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Attitudes towards domestic violence in years 11 & 12

Community Information Branch (CIB) of the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety (DHSSPSNI) commissioned Central Survey Unit (CSU) of the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA) to include some questions on attitudes towards domestic violence on the *Young Persons' Behaviour and Attitude Survey*. This survey was conducted in post-primary schools across Northern Ireland in 2007.

Methods

The *Attitudes towards Domestic Violence* module (See Appendix 1 for the questions asked) was only one of many topics that were included in the paper booklet questionnaire. Details of the methods that were used, the sample and the school and pupil response rate (42% and 89% respectively) can be found in the *YPBAS 2007 technical report*. This is available on the CSU website (<http://www.csu.nisra.gov.uk/survey.asp96.htm>).

Data

The *Attitudes towards Domestic Violence* module was only asked of pupils in years 11 and 12. Therefore the results refer to pupils in years 11 and 12 only and cannot be taken to represent the views of younger or older children.

A total of 2644 pupils from years 11 and 12 took part in the study out of the 3097 pupils in years 11 and 12 who had been randomly selected for inclusion in the participating schools. Therefore, the survey had a pupil response rate for years 11 and 12 of 85%. However, not all 2644 participating pupils responded to the *Attitudes towards Domestic Violence* module which appeared at the end of the paper questionnaire. The number who responded to the attitudinal questions on domestic violence varied between questions and ranged from 2272 to 2561 (See Appendix 2).

The following analysis was carried out on data that had been weighted to reflect the composition of the Northern Ireland post-primary population with regard to pupil characteristics (gender and year group) in order to compensate for non response bias in the achieved sample.

