

General Violence Questionnaire
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I. Survey Description

The General Violence Questionnaire is a 47-item instrument designed to establish the respondent's presence of violence in social interactions. This measure was first added to the Fast Track Protocol in study year 19. The questionnaire probes for social interaction with romantic partners, same-gender friends, opposite-gender friends, adult family members, acquaintances at work place, and strangers and other acquaintances not included in the previous list. The questionnaire then measures frequencies of occurrence of violent acts (6 items).

II. Report Sample

These analyses were conducted on the first cohort on the high-risk control sample (n = 125) and the normative sample (n = 254) for the nineteenth year of the study. The distribution of respondents by site was as follows: for the control sample, 36 were from Durham, 26 were from Nashville, 36 were from Pennsylvania and 27 were from Washington. For the normative sample, 75 were from Durham, 47 were from Nashville, 73 were from Pennsylvania and 59 were from Washington.

III. Items Means and Standard Deviations and Frequency Tables

Tables below follow the logic of the questionnaire by displaying means and standard deviation for the numeric variables measuring the number of social interactions by type. The following frequency tables display frequency of occurrence of the violent act by sample group (control and normative).

Tables 1.1 – 1.2 Romantic Partners by Group.

Table 1.1 Number of Romantic Partners by Group

Q200. Consider ROMANTIC PARTNERS. How many persons would you say have been your romantic partner IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS?			
Sample Group	N	Mean	Std Dev
Control	125	2.09	3.04
Normative	254	1.43	1.21

Note: value 999 corresponding to “don’t know” answers are omitted.

Table 1.2 Frequency of Violent Acts with Romantic Partner by Group

	Group	
	Control	Normative
Q202. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY ROMANTIC PARTNER, that you...yelled or screamed at them		
Never	33	73
Once	11	23
Twice	18	18
3-5 times	17	40
6-10 times	10	23
11-20 times	6	12
More than 20 times	11	26
I prefer not to answer	2	.

Q203. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY ROMANTIC PARTNER, that you...pushed, shoved, grabbed, slapped, or threw something at them		
Never	86	167
Once	8	19
Twice	4	13
3-5 times	1	10
6-10 times	6	3
11-20 times	.	1
More than 20 times	1	2
I prefer not to answer	2	.
Q204. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY ROMANTIC PARTNER, that you...punched, hit, kicked, bit, or slammed them against a wall		
Never	94	192
Once	4	9
Twice	2	4
3-5 times	4	6
6-10 times	3	.
11-20 times	.	2
More than 20 times	.	2
I prefer not to answer	1	.
Q205. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY ROMANTIC PARTNER, that you...beat them up or choked, strangled, burned, or scalded them on purpose.		
Never	102	210
Once	3	3
3-5 times	3	1
11-20 times	.	1
Q206. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY ROMANTIC PARTNER, that you...threatened them with a knife or gun.		
Never	106	207
Once	1	3
Twice	1	2
3-5 times	.	1
11-20 times	.	2

Q207. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY ROMANTIC PARTNER, that you...used a knife or gun on them.		
Never	107	210
Once	1	1
Twice	.	1
3-5 times	.	1
11-20 times	.	2

Tables 2.1 – 2.2 Same-Gender Friends by Group.

Table 2.1 Number of Same-Gender Friends by Group

Q208. Consider SAME-GENDER FRIENDS (NOT ROMANTIC PARTNERS). How many persons would you say have been your same-gender friends in the past 12 months?			
Group	N	Mean	Std Dev
Control	125	7.20	12.78
Normative	254	5.76	7.45

Note: value 999 corresponding to “don’t know” answers are omitted.

Table 2.2 Frequency of Violent Acts with Same-Gender Friends by Group

	Group	
	Control	Normative
Q210. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY SAME-GENDER FRIEND, that you...yelled or screamed at them		
Never	96	198
Once	3	12
Twice	9	15
3-5 times	5	17
6-10 times	7	7
11-20 times	.	3
More than 20 times	5	2

	Group	
	Control	Normative
Q211. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY SAME-GENDER FRIEND, that you...pushed, shoved, grabbed, slapped, or threw something at them		
Never	116	248
Once	1	2
Twice	4	3
3-5 times	2	1
6-10 times	1	.
I prefer not to answer	1	.
Q212. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY SAME-GENDER FRIEND, that you...punched, hit, kicked, bit, or slammed them against a wall		
Never	117	247
Once	3	2
Twice	2	1
3-5 times	2	4
More than 20 times	1	.
Q213. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY SAME-GENDER FRIEND, that you...beat them up or choked, strangled, burned, or scalded them on purpose		
Never	121	253
Once	1	.
Twice	1	.
3-5 times	1	1
I prefer not to answer	1	.
Q214. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY SAME-GENDER FRIEND, that you...threatened them with a knife or gun		
Never	123	252
Once	2	1
3-5 times	.	1
Q215. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY SAME-GENDER FRIEND, that you...used a knife or gun on them		
Never	124	254
I prefer not to answer	1	.

