CHILD-REPORT, ADULT-RECALL, AND SIBLING VERSIONS OF THE REVISED CONFLICT TACTICS SCALES

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The original Conflict Tactics Scales or CTS (Straus, 1979; Straus, 1990) was designed in a way that made it possible to be administered to several categories of respondents, including:

* Partners reporting on a dating, cohabiting or marital relationship
* Parents reporting on behavior towards their children
* Children reporting on the behavior of parents toward each other
* Children reporting on the behavior of parents towards them
* Children reporting on their interaction with siblings
* Adults reporting on the behavior of parents toward them when they were children.
* Adults reporting on behavior of parents toward each other when they were children.

The original CTS could have broad applicability because it used the same items to measure all family role relationships, such as husband-wife, wife-husband, parent-child, child-parent, sibling-sibling, etc. These many applications could be achieved by asking the subject to respond for whichever role relationship, or whichever time period, was to be measured and providing appropriate response categories for each such replication of the CTS items.

Role-Specific Versus General Items

Although the modular nature of the original CTS enabled it to be used to obtain a wide range of data, and to compare role relationships and generations, that advantage was gained at a cost. The cost was that the items could not be optimum for each of these applications. To deal with this problem, the two most recent revisions of the CTS include items that are maximally appropriate for conflict tactics used by partners in a couple relationship (the CTS2, Straus, Hamby, Boney-McCoy, & Sugarman, 1996) and maximally appropriate for conflict tactics used by parents (the CTSPC, Straus, Hamby, Finkelhor, Moore, & Runyan, 1998). This necessarily undid the modular nature of the original CTS.

Another limitation of the revised CTS is that neither of the revised versions of the CTS can be used in their published form to obtain adult-recall data or child-report data. That is a serious loss because there is frequently a need to obtain child-report data on the behavior of parents, or adult-recall data on the behavior of parents when the subjects were children. Illustrative of this need is the fact that there have been more than 40 studies using the original CTS to obtain adult-recall data on physical and psychological abuse experienced as children (Yodanis, Hill, & Straus, 1997).

Two of the forms described in this paper, CTSPC-CA and CTS2-CA, adapt the revised versions of the CTS for use as either child-report or adult-recall instruments. The third form, CTS2-SP adapts the CTS2 for obtaining data on conflict tactics used between siblings. CTS2-SP can also be modified to obtain data on conflicts between unrelated peers, either child or adult.

Reporting Period Must Be Selected

The instructions to the respondent in versions of the CTS in this paper give alternative reporting periods. Users of these versions should print copies with one of those reporting periods, or with some other reporting period that is appropriate for the purpose at hand.

Child respondent. The default reporting period for the CTS, which asks about what happened
in the last year, can be used when these two versions of the CTS are completed by children to describe their current family situation. Other reporting periods are also possible with child respondents, for example, “the last six months,” “since starting in this program,” “since the last session,” “since your parents split up,” and “before your parents split up.”

**Adult-recall.** When these versions of the CTS are completed by adults to report on their childhood experiences, two useful reporting periods are “during the year when you were about 13 years old” and “during the last year you lived at home with them.” However, there are other possibilities, for example, “the year up to the time your parents were divorced” (provided the respondent was old enough at the time to remember).

**Mode of Administration**

The versions of the CTS2 and CTSPC in this paper have been formatted as a self administered questionnaires. However, as with all other versions of the CTS, they can be administered by interview, either face-to-face or by telephone.

**Terms for Parents**

“Mother” and “father” are used in the items in the CTSPC-CA and CTS2-CA in this paper. However, with young children, “mommy” and “daddy” or “mom” and “dad,” or other terms that are suited to the population being tested, may be more appropriate.

**Parent-to-Child Conflict Tactics**

**Single response for both parents.** When using the CTSPC, it is possible to ask “what your parents or other adults who lived with you” did rather than repeat each question for mother and father. Although this is possible, it is not recommended because it results in a lower prevalence rate and because it is often important to know the extent to which each parent used each of the tactics measured by the CTS. If the child was living with only one parent during the reporting period, there is place to indicate that, together with instructions to skip the questions for the parent who was not present, or to respond for other adults in the household.

