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National Youth Survey—Computerized response format, all items.

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Revised National Youth Survey Violence subscale—Questionnaire response format, 10 aggression items. Revised item 1 (dropped “snowballs”)

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