

**EMERGE Gender Questions**  
**Social Norms and Violence Against Women and Children**

**Social Norms Related to Violence Against Women**

Fighting and even beating or violence sometimes occurs in families or households. This can include men beating his wife or female partner to correct her. I want to ask you about how much these things occur in your community and how your community feels about these issues. Let's start by discussing how this may be occurring for wives in your community.

1. When you think about your community, please indicate what community you are speaking of? We would like to understand this
  - a. Those in my local geographic area such as my village or neighborhood.
  - b. Those of my ethnic or religious community, as I am most often with them.
  - c. Other (Please specify \_\_\_\_\_)
  
2. How many married men in your community beat their wives to correct them when they feel their wife has done something wrong?
  - a. Almost everyone
  - b. More than half of the community
  - c. Less than half of the community
  - d. A few people in the community
  - e. No one in the community

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

3. People in my community believe that it is acceptable for men to hit their wives.
  - a. Strongly Agree
  - b. Agree
  - c. Disagree
  - d. Strongly Disagree
  
4. Most adults in my community intervene if their neighbor is hitting his wife.
  - a. Strongly Agree
  - b. Agree
  - c. Disagree
  - d. Strongly Disagree
  
5. Most married men in my community have hit their wife at some time in the marriage.
  - a. Strongly Agree
  - b. Agree
  - c. Disagree
  - d. Strongly Disagree
  
6. Most married men in my community have forced their wife to have sex at some time in the marriage.
  - a. Strongly Agree
  - b. Agree
  - c. Disagree
  - d. Strongly Disagree

**Attitudes Related to Violence Against Women**

Now I would like to ask you your opinion about whether it is okay for a men to hit or beat his wife or female partner to correct her.

In your opinion, is a husband justified in hitting or beating his wife in the following situations, yes, no, or don't know:

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| 7. If she goes out without telling him?  | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| 8. If she neglects the children?         | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| 9. If she argues with him?               | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| 10. If she refuses to have sex with him? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| 11. If she burns the food?               | Yes | No | Don't Know |

Source: Demographic and Health Surveys

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## Social Norms Related to Violence Against Children

Fighting and even beating or violence sometimes occurs in families or households. This can include beating to correct or discipline a child. I want to ask you about how much these things occur in your community and how your community feels about these issues. Let's start by discussing how this may be occurring for children in your community.

1. When you think about your community, please indicate what community you are speaking of? We would like to understand this
  - a. Those in my local geographic area such as my village or neighborhood.
  - b. Those of my ethnic or religious community, as I am most often with them.
  - c. Other (Please specify \_\_\_\_\_)
2. How many parents in your community beat their children to correct them when they feel their child has done something wrong?
  - a. Almost everyone
  - b. More than half of the community
  - c. Less than half of the community
  - d. A few people in the community
  - e. No one in the community

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

3. People in my community criticize parents who do not hit their children to correct them.
  - a. Strongly Agree
  - b. Agree
  - c. Disagree
  - d. Strongly Disagree
4. My mother approves of hitting children to teach them a lesson
  - a. Strongly Agree
  - b. Agree
  - c. Disagree
  - d. Strongly Disagree
5. My faith leader approves of hitting children to teach them a lesson.
  - a. Strongly Agree
  - b. Agree
  - c. Disagree
  - d. Strongly Disagree
6. My family would expect me to hit my children, if and when I have them, to correct them.
  - a. Strongly Agree
  - b. Agree
  - c. Disagree
  - d. Strongly Disagree
7. My (future) husband would expect me to hit my children, if and when I have them, to correct them.
  - a. Strongly Agree
  - b. Agree
  - c. Disagree
  - d. Strongly Disagree
8. My community would expect me to hit my children, if and when I have them, to correct them.
  - a. Strongly Agree
  - b. Agree
  - c. Disagree
  - d. Strongly Disagree

**Source:** Items created by the EMERGE Team based on the published literature and with inputs from experts and members of the Social Norms Learning Collaborative.

### Attitudes Related to Violence Against Children

Now I want to ask you what you think about hitting or beating a child to correct or discipline them. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements. Rate each statement using the following options.

- a. Strongly Agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neither Agree Nor Disagree
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly Disagree

\*Note: You may also wish to use the same scales for this section and the prior section, for ease of use, but if so, please test first.

1. Parents should hit or spank their children when the children need it	a	b	c	d	e
2. Children learn best when parents hit or spank them	a	b	c	d	e
3. Hitting or spanking does not harm children	a	b	c	d	e
4. Hitting or spanking a child is a sign that parents love their children	a	b	c	d	e
5. Sometimes hitting or spanking a child is the only way to get the child's attention	a	b	c	d	e

**Source:** Deater-Deckard K, Lansford JE, Dodge KA, Pettit GS, Bates JE. The development of attitudes about physical punishment: an 8-year longitudinal study. *J Fam Psychol.* 2003;17(3):351-360. doi:10.1037/0893-3200.17.3.351