Teen Attitudes Survey

PART I -- Attitudes toward Violence

For each of the following statements below, please pick one number from the scale below to indicate how much you agree or disagree with the statement.

1          2          3          4          5
strongly disagree disagree neither agree nor disagree agree strongly agree

______1. Violence is usually caused by people watching too many violent movies, T.V. programs or other kinds of media that promote violence.

______2. Using violence may be necessary to get what you really need or want in the world.

______3. Most acts of violence involve the use of drugs or alcohol.

______4. It’s ok to use violence to defend yourself from physical attack.

______5. Violence is learned behavior and people can learn not to be violent.

______6. A lot of violence against women and girls comes from men’s sexist attitudes and beliefs.

______7. Gang members have to engage in acts of violence just to survive.

______8. Most acts of violence are committed by people who are crazy or mentally ill.

______9. Using violence may be necessary to get back at someone who seriously disrespects you.

______10. Racist attitudes and beliefs are a major cause of violence in our society.

______11. Using violence against another person is never justified.

______12. Some people invite violence by flaunting their differences.

______13. Most of the time I feel pretty safe in my neighborhood and school.
Part II -- Your Experience

14. To what extent do you think violence against women and girls is a problem in your city or town? (circle one)

   a  It's a BIG problem.
   b  It's a problem but not a BIG problem
   c  It's not much of a problem
   d  It's not a problem at all.

15. Have you ever known a woman whom you believe was being abused by her current or ex-husband or boyfriend? (circle one)

   a  -- yes  b  -- no  c  -- don’t know/ not sure

16. Have you ever known a teenage girl whom you believe was being abused by her boyfriend, ex-boyfriend, or another young man? (circle one)

   a  -- yes  b  -- no  c  -- don’t know/ not sure

17. Have you ever known a male who abused his current or ex, wife or girlfriend?

   a  -- yes  b  -- no  c  -- don’t know/ not sure

18. If a friend of yours was in a relationship with someone who yelled at, threatened or hurt them, what would you do? (circle all that you would do)

   a  offer your friend advice or suggest they get help or counseling
   b  talk to another friend about it
   c  talk to a teacher, my parents, or another adult about it
   d  stay out of it
   e  other: _________________________________________________

19. If you saw a guy hitting a girl, what would you do? (choose one)

   a  try to break it up but only if you knew one or both
   b  try to break it up even if you didn’t know either one
   c  call the police
   d  stay out of it
   e  other: _________________________________________________

20. Why would you try to help or not help? (choose one)

   a  I would try to intervene because I would want someone to help me out in a similar situation.
   b  I would try to intervene because I don’t like to see anyone get hurt.
   c  I would not intervene because the people fighting might turn on me.
   d  I would not try to intervene because it’s not my business.
Part III -- Dating Relationships

21. How acceptable are the following types of behavior between two people who are going out together? (For each of the behaviors listed below, circle the number that corresponds with your opinion.)

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<th>Behavior</th>
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<td>Making fun of what they wear or how they look.</td>
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<td>Telling them who they can or can’t see.</td>
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<td>Shoving, grabbing or pushing the other person.</td>
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<td>Ignoring them; refusing to answer questions or comments.</td>
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22. A good dating relationship includes: (Indicate whether each item below is:
   1 = not important, 2 = somewhat important, or 3 = very important.)

   a) listening to one another
   b) getting your partner to do what you want
   c) spending all your free time together
   d) having sex together
   e) being honest with one another
   f) being possessive or jealous of one another
   g) feeling free to be yourself

   a) ____________
   b) ____________
   c) ____________
   d) ____________
   e) ____________
   f) ____________
   g) ____________
### Part IV -- Actions to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls

23. How ready are you to take steps to end violence against women and girls? For each of the behaviors described below, check the response that indicates how ready you feel you are to challenge and change some of the attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors that make the world unsafe for women and girls?

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1. Would you ask male friends to stop calling girls demeaning names? __ __ __

2. Would you participate in an after school meeting to discuss teen dating violence? __ __ __

3. Would you intervene if a male friend of yours was being verbally abusive to his girlfriend? __ __ __

4. Would you write a letter to the editor of the local newspaper to protest sexist ads? __ __ __

5. Would you participate in a “Take Back the Night” march or rally in your community? __ __ __

6. Would you urge friends to avoid purchasing CD’s tapes and videos that make it appear cool to exploit girls and women? __ __ __

7. Would you ask for help from friends if someone you were dating became abusive toward you? __ __ __

8. Would you offer to help find support for a friend who had been abused? __ __ __

9. Would you intervene if you saw a group of guys on a street corner harassing girls walking by? __ __ __

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**Please fill out the following information about yourself:**

- Age: _____
- Date of Birth: ______________________
- Gender: ___ Male ___ Female
- Race/ethnic background: ______________________
- Are you dating now? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, how old is your partner? ______