

*Domestic Violence  
Intervention Services, Inc.*

*Perceptions and Attitudes  
Among Batterers*

*October, 2006*

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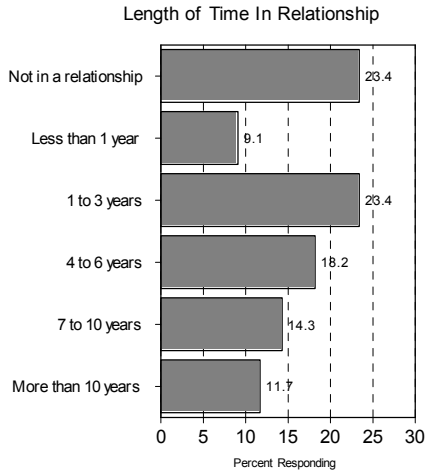
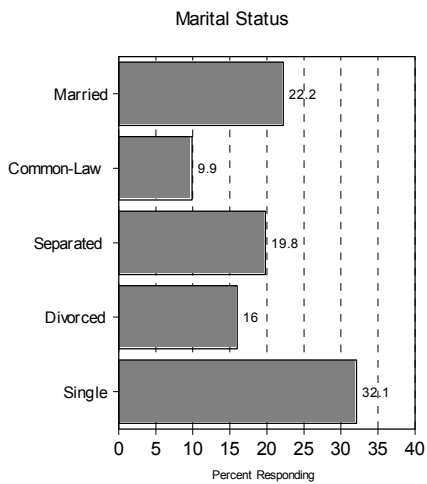
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*Men's Program Assessment, October, 2006*

- This report is a graphical representation of information from a questionnaire given to men who attend batterer treatment groups at DVIS.
- It is a cross-sectional sample of 82 men. Of these 82 participants, 97% indicated they had been in the program 1 week or less. The mean age of respondents is 33 yrs. old with a standard deviation of 10.9 yrs..
- The questionnaire was developed by the OU-Applied Research Center and data collection procedure was approved by the OU-Norman Human Subjects Review Board to ensure ethical treatment of participants.

Overview of the Questionnaire

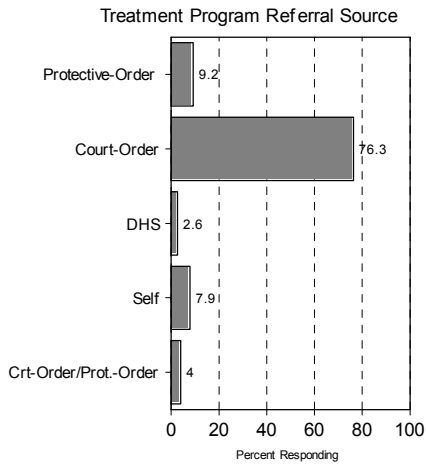
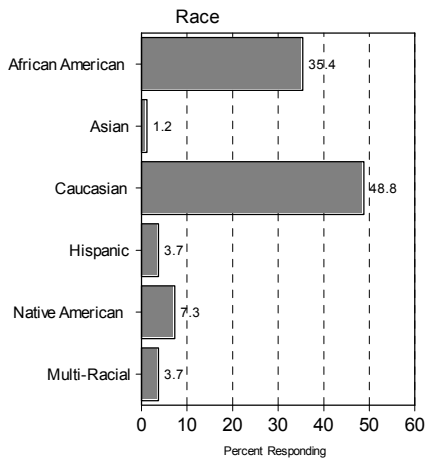
- Demographics
- Safe At Home Instrument for Assessing Readiness to Change  
*Precontemplation, Contemplation, Preparation/Action Stage*
- Aggression Questionnaire  
*Physical, Verbal, Anger, Hostility*
- Psychological Maltreatment of Women  
*Dominance-Isolation, Emotional-Verbal*
- Rosenberg's Self Esteem Scale