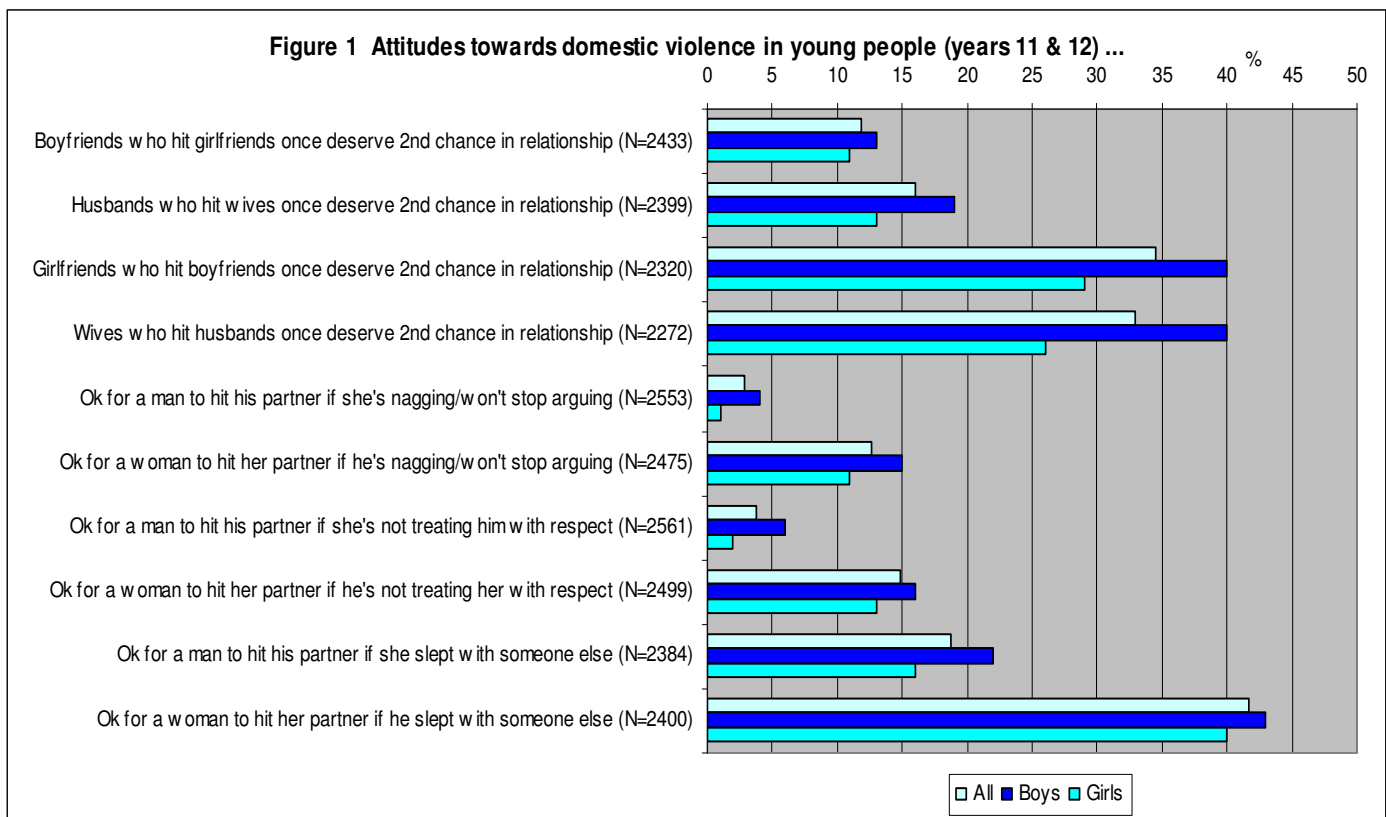
Statistical Significance tests

Chi-Square Tests are used to establish whether differences in attitudes in the observed findings are accurate reflections of the views of the general population of young people in years 11 and 12 in Northern Ireland. Where tests have emerged as Statistically Significant, these have been reported at the 5% ($p < 0.05$) level.

Key Points

Figure 1 shows the young people's responses to the attitudinal questions on domestic violence. It suggests¹ that:

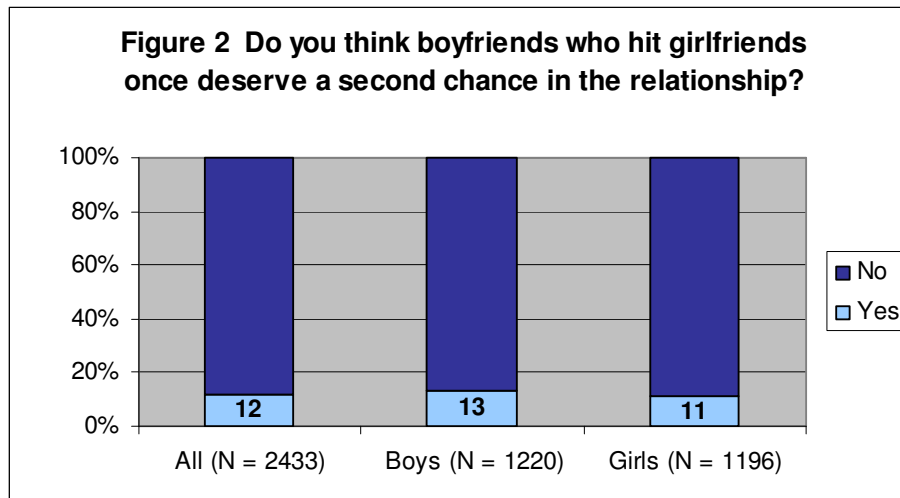
- more young people in years 11 and 12 think that it is okay for a woman to hit a man than think that it is okay for a man to hit a woman;
- more young people think that it is okay for someone to hit their partner if they have slept with someone else than if they are nagging or not treating them with respect;
- boys are more likely than girls to think that it is okay for people to hit their partners.



