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was presented at the Claremont Symposium on Applied Social Psychology on Violence in Intimate Relationships, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA. *CTS21, $2.50.

THE CONFLICT TACTICS SCALES
(CTS, CTS2, CTSPC)

The revised CTS has two versions, one for use with married, cohabiting, or dating partners (called the CTS2), and the other to obtain information about the behavior of parents toward a child (called the CTSPC).

The original CTS has three scales: Reasoning, Verbal/Symbolic Aggression, and Physical Violence. The (CTS2) has improved versions of the three original scales (renamed as Negotiation, Psychological Aggression, and Physical Assault), and new scales to measure Sexual Coercion and Injury. The CTSPC has improved versions of these scales (now named Non-Violent Discipline, Psychological Aggression, and Physical Assault) and new supplemental scales to measure Weekly Discipline, Neglect, and Sexual Abuse.

Straus, Murray A. Handbook For the Conflict Tactics Scales. Durham, NH: Family Research Laboratory, University of New Hampshire. This 350 page handbook includes all versions of the CTS and most of the currently available CTS series publications listed below, plus some other papers, and Spanish translations of the original CTS, forms N and R. See Table of contents attached to this document. *CTS Handbook $25.00.


The Revised CTS

The revised versions of the CTS are copyright instruments. If you wish to use either the CTS2 or the CTSPC, see the Terms of Agreement and the application form at the end of this document. If you are printing this form and it does not print clearly, you can write or e mail for a copy to be sent by mail.


**Original CTS**

Most of the content of the following items also apply to the CTS2 or the CTSPC.


Ford, David A. 1990. "Validity of Using the Conflict Tactics Scale in the Indianapolis Prosecution Experiment." Durham, NH: Family Research Laboratory, University of New Hampshire. CTS9


Straus, Murray A. and Sherry L. Hamby. (1997). "Measuring Physical and Psychological Maltreatment of children with the Conflict Tactics Scales" In Kaufman Kantor, G., and J. L. Jasinski (Eds.) Out of the darkness: Contemporary research perspectives on family violence. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. The data in this article are based on the original CTS. However, most of the material applies to both the CTSPC as well as to the original CTS. *CTS7 $3.00.

Yodanis, Carrie, and Murray A. Straus. 1995. Tabular summaries of methodological characteristics of research using the CTS. Durham, NH: Family Research Laboratory, University of New Hampshire. *CTS18 $8.00

PAPERS ON MEASURES OF ABUSE OF PARTNERS AND CHILDREN IN ADDITION TO THE CTS


THE PERSONAL AND RELATIONSHIP PROFILE (PRP)

The PRP is a multi-scale instrument that, when completed, will provide a profile of scores for variables that have an empirically demonstrated relationship with physical violence against a partner in a marital, cohabiting, or dating, relationship. The PRP will measure two types of "risk markers" (1) Interpersonal, i.e. characteristics of the relationship such as the balance of power, (2) Intrapsychic, i.e. characteristics of the respondent such as antisocial personality. There will be about 8 interpersonal and 8 intrapsychic risk factor scales. The average testing time will be about 20 minutes. Seventh grade reading ability is needed. The PRP is described in paper PR6, listed in the next section. The scales developed so far are described in the following papers:


THE FAMILY VIOLENCE ASSESSMENT TOOLS (FVAT)

The FVAT will combine the Revised Conflict Tactics Scales (CTS2) and the Personal and Relationship Profile (PRP) as an integrated pair of instruments in a format designed for self-administration. In a clinical application, the CTS2 part of the FVAT will identify cases in which there is physical, sexual, or psychological abuse of the partner, and the PRP part will provide information on the extent of each of 16 variables known to be associated with partner violence.


POWER & DOMINANCE


Straus, Murray A. And Solomon Cytrynbaum. 1962. "A scoring manual for intrafamilial power and affective support." Minneapolis: Minnesota Family Study Center, University of Minnesota. #36.

SEXUAL ABUSE MEASUREMENT


SIMFAM Technique for Observed Family Interaction Measurement


MEASURES OF CHARACTERISTICS OF THE U.S. STATES

These measures consist of scores for each of the 50 states. They can be used for macro-sociological research, or the scores for each state can be used as social context variables in individual-level research. The three books listed below give the scores for each overall index for each state, arrayed in rank order. They also list the scores for each state on the separate indicators making up each index. Finally, the three books also include many state-by-state rankings of variables from standard sources such as the U.S. Census, the Uniform Crime Reports, and the Vital Statistics, but these are not listed below because they can be obtained from those widely available references.


Gender Equality
Gini Index (income inequality)
Legitimate Violence
Non-traditional Sex Role Attitudes
Sex Magazine Circulation
Sexual Liberalism
Social Disorganization


State Stress Index, 1976
State Stress Index, 1982
Each of the above has subindexes for economic, family, and community stressors
Subjective Stress
Perceived Stress
Status Integration
Cigarette consumption per capita
Percentage of smokers
Restrictive Drinking Norms
Frequency of Drunkenness
Heavy Drinking
Alcohol consumption
Suicidal Ideation
Gun Magazine Circulation Rate
Homicide rates for types of victim-offender relationship, gender, & weapon


State Stress Index, 1972
Many measures of health problems and crime


THE FAMILY INTERACTION SCHEDULE
AND FAMILY PATTERNS PROFILE

These multi-scale instruments were intended to provide standardized measures on a number of important family dimensions. Due to a shift in research interests at the time, I never got to use them in published research. Consequently construct validity evidence is not available. Nevertheless, I list them here because I think they are still promising. The Family Patterns Profile is also unique in the method used to control for social desirability and other response sets.

Straus, Murray A. 1965. *The family interaction schedule.* Minneapolis: Minnesota Family Study Center. 1965. Available from the Educational Testing Service, Test Library, Princeton, NJ. Measures intrafamily communication (5 subscales), Support (subscales for each family role-relationship, e.g. H to W, W to H), Task Roles (subscales for Task Activity and Task Differentiation). Decision Roles (subscales for Decision Activity, and Decision Differentiation of Husb, Wife, and Children), Immediate Power, i.e., control of day to day activities (subscales for each family role relationship), Ultimate Power, i.e., who has the final say when decisions are contested (three subscales), Consensus/Conflict (subscales for each role-relationship) #44.


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INCLUDING REVISED VERSIONS CTS2 AND CTSPC

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* Indicates a reprint from Physical Violence In American Families. If you have this book or plan to
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