



SPOUSE ABUSE

Self-Quiz Answers

Let us see how you did:

- F 1. Battered women represent only a small percentage of the population.
- F 2. A person who verbally intimidates or harasses his partner is *not* likely to lash out physically.
- F 3. Research indicates that battered women are masochistic.
- F 4. Violence in the home rarely results in *serious* injuries or permanent damage.
- F 5. Unlike poorer women, middle-class women are not likely to get battered.
- T 6. Twenty percent of all Americans approve of hitting a spouse on appropriate occasions.
- F 7. Minority women are battered more frequently than Anglo women.
- F 8. Women who repeatedly leave and return to violent partners do so *mainly* because they are emotionally unable to separate from them.
- F 9. Religious beliefs strongly decrease the probability of becoming a batterer.
- F 10. If spouse abuse is suspected, mental health professionals are required by law to report it to the authorities.
- F 11. Battered women are uneducated and have few job skills.
- F 12. Alcohol causes battering when the man drinks.
- T/F 13. Batterers are violent in all their relationships.
- F 14. Batterers are unsuccessful and lack resources to cope with the world.
- F 15. The most important goal in working with a battered woman is to help her leave the abusive partner.
- T 16. Battering is the single major cause of injuries to women, more than stranger rapes, muggings, and automobile accidents combined.
- F 17. Batterers have psychopathic personalities.



- T 18. In most parts of the country, police have been unsuccessful in protecting a battered woman.
- T 19. It would be appropriate to think of a battered woman as a hostage in her own home.
- F 20. A woman's nagging is major cause of violence in the home.
- F 21. The batterer is not a loving partner.
- T/F 22. A wife batterer also beats his children.
- F 23. Pregnant women tend to be "immune" to assaults by their partners during the course of their pregnancies.
- F 24. Once a battered woman, always a battered woman.
- T 25. Once a batterer, always a batterer.
- T 26. Threats to turn in a woman to immigration, welfare, or other authorities are considered domestic violence, in that they represent the batterer's efforts to control his partner.
- F 27. Some women deserve to be beaten.
- T 28. The diagnostic clue "accident prone" may appear in the history of some women.
- F 29. Battered women can always leave home.
- F 30. Batterers will cease their violence once the couple gets married.
- F 31. In a battering relationship, often the batterer spontaneously stops being violent permanently, if he is happier.
- F 32. Children need their father even if he is violent.
- F 33. It is relatively easy to assess by her personality type whether a woman is likely to be in a battering relationship.
- T 34. When a woman leaves an abusive relationship, the likelihood of serious injury increases.
- F 35. The majority of battered women have been hit 1 to 3 times by their partner before being successfully helped.
- F 36. Though unintentional, many battered women do things that cause their husbands to hit them.



- F 37. Signs that a partner will become a batterer are usually present during the first few weeks of the relationship.
- F 38. Upon hearing that a woman is in an abusive relationship, the majority of mental health professionals are most concerned about the woman's safety.
- T 39. The majority of abused senior citizens are beaten by their partners.
- F 40. Battering usually occurs when the husband's feelings of love for his partner are replaced by anger and hate.