¹ See following sections for whether these are statistically significant differences

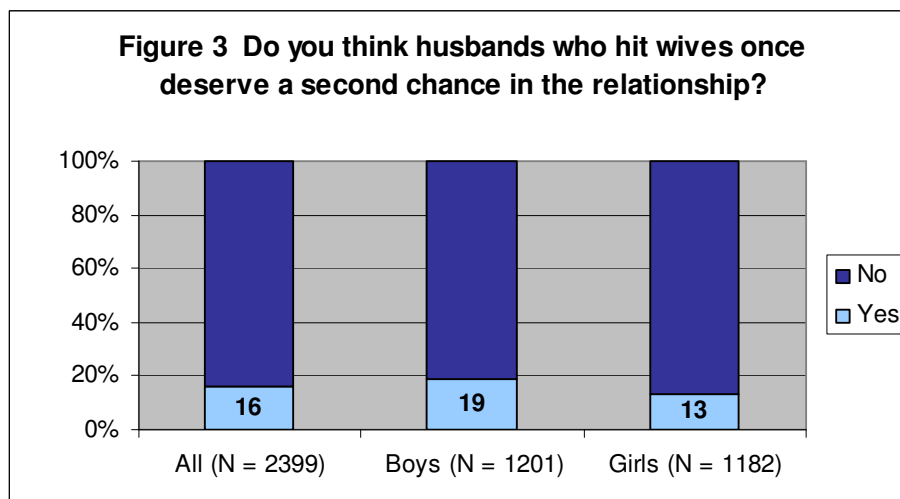
General attitudes & sex differences

Figure 2 shows that just over a tenth (12%) of pupils in years 11 and 12 think that boyfriends who hit their girlfriends once deserve a second chance in the relationship. A higher proportion of boys (13%) than girls (11%) think this ($p < 0.05$)².



The base for all the pupils is larger than that of the boys and girls added together as the sex of 17 of the pupils who responded to this question is unknown

Figure 3 shows the pupils' responses to husbands hitting their wives. Approximately one in six (16%) think that husbands who hit their wives once deserve a second chance in the relationship. More boys (19%) than girls (13%) think this ($p < 0.05$)³.

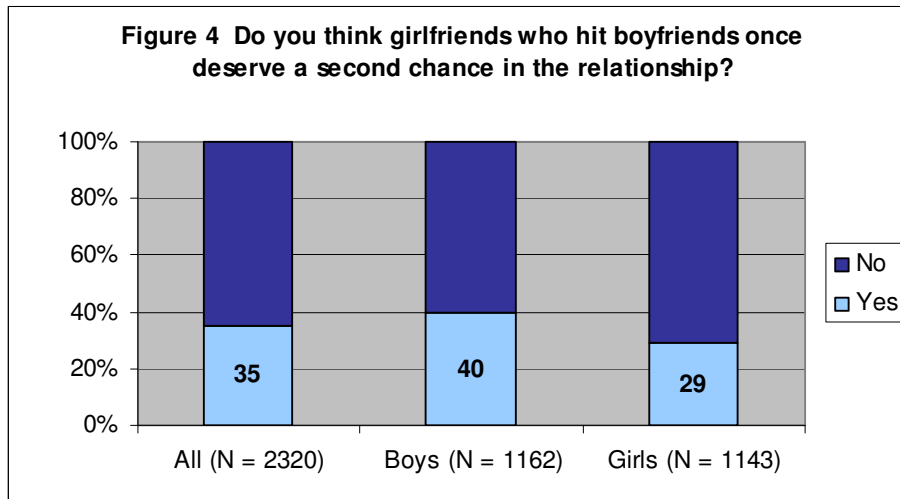


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² ($\chi^2 = 4.087$; $df = 1$; $p = 0.043$, $\phi = 0.041$; $p = 0.043$)

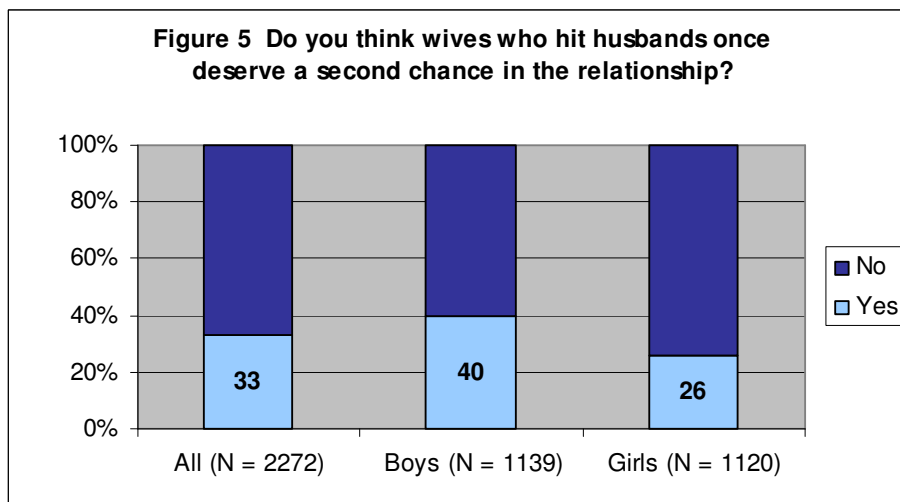
³ ($\chi^2 = 20.908$; $df = 1$; $p < 0.001$, $\phi = 0.094$; $p < 0.001$)