**Weekly discipline supplemental questions.** These questions are recommended when discipline of young children is a focus because these actions are so frequent that a one year referent period is not meaningful (Straus, 1998). A questionnaire format is not useable for children this age. Consequently, the questions are worded to be asked in an interview.

**Supplemental neglect scale.** Depending on the age of the child, these can be asked in either questionnaire of interview format. The wording below is in questionnaire format. For a more extensive measure of neglect for use with children or adult-recall see Straus, Kinard, and Williams (Straus, Kinard, & Williams, 1995)

**Sexual abuse.** These questions are not included in the CTSPC-CA.

**Child-to-Parent Conflict Tactics**

The original CTS has been used to obtain data on conflict tactics used by children. For example, Straus and Gelles (1990) found that 10% of children age 15 to 17 hit their parents during the preceding 12 month period. The CTS2-CA or the CTSPC-CA can be modified to obtain child-to-parent data. The CTS2-CA is best with older children (perhaps age 11 and older), and the CTSPC-CA is best with younger children because it is shorter and the questions are more age appropriate. However, using age
11 as the division point has not been empirically tested.

When child-to-parent data is needed, parent-to-child data is almost always also needed. The recommended format is ask each item for what the parent did and then for what the child did in relation to that parent. Information on conflict tactics used by child with both parents requires two such pairs of items for each of the CTS item (one pair for mother and child and one pair for father and child).

CTS2-CA. To use the CTS2-CA for this purpose (1) Change the introduction to refer to conflicts between parents and child. (2) Create pairs of questions for "Mother did..." and "I did...." and for "Father did..." and "I did...." (3) Be careful to make appropriate changes in the actor and target person in each question. For example, questions 1 and 2 in the CTS2-CA become questions 1 to 4:

1. Mother showed she cared about me even when we disagreed
2. I showed I cared about mother even when we disagreed
3. Father showed he cared about me even when we disagreed
4. I showed I cared about father even when we disagreed

The resulting instrument will have 39 items, each asked 4 times (mother-to-child, child-to-mother, father-to-child, child-to-father, for a total of 156 questions. If this is too long, the best way of shortening the instrument will usually be to omit the 6 injury scale items. The resulting instrument has 33 items, each asked 4 times, for a total of 132 questions. If conflict tactics used by and towards just one of the parents is sufficient for the purpose at hand, the resulting instrument is 66 questions long.

CTSPC-CA. To use the CTSPC-CA to obtain information on tactics used by the child: (1) Follow the same procedures as indicated above. (2) Drop the inappropriate items such as spanking and time out (items B, D, E, H, L, and Q) and modifying item N to omit "spank" and item O to omit "on some other part of the body." The resulting instrument has 16 items, each asked 4 times, for a total of 64 questions. If conflict tactics used by and towards just one of the parents is sufficient for the purpose at hand, the resulting instrument is 32 questions long.

Tactics Used With a Sibling or Peer

Users of the CTS2-SP must provide the respondent with instructions concerning which sibling to describe. If time permits, the CTS2-SP can be repeated for interaction with each sibling. If that is not appropriate, or time constraints require choosing just one sibling or one peer, there are several possibilities. For example, instructions to answer about the sibling closest in age will provide data on a random sample of siblings, including older and younger, and male and female. An alternative which maximizes data on conflict behavior, is to ask the respondent to answer in relation to the brother or sister they had the most disagreements or conflicts with in the past year (or whatever referent period is being used).

Number of Items and Item Identification Numbers

The CTS2-CA has fewer items than the CTS2 because the Sexual Coercion scale is not included. However, to retain comparability with the CTS2, the CTS2-CA uses the same numbers to identify the items. Consequently, there are gaps in the sequence of numbers.

