

Personal Bill of Rights for My Relationships

- 1. I have a right to be treated with courtesy and respect.
- 2. I have a right to be the only romantic or sexual interest in my partner's life.
- 3. I have a right to be informed about our assets, manage my own finances, and choose how I spend my money.
- 4. I have a right to have a say in decisions that affect myself and my family.
- 5. I have a right to be wrong and make mistakes without being punished or humiliated.
- 6. I have the right to live without emotional or physical violence.
- 7. I have the right to voice my opinion respectfully without retribution.
- 8. I have the right to have my personal property treated with respect.
- 9. I have the right to talk to others about matters that affect me.
- 10. I have the right to choose my own friends.
- 11. I have the right to enjoy myself.
- 12. I have the right to live without guns or pornography in my house.
- 13. My children have the right to be treated with respect and dignity.

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