

YouGov / This Morning Survey Results

Sample Size: 2302

Fieldwork: 19th - 22nd January 2007

	Gender		Age			Social Grade		
	Total	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 50	Over 50	ABC1	C2DE
All GB Adults	2305	1103	1201	485	766	1055	1243	1062
Unweighted Sample	2302	1104	1198	578	806	918	1112	1190
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Has a partner ever PHYSICALLY hurt you?

Yes, but only once	10	8	11	9	11	8	9	10
Yes, on more than one occasion	10	7	14	8	13	10	10	11
Yes, frequently	2	1	4	2	3	2	2	3
Yes - total	22	16	29	19	27	20	21	24
No, never	77	84	70	80	72	79	79	75
Prefer not to state	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1

Has a partner ever mentally or verbally bullied you?

Yes, but only once	5	4	5	6	4	4	4	6
Yes, on more than one occasion	23	18	27	19	27	21	23	22
Yes, frequently	9	4	13	4	11	9	8	9
Yes - total	37	26	45	29	42	34	35	37
No, never	63	74	54	68	57	65	64	62
Prefer not to state	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1

Which, if any, of these do you regard as Domestic Violence? [Please tick all to which you think the term applies]

A partner physically hurting another	98	98	99	98	99	98	99	98
A partner who verbally bullies another	85	81	88	82	85	86	85	85
A partner controlling the other person's contact with friends and family	78	72	84	74	78	81	77	80
A partner limiting another's financial freedom	54	48	60	51	56	54	54	55
None of these	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1

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Which of the following statements do you think are TRUE? [Please tick all the statements you think are true]

Children can be damaged for life by witnessing the abuse of one of their parents	81	79	83	84	81	79	80	82
Domestic violence affects only a small percentage of population	16	25	8	14	14	19	18	14
The children of an abused parent are usually unaware of what's going on	11	13	10	11	9	13	9	14
Victims usually provoke their partner's violence	5	7	2	3	3	6	4	6
Domestic violence is blown up out of proportion these days	4	6	1	3	3	5	4	3
The only real victims are women	3	2	3	3	1	3	2	3
Domestic violence happens only in ethnic minority families	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2
Domestic violence happens only in poor families	2	3	2	3	1	3	2	3
Not sure	3	4	3	3	3	3	2	4
None of these statements are true	12	11	13	10	13	12	13	11

Which three sources of help would you approach if you or someone you knew were experiencing domestic violence? [Please tick up to three sources of help that you are most likely to use]

Police	65	71	59	64	65	65	64	66
Friend/ family	51	51	51	63	58	41	52	50
Freephone 24 Hour National Domestic Violence Helpline	51	47	56	41	48	58	49	54
Health services, e.g. GP, hospital, health visitor, midwife	27	26	27	27	26	27	27	26
Refuge	16	10	21	14	13	18	16	15
Local Women's Aid service	16	7	25	13	15	19	17	15
Internet	12	13	12	22	15	6	14	11
Samaritans	9	10	9	7	7	12	10	9
Social worker	9	12	7	6	7	12	8	11
Church	4	5	4	3	5	4	5	4
Neighbours	4	5	3	3	4	4	4	3
Other	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Don't know	4	5	4	5	4	4	4	4

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What is your view of men who say they have been victims of domestic violence?
[Please tick the statement that comes closest to your view]

Men can be victims of domestic violence too	89	87	91	85	91	89	89	89
Men are rarely physically victimised but they are sometimes	8	9	6	7	6	8	8	7
They're not real men	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
They must have provoked their partner	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
I don't believe men can ever be victims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
They are liars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	2	2	1	4	2	0	1	2

Do you actually KNOW anyone who has ever been a victim of Domestic Violence?

I know one person who has been a victim	25	23	27	21	25	27	25	25
I know more than one person who have been victims	29	25	34	22	35	29	27	32
I know more than 5 people who have been victims	5	4	5	5	4	4	4	5
I do not know anyone who has been a victim of Domestic Violence	41	48	34	53	35	40	44	38

(To those who say they know a victim of domestic violence; n = 1,352)

You say that someone you know was a victim of domestic violence.

How long did it take them to LEAVE the relationship once the abuse was apparent?
[If you know of more than one such victim, please answer in terms of the most recent case].

Within days	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Within a week	1	2	0	2	1	1	1	1
Within a month	2	3	1	2	1	2	2	2
Within a year	10	9	10	16	7	10	11	9
Between 1 and 3 years	23	24	23	28	25	20	23	24
5+ years	24	21	27	16	25	27	24	25
They are still in it and have been for some time	24	25	23	20	25	24	23	25
They are still in it - the situation is new/ the abuse recent	3	3	3	4	3	3	4	2
Don't know	11	11	11	10	11	11	12	10

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(To all)

Have YOU ever been a victim of Domestic Violence?

Yes – in my current relationship	5	5	5	3	5	5	4	5
Yes – in a previous relationship	19	12	25	14	22	19	19	19
Yes – both	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
Yes - total	25	18	31	18	29	25	24	25
No	73	80	67	79	69	73	74	72
Prefer not to state	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2

(To all who have been a victim of domestic violence; n = 534)

How long did it take you to LEAVE the relationship once the abuse was apparent? [If you have been in more than one abusive relationship, please answer in terms of the most recent case].

Within days	4	3	5	6	6	3	4	4
Within a week	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	1
Within a month	5	5	4	9	2	5	4	5
Within a year	17	23	15	36	21	9	20	15
Between 1 and 3 years	22	19	23	21	29	15	19	24
5+ years	29	17	35	5	22	42	30	27
I am still in it and have been for some time	18	24	15	16	13	24	19	17
I am still in it - the situation is new/ the abuse recent	3	6	1	2	5	1	1	4
Don't know	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2