Tables 3.1 – 3.2 Opposite-Gender Friends by Group.

Table 3.1 Number of Opposite-Gender Friends by Group

Q216. Consider OPPOSITE-GENDER FRIENDS (NOT ROMANTIC PARTNERS). How many persons would you say have been your opposite-gender friends in THE PAST 12 MONTHS?			
Group	N	Mean	Std Dev
Control	125	7.09	28.00
Normative	254	3.98	8.89

Note: value 999 corresponding to “don’t know” answers are omitted.

Table 3.2 Frequency of Violent Acts with Opposite-Gender Friends by Group

	Group	
	Control	Normative
Q218. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY OPPOSITE-GENDER FRIEND, that you...yelled or screamed at them		
Never	104	228
Once	7	10
Twice	5	5
3-5 times	2	2
6-10 times	3	4
11-20 times	1	2
More than 20 times	2	2
I prefer not to answer	1	1
Q219. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY OPPOSITE-GENDER FRIEND, that you...pushed, shoved, grabbed, slapped, or threw something at them		
Never	120	247
Once	2	3
Twice	.	1
6-10 times	1	1
11-20 times	.	1
I prefer not to answer	2	1

	Group	
	Control	Normative
Q220. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY OPPOSITE-GENDER FRIEND, that you...punched, hit, kicked, bit, or slammed them against a wall		
Never	123	251
Twice	1	.
6-10 times	.	1
11-20 times	.	1
I prefer not to answer	1	1
Q221. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY OPPOSITE-GENDER FRIEND, that you...beat them up or choked, strangled, burned, or scalded them on purpose		
Never	122	253
Once	1	.
I prefer not to answer	2	1
Q222. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY OPPOSITE-GENDER FRIEND, that you...threatened them with a knife or gun		
Never	121	251
Once	1	.
Twice	.	1
3-5 times	2	1
I prefer not to answer	1	1
Q223. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY OPPOSITE-GENDER FRIEND, that you...used a knife or gun on them		
Never	123	252
3-5 times	.	1
I prefer not to answer	2	1

Tables 4.1 – 4.2 Adult Family Members by Group

Table 4.1 Number of Adult Family Members by Group

Q224. Consider ADULT FAMILY MEMBERS (NOT INCLUDING SPOUSE). How many adult family members do you have?			
Group	N	Mean	Std Dev
Control	125	7.74	11.68
Normative	254	8.83	32.29

Note: value 999 corresponding to “don’t know” answers are omitted.

Table 4.2 Frequency of Violent Acts with Adult Family Members by Group

	Group	
	Control	Normative
Q226. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY ADULT FAMILY MEMBER, that you...yelled or screamed at them		
Never	84	171
Once	7	22
Twice	14	11
3-5 times	7	29
6-10 times	4	11
11-20 times	4	3
More than 20 times	5	7
Q227. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY ADULT FAMILY MEMBER, that you...pushed, shoved, grabbed, slapped, or threw something at them		
Never	119	241
Once	2	6
Twice	2	3
3-5 times	2	3
More than 20 times	.	1

Q228. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY ADULT FAMILY MEMBER, that you...punched, hit, kicked, bit, or slammed them against a wall		
Never	121	248
Once	1	1
Twice	2	2
3-5 times	1	2
More than 20 times	.	1
Q229. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY ADULT FAMILY MEMBER, that you...beat them up or choked, strangled, burned, or scalded them on purpose		
Never	122	249
Once	2	3
Twice	1	.
3-5 times	.	2
Q230. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY ADULT FAMILY MEMBER, that you...threatened them with a knife or gun		
Never	123	252
Twice	1	1
3-5 times	1	1
Q231. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY ADULT FAMILY MEMBER, that you...used a knife or gun on them		
Never	123	252
Once	1	.
Twice	1	1
3-5 times	.	1

Tables 5.1 – 5.2 Acquaintances at Work Place by Group

Table 5.1 Number of Acquaintances at Work Place by Group

Q232. Consider PEOPLE THAT YOU KNOW AT THE PLACE YOU WORK (NOT ROMANTIC PARTNERS, FRIENDS OR FAMILY MEMBERS). LAST 12 MONTHS, how many persons you interact with at work?			
Group	N	Mean	Std Dev
Control	125	13.66	48.98
Normative	254	9.65	19.83

Note: value 999 corresponding to “don’t know” answers are omitted.