Over a third (35%) of pupils think that girlfriends who hit their boyfriends once deserve a second chance in the relationship (See Figure 4). Boys (40%) are more likely to think this than girls (29%) ($p < 0.05$)⁴.



The base for all the pupils is larger than that of the boys and girls added together as the sex of 15 of the pupils who responded to this question is unknown

A third (33%) of pupils said that wives who hit their husbands once deserve a second chance in the relationship (See Figure 5). A higher proportion of boys (40%) than girls (26%) think this ($p < 0.05$)⁵.

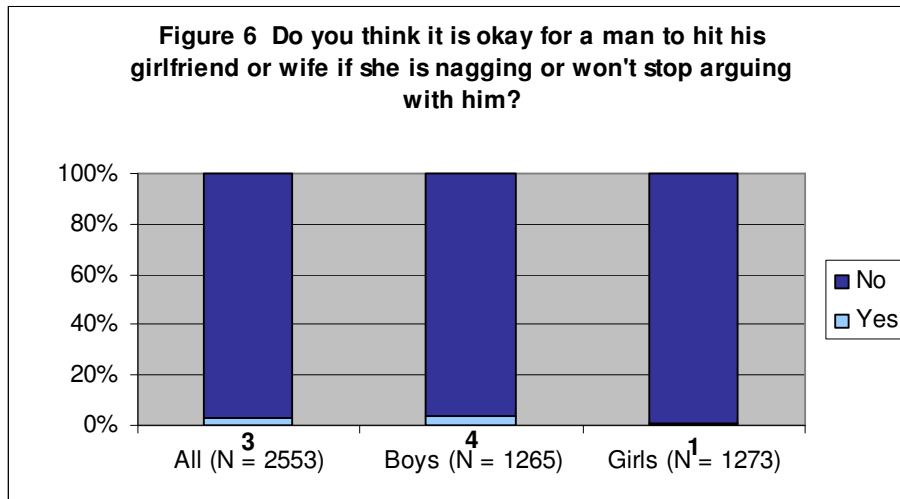


The base for all the pupils is larger than that of the boys and girls added together as the sex of 13 of the pupils who responded to this question is unknown

⁴ ($\chi^2 = 28.023; df = 1; p < 0.001, \phi = 0.110; p < 0.001$)

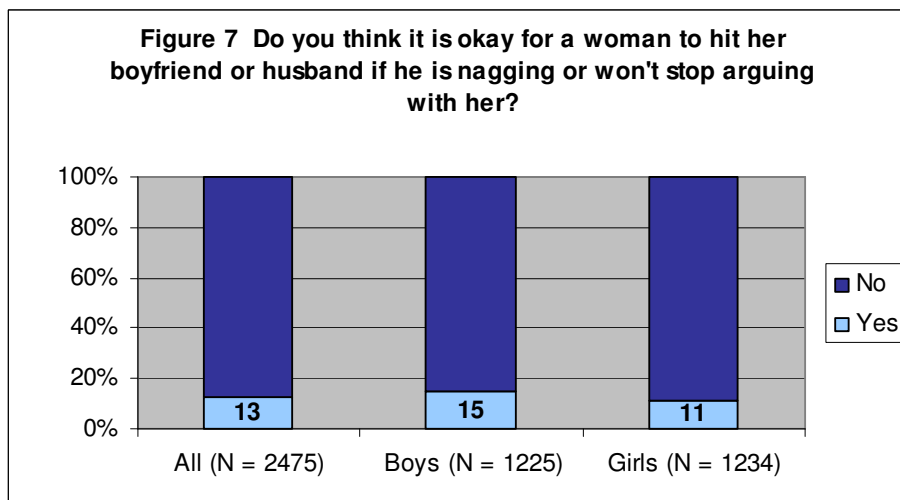
⁵ ($\chi^2 = 46.150; df = 1; p < 0.001, \phi = 0.143; p < 0.001$)