The CTSPC-CA has more items than the CTSPC because each item is repeated for mother and father. To retain comparability with the CTSPC, the CTSPC-CA uses the same item letters to identify the items, but appends the letters M and F.
Other Documentation

Those considering these versions of the CTS should consult the papers on the CTS2 (Straus et al., 1996) and CTSPC (Straus et al., 1998) for information on the theoretical basis, measurement strategy, psychometric properties, and scoring instructions for these instruments. A Handbook for the CTS (Straus, 1997) includes all versions of the CTS, together with a wide variety of other information, including French, Spanish and Swedish translations.

Permission for Research Use

Permission to reproduce the CTS2-CA, CTSPC-CA and CTS2-SP will be granted without charge to persons who agree to carry out and report psychometric analyses (such as reliability and factor analyses), or who agree to provide data to use for psychometric analysis. If data are provided, their use will be limited to psychometric analyses, and the right to use the data for substantive analyses will rest exclusively with the person or persons providing the data.

A user agreement, a form to request permission to use these instruments, and a bibliography of publications on the CTS, will be sent on request. E mail (see title page) is best because I can E mail the material back to you immediately. If E mail is not possible, FAX or US mail is fine. Use telephone only if there is an issue that needs to be discussed.
CONFLICT TACTICS SCALES FORM CTS2-CA

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For use with children reporting current behavior of their parents toward each other, or adults recalling behavior of their parents toward each other.

This version of the CTS2 omits the sexual coercion scale

RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN MY PARENTS

No matter how well parents get along, there are times when they disagree, get annoyed with each other, want different things from each other, or just have spats or fights because they are in a bad mood, are tired, or for some other reason. Parents also have many different ways of trying to settle their differences with each other. This is a list of things that might happen when your parents had differences or were angry with each other.

If your mother and father (or step mother or step father) were not living together ((in the past year)) ((in the year when you were about 13 years old)) ((in the last year you lived at home with your parents)) and you were living with your mother, please answer about your mother and the man she was living with then. If you were living with your father or step father, but not your mother, please answer about your father and the woman he was living with then.

Please circle how many times each of them did the things on this list ((in the past year)) ((in the year when you were about 13 years old)) ((in the last year you lived at home with them)). If a parent did not do one of these things ((in the year when you were about 13 years old)) ((in the last year you lived at home with them)) but it happened some other year before or after that, circle "7".

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1. Mother showed she cared about father even when they disagreed  
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This version of the CTS2 omits the sexual coercion scale

**RELATIONSHIPS WITH A BROTHER, SISTER, OR FRIEND**

No matter how well kids get along, there are times when they disagree, get annoyed with each other, want different things from each other, or just have arguments or fights because they are in a bad mood, are tired, or for some other reason. Kids also have many different ways of trying to settle their differences with each other. This is a list of things that might happen when you and one of your brothers or sisters had differences or were angry with each other.

**Which Brother or Sister?**

Please answer the questions about the brother or sister who's age is closest to you (unless you receive instructions to pick a different brother or sister).

**A1.** Is the one you will talk about a brother or sister? (circle one answer number)

1 = A brother  2 = A sister

**A2.** How much younger older is he or she

_____ Years younger OR _____ Years older
Please circle a number for each question to show how many times you and your brother or sister did the things on this list ((in the past year)) ((in the year when you were about 13 years old)) ((in the last year you lived at home with them)). If a parent did not do one of these things ((in the year when you were about 13 years old)) ((in the last year you lived at home with them)) but it happened some other year before or after that, circle "7".

