at this time. Use the following response pattern:

1. Strongly agree      2. Agree      3. Disagree      4. Disagree

1. In my life, good luck is more important than hard work for success.	1	2	3	4
2. When I make plans, I am almost certain I can make them work.	1	2	3	4
3. Every time I try to go ahead, something or somebody stops me.	1	2	3	4
4. My plans hardly ever work out, so planning makes me unhappy.	1	2	3	4
5. I do not have enough control over the direction my life is taking.	1	2	3	4
6. Chance and luck are very important for what happens in my life.	1	2	3	4
7. I feel less in control of my life since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.	1	2	3	4

*Scoring information: Reverse score item 2, and then get the mean of the first six questions. A higher score is indicative of higher control.*

**SOURCE:** The Locus of Control scale is taken from: UW-BHS senior survey. [https://depts.washington.edu/uwbhs/pdf/Locus\\_of\\_Control.pdf](https://depts.washington.edu/uwbhs/pdf/Locus_of_Control.pdf). This measure is a short-form of the original Locus of Control scale from- Rotter, JB. 1966. Generalized expectancies for internal versus external control of reinforcement. *Psychological Monographs, 80*(1):1-28