The question which recorded the lowest levels of acceptance of domestic violence in the module asked if it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend or wife if she is nagging or won't stop arguing with him. Less than one in twenty (3%) young people think that this is okay (See Figure 6). More boys (4%) than girls (1%) think this ($p < 0.05$)⁶.



The base for all the pupils is larger than that of the boys and girls added together as the sex of 15 of the pupils who responded to this question is unknown

As Figure 7 shows, more than one in ten (13%) pupils think that it is okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend or husband if he is nagging or won't stop arguing with her. More boys (15%) than girls (11%) think this ($p < 0.05$)⁷.

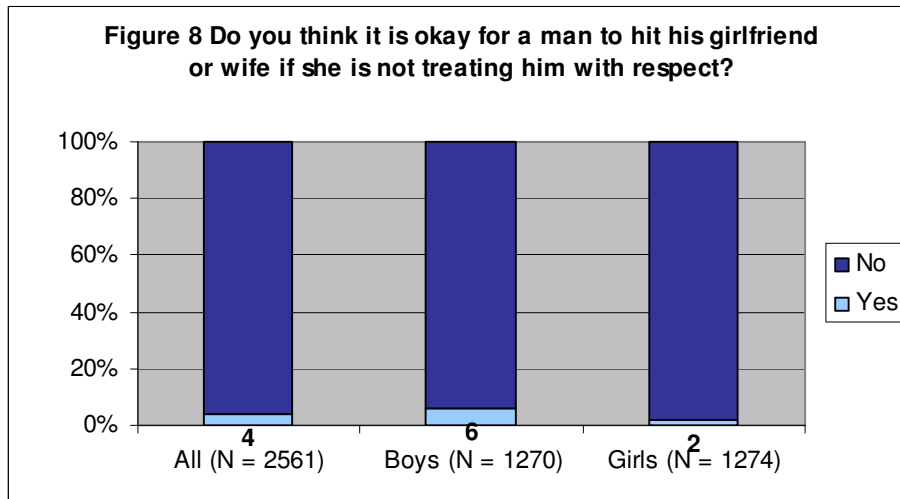


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⁶ ($\chi^2 = 25.489$; $df = 1$; $p < 0.001$, $\phi = 0.100$; $p < 0.001$)

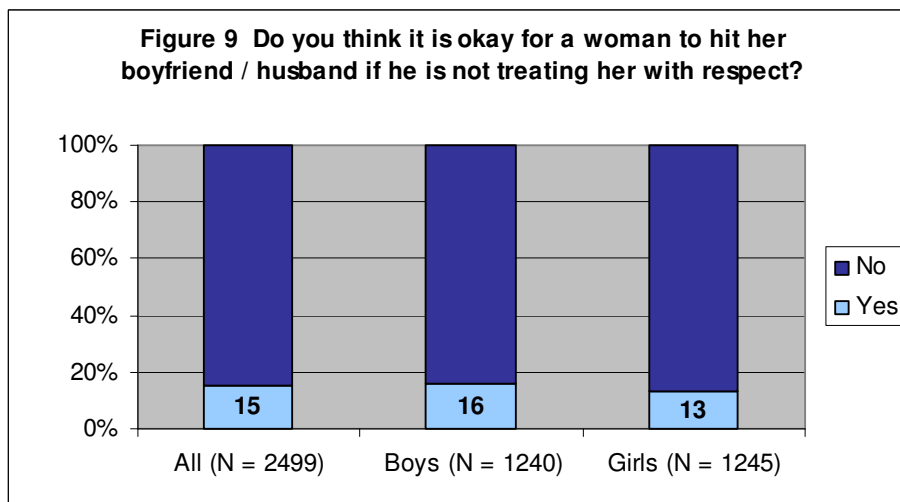
⁷ ($\chi^2 = 7.836$; $df = 1$; $p = 0.005$, $\phi = 0.056$; $p = 0.005$)

Less than one in twenty (4%) pupils think that it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend or wife if she is not treating him with respect (See Figure 8). A higher proportion of boys (6%) than girls (2%) think this ($p < 0.05$)⁸.