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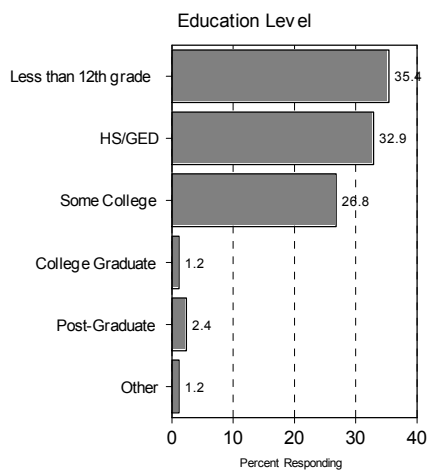
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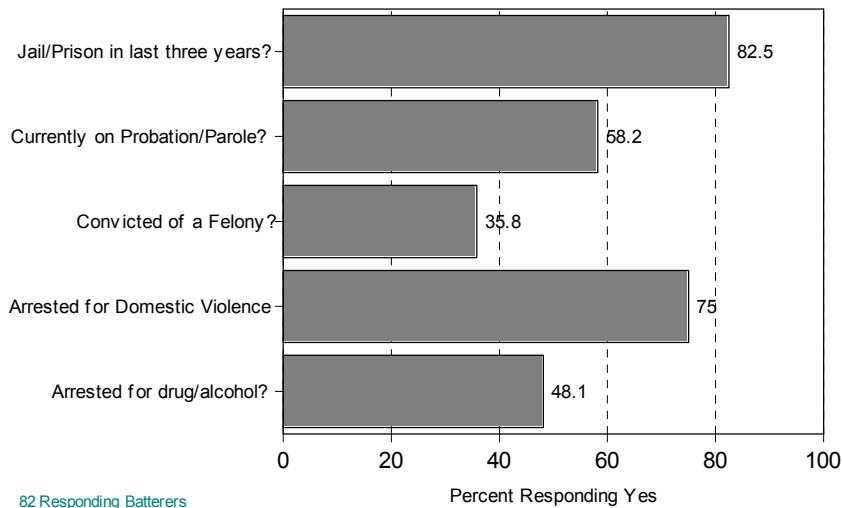
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94% of the Responding Batterers Report They Have Been In Jail.  
These Batterers Report Having Been Jailed an Average of 4.6 Times.



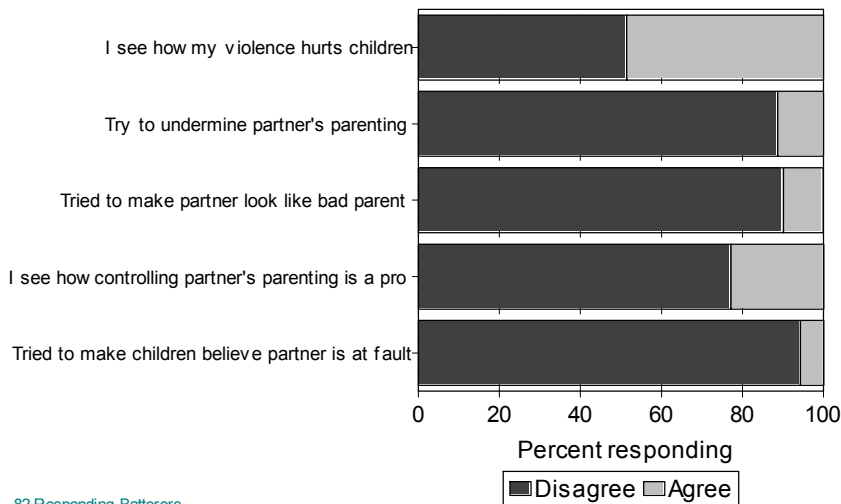
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- The average age of the responding batterer is 33.4 years (SD = 11). The ages ranged from a low of 18 to a high of 61 years.
- 96.8% of respondents indicated they have been in the DVIS treatment plan one week or less. The number of weeks in treatment ranged from a low of zero to a high of 6 weeks.
- 28.9% of the responding batterers report they currently have a protective order filed against them. Of these 45.5% report they have violated the order.

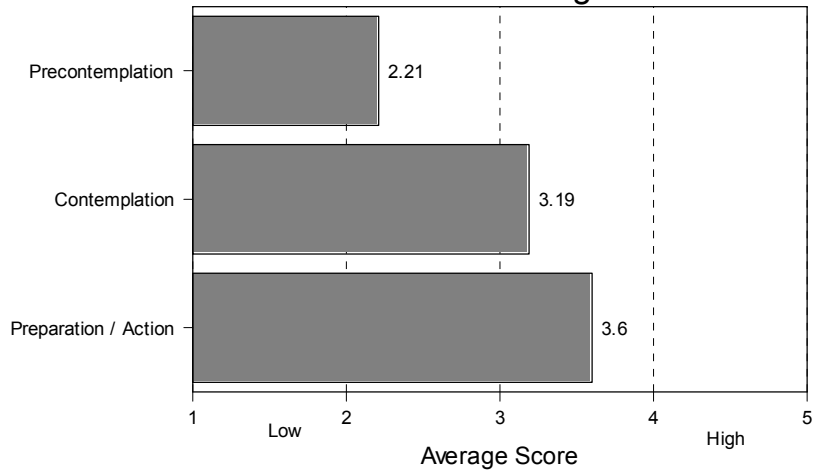
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Impact of Violence on Children