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1. I showed I cared about this brother/sister even when we disagreed
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2. This brother/sister showed they cared about me even when we disagreed
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0
3. I explained my side of a disagreement to this brother/sister
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0
4. This brother/sister explained their side of a disagreement to me
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0
5. I insulted or swore at this brother/sister
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0
6. This brother/sister insulted or swore at me
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0
7. I threw something that could hurt at this brother/sister
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0
8. This brother/sister threw something at me that could hurt
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0
9. I twisted this brother/sister's arm or hair
   1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0
10. This brother/sister twisted mother's arm or hair
    1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0
11. I had a sprain, bruise, or small cut because of a fight with this brother/sister
    1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0
12. This brother/sister had a sprain, bruise, or small cut because of a fight with me
    1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0
13. I showed respect for this brother/sister's feelings about an issue
    1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0
14. This brother/sister showed respect for mother's feelings about an issue
    1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0
17. I pushed or shoved this brother/sister
    1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0
18. This brother/sister pushed or shoved mother
    1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0
21. I used a knife or gun on this brother/sister
    1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0
22. This brother/sister used a knife or gun on me
    1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0
23. I passed out from being hit on the head by this brother/sister in a fight
    1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0
24. This brother/sister passed out from a hit on the head in a fight with me
    1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0
25. I called this brother/sister fat or ugly
    1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0
26. This brother/sister called me fat or ugly
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PARENT-CHILD CONFLICT TACTICS SCALES, FORM CTSPC-CA

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WHAT YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER DID
WHEN YOU DIDN'T BEHAVE RIGHT

Children often do things that are wrong, disobey, or make their parents angry. We would like to know what your mother and father did when you did something wrong or did something that made them upset or angry, or when they were angry for other reasons.

Please circle one of the following answer numbers to tell us who you were living with((in the past year)) ((in the year when you were about 13 years old)) ((in the last year you lived at home with your parents)) and who your answers are about.

1. I was living with both my mother and father (or step mother and step father) and I will answer about them
2. My father or step father was not living at home, but there was another man in the house, and I will answer about what he did when I did something wrong
3. My father or step father was not living at home and there was no other man at home. So I will skip the questions about what my father did
4. My mother or step mother was not living at home, but there was another woman in the house, and I will answer about what she did when I did something wrong
5. My mother or step mother was not living at home and there was no other woman at home. So I will skip the questions about what my mother did

Here is a list of things your mother and father might have done. Please think about how often each of them did these things ((in the past year)) ((in the year when you were about 13 years old)) ((in the last year you lived at home with your parents)) and circle the answer number that comes closest to how often they did each of these things. If they did not do it in the past year but have done it before that, circle the number 7

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AM. Mother explained why something was wrong
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CM. Mother shook me
CF. Father shook me

DM. Mother hit me on the bottom with something like a belt, hairbrush, a stick or some other hard object
DF. Father hit me on the bottom with something like a belt, hairbrush, a stick or some other hard object

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EF. Father gave me something else to do instead of what I was doing wrong

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FF. Father shouted, yelled, or screamed at me

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GF. Father hit me with a fist or kicked me hard

HM. Mother spanked me on the bottom with her hand
HF. Father spanked me on the bottom with his hand

IM. Mother grabbed me around the neck and choked me
IF. Father grabbed me around the neck and choked me

JM. Mother cursed or swore at me
JF. Father cursed or swore at me

KM. Mother beat me up by hitting me over and over as hard as she could
KF. Father beat me up by hitting me over and over as hard as he could

LM. Mother said she would send me away or kick me out of the house
LF. Father said she would send me away or kick me out of the house

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| PM. Mother slapped me on the hand, arm, or leg | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0 |
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| QM. Mother took away privileges or grounded me | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0 |
| QF. Father took away privileges or grounded me | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0 |

| RM. Mother pinched me | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0 |
| RF. Father pinched me | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0 |

| SM. Mother threatened me with a knife or gun | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0 |
| SF. Father threatened me with a knife or gun | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0 |

| TM. Mother threw or knocked me down | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0 |
| TF. Father threw or knocked me down | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0 |

| UM. Mother called me dumb or lazy or some other name like that | 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0 |
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PROBLEMS MY PARENTS HAD IN TAKING CARE OF ME

Sometimes things can get in the way of parents taking care of children the way they would like to. For example, there might be money problems, personal problems, or having too much to do. For each of the things on this list, please circle the answer number that is closest to how many times it happened ((in the past year)) ((in the year when you were about 13 years old)) ((in the last year you lived at home with them))

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## WHAT HAPPENED IN THE LAST WEEK

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