The base for all the pupils is larger than that of the boys and girls added together as the sex of 17 of the pupils who responded to this question is unknown

As Figure 9 shows, nearly a sixth (15%) of pupils think that it is okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend or husband if he is not treating with her respect. Boys (16%) are more likely to think this than girls (13%) ($p < 0.05$)⁹.

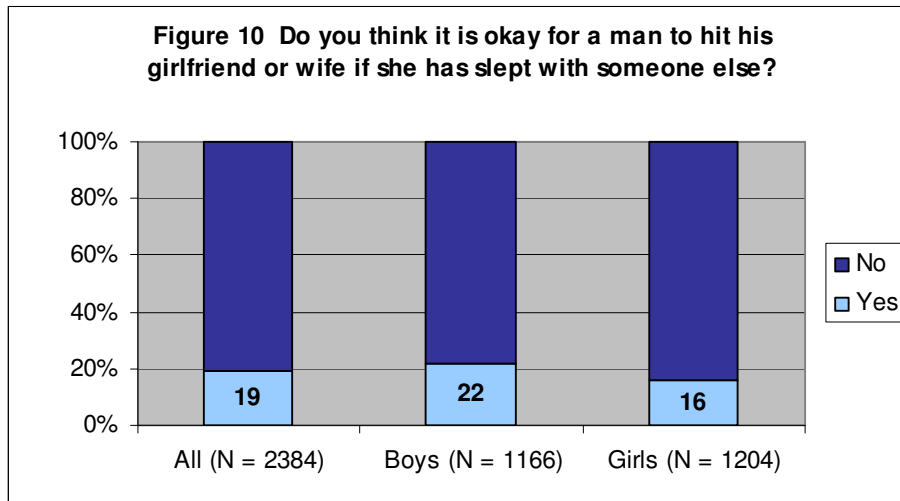


The base for all the pupils is larger than that of the boys and girls added together as the sex of 14 of the pupils who responded to this question is unknown

⁸ ($\chi^2 = 21.066$; $df = 1$; $p < 0.001$, $\phi = 0.091$; $p < 0.001$)

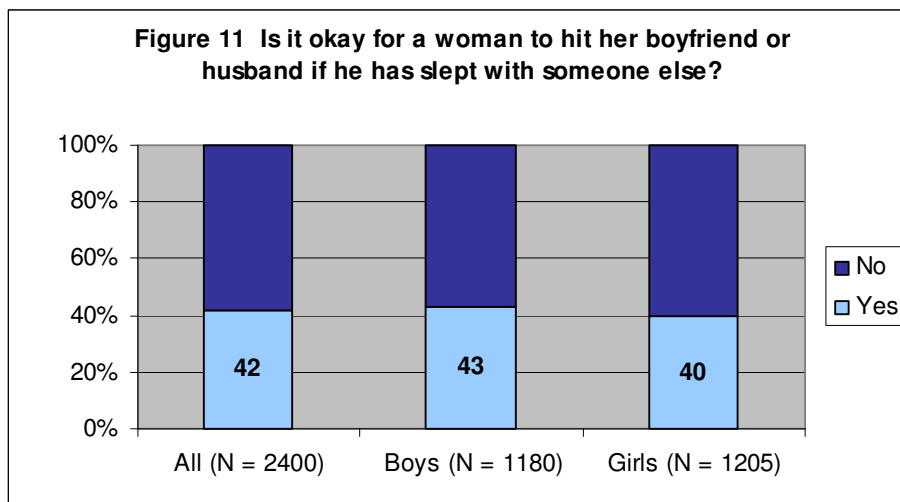
⁹ ($\chi^2 = 5.893$; $df = 1$; $p < 0.015$, $\phi = 0.049$; $p = 0.015$)

Nearly a fifth (19%) of pupils think that it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend or wife if she has slept with someone else. Over a fifth (22%) of boys and around a sixth (16%) of girls think this is okay ($p < 0.05$)¹⁰.