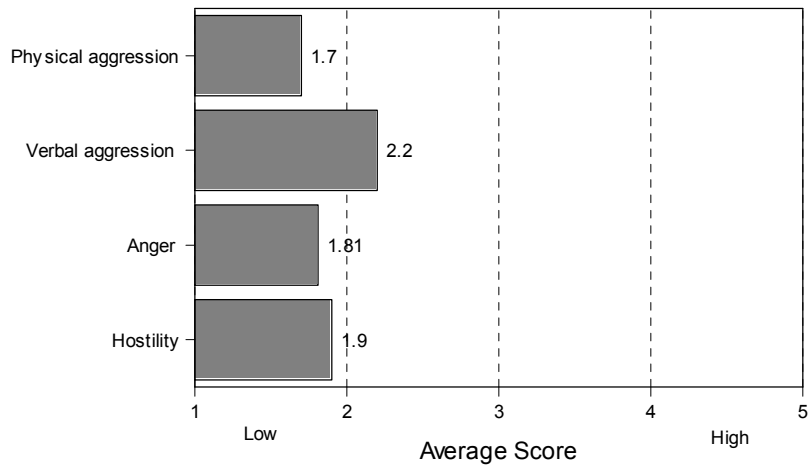
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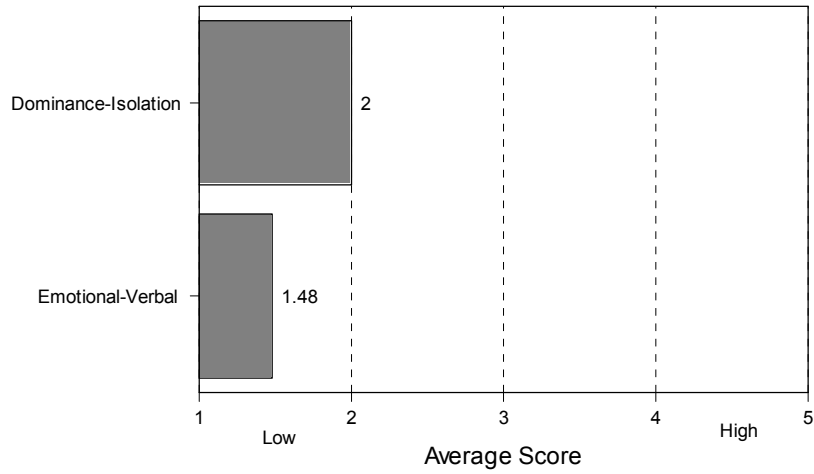


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Psychological Maltreatment of Women  
Dominance-Isolation / Emotional-Verbal



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### Batterer Treatment Assessment

- Data will continue to be collected to analyze change across time in several measures. These measures include, readiness to change, anger/hostility, psychological maltreatment of women, and self-esteem. The assumption is that progression through the treatment program will improve batterer perceptions and attitudes and subsequently reduce violence in their relationships. However, the cross-sectional design allows for some correlational analysis between the number of weeks in the treatment program and the measures mentioned.
- A small correlation ( $r=.21$ ) indicates that as the number of weeks in treatment increase, an increase is also observed in batterer's readiness to change.
- A strong correlation ( $r=.57$ ) indicates that as physical anger increases a similar increase is observed in the psychological maltreatment of women.
- A moderate correlation ( $r = -.33$ ) indicates that as psychological maltreatment of women increases a corresponding decrease is observed in batterer self-esteem.
- Scores on self-esteem were also moderately related to hostility ( $r = -.43$ ) and anger ( $r = -.43$ ) with high scores on hostility and anger related to lower scores on self-esteem.
- Batterers (Mean score = 15.81; SD = 5.06) who have protective orders filed against them scored significantly higher on anger questions compared to responding batterers who do not have a filed protective order (Mean score = 13.75; SD = 4.61).
- Batterers (Mean score = 71.71; SD = 15.02) who have protective orders filed against them scored significantly lower on the readiness to change questions compared to responding batterers who do not have a filed protective order (Mean score = 75.48; SD = 10.61).