Table 5.2 Frequency of Violent Acts with Acquaintances at Work Place by Group

	Group	
	Control	Normative
Q234. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY PERSON YOU INTERACT WITH AT WORK, that you...yelled or screamed at them		
Never	101	229
Once	3	10
Twice	7	4
3-5 times	5	4
6-10 times	2	1
11-20 times	3	1
More than 20 times	2	1
I prefer not to answer	2	4
Q235. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY PERSON YOU INTERACT WITH AT WORK, that you...pushed, shoved, grabbed, slapped, or threw something at them		
Never	121	248
Once	1	1
3-5 times	1	.
More than 20 times	.	1
I prefer not to answer	2	4

Q236. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY PERSON YOU INTERACT WITH AT WORK, that you...punched, hit, kicked, bit, or slammed them against a wall		
Never	121	250
Once	2	.
I prefer not to answer	2	4
Q237. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY PERSON YOU INTERACT WITH AT WORK, that you...beat them up or choked, strangled, burned, or scalded them on purpose		
Never	122	250
Once	1	.
I prefer not to answer	2	4
Q238. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY PERSON YOU INTERACT WITH AT WORK, that you...threatened them with a knife or gun		
Never	122	250
Once	1	.
I prefer not to answer	2	4
Q239. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY PERSON YOU INTERACT WITH AT WORK, that you...used a knife or gun on them		
Never	123	250
I prefer not to answer	2	4

Tables 6.1 – 6.2 Strangers and Other Acquaintances at Work Place by Group

Table 6.1 Number of Strangers and Other Acquaintances by Group

Q240. Consider STRANGERS, ACQUAINTANCES, OR OTHERS NOT MENTIONED SO FAR, WITH WHOM YOU INTERACT. How many persons you've done any of these behaviors to in the LAST 12 MONTHS?			
Group	N	Mean	Std Dev
Control	125	5.38	26.99
Normative	254	4.15	34.61

Note: value 999 corresponding to “don’t know” answers are omitted.

Table 6.2 Frequency of Violent Acts with Strangers and Other Acquaintances by Group

	Group	
	Control	Normative
Q241. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY STRANGER/ACQUAINTANCE/PEOPLE CONSIDERED ABOVE, that you...yelled or screamed at them		
Never	107	228
Once	5	9
Twice	2	6
3-5 times	7	3
6-10 times	2	1
11-20 times	.	1
More than 20 times	2	3
I prefer not to answer	.	3
Q242. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY STRANGER/ACQUAINTANCE/PEOPLE CONSIDERED ABOVE, that you...pushed, shoved, grabbed, slapped, or threw something at them		
Never	119	243
Once	2	3
Twice	3	1
3-5 times	1	2
6-10 times	.	1
More than 20 times	.	1
I prefer not to answer	.	3

	Group	
	Control	Normative
Q243. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY STRANGER/ACQUAINTANCE/PEOPLE CONSIDERED ABOVE, that you...punched, hit, kicked, bit, or slammed them against a wall		
Never	119	245
Once	3	3
Twice	2	.
3-5 times	1	1
6-10 times	.	2
I prefer not to answer	.	3
Q244. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY STRANGER/ACQUAINTANCE/PEOPLE CONSIDERED ABOVE, that you...beat them up or choked, strangled, burned, or scalded them on purpose		
Never	121	247
Once	3	2
3-5 times	1	1
6-10 times	.	1
I prefer not to answer	.	3
Q245. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY STRANGER/ACQUAINTANCE/PEOPLE CONSIDERED ABOVE, that you...threatened them with a knife or gun		
Never	124	248
Once	1	.
Twice	.	1
6-10 times	.	1
11-20 times	.	1
I prefer not to answer	.	3
Q246. #times in the LAST 12 MONTHS, to ANY STRANGER/ACQUAINTANCE/PEOPLE CONSIDERED ABOVE, that you...used a knife or gun on them		
Never	124	249
Once	1	.
6-10 times	.	2
I prefer not to answer	.	3

V. Recommendations for Use

Tables 1.1 through 6.2 display the sequence of violent act by type of social relation. The user is encouraged to test association between items and sample group. Also the user is encouraged to test for differences in means for variables measuring the total number of social relationships.