

REVISED ATTITUDES TOWARDS VIOLENCE SCALE: Scoring version

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- P 4. Any prisoner deserves to be mistreated by other prisoners in jail.
- W 5. Violence against the enemy should be part of every nation's defense.
- P 6. Prisoners should have more severe labor sentences than they do.
- W 7. Killing of civilians should be accepted as an unavoidable part of war.
- P 8. No matter how severe the crime, one should pay an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."
- C 9. Punishing a child physically when she/she deserves it will make him/her a responsible and mature adult.
- P 10. Violent crimes should be punished violently.
- W 11. Our country has the right to protect its borders forcefully.
- W 12. The manufacture of weapons is necessary.
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- W 21. A violent revolution can be perfectly right.
- C 22. A parent hitting a child when he/she does something bad on purpose teaches the child a good lesson.
- C 23. A child's habitual disobedience should be punished physically.
- I 24. It is all right for a partner to slap the other's face if challenged.
- I 25. Partners should work things out together even if it takes violence
- I 26. The male should not allow the female the same amount of freedom as he has.
- C 27. An adult should beat a child with a strap or stick for being expelled.
- C 28. Young children who refuse to obey should be whipped.
- I 29. It is all right for a partner to choke the other if they hit a child.
- I 30. It is all right to coerce one's partner into having sex when they are not willing by forcing them.
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- W 34. War in self-defense is perfectly all right.
- I 35. The partner is the appropriate one to take out the frustrations of the day on.
- I 36. It is all right for a partner to shoot the other if they are unfaithful.
- W 37. War can be just.
- I 38. It is all right to coerce one's partner into having sex when they are not willing by giving the other alcohol or drugs.
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W = War; C = Corporal punishment of children; P = Penal code violence; I = Intimate violence

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