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Over two fifths (42%) of pupils think that it is okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend or husband if he has slept with someone else. There was no significant difference in the attitudes of boys and girls for this question ($p = 0.245$)¹¹.



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¹⁰ ($X^2 = 15.760$; $df = 1$; $p < 0.001$, $\phi = 0.082$; $p < 0.001$)

¹¹ ($X^2 = 1.351$; $df = 1$; $p = 0.245$, $\phi = 0.024$; $p = 0.245$)

School year differences

There were no differences between the attitudes of the young people in year 11 and those in year 12 in most of the questions. However, those in year 11 are more likely than those in year 12 to think that it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend or wife if she

- is nagging or won't stop arguing with him ($p < 0.05$)¹².
- is not treating him with respect ($p < 0.05$)¹³.
- has slept with someone else ($p < 0.05$)¹⁴.

Differences by the sex of the violent partner

The sex of the people involved in domestic violence seems to influence pupils' attitudes towards it. They are more likely to think that a woman who hit her boyfriend once deserves a second chance in her relationship (35%) than a man who hit his girlfriend (12%) once ($p < 0.05$)¹⁵. They are also more likely to think that a woman who hit her husband once deserves a second chance in the relationship (33%) than a man who hit his wife (16%) once ($p < 0.05$)¹⁶.

Likewise, pupils are more likely to think that it is okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend or husband if he is nagging or won't stop arguing with her (13%) than to think that it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend or wife (3%) in the same situation ($p < 0.05$)¹⁷. Similarly, a higher proportion think that it is okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend or husband if he is not treating her with respect (15%) than think that it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend or wife (4%) under the same circumstances ($p < 0.05$)¹⁸. Furthermore, over two fifths (42%) think that it is okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend or husband if he has slept with someone else compared to less than a fifth (19%) who think that it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend or wife if she has done the same thing ($p < 0.05$)¹⁹.

Differences by the marital status of the violent partner

The marital status of those involved in the domestic violence seems to make a difference to pupils' attitudes. They are more likely to think that a man who hit his wife deserves a second chance in his relationship (16%) than a man who hit his girlfriend (12%) ($p < 0.05$)²⁰. This difference in attitudes with marital status is reversed when the female is the one who has hit her partner. Pupils are less likely to think that a woman who hit her husband deserves a second chance in her relationship (33%) than a woman who hit her boyfriend (35%) ($p < 0.05$)²¹.

¹² (X² = 6.693; df = 1; p = 0.010, ϕ = 0.051; p = 0.01)

¹³ (X² = 5.044; df = 1; p = 0.025, ϕ = 0.044; p = 0.025)

¹⁴ (X² = 6.837; df = 1; p = 0.009, ϕ = 0.054; p = 0.009)

¹⁵ (X² = 456.597; df = 1; p < 0.001, ϕ = 0.45; p < 0.001)

¹⁶ (X² = 805.867; df = 1; p < 0.001, ϕ = 0.603; p < 0.001)

¹⁷ (X² = 193.247; df = 1; p < 0.001, ϕ = 0.281; p < 0.001)

¹⁸ (X² = 306.452; df = 1; p < 0.001, ϕ = 0.352; p < 0.001)

¹⁹ (X² = 640.090; df = 1; p < 0.001, ϕ = 0.525; p < 0.001)

²⁰ (X² = 926.901; df = 1; p < 0.001, ϕ = 0.633; p < 0.001)

²¹ (X² = 1444.272; df = 1; p < 0.001, ϕ = 0.809; p < 0.001)

Situational differences

The situation in which the violence occurs seems to have an effect on pupils' attitudes. A higher proportion think that it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend or wife if she is not treating him with respect (4%) than if she is nagging or won't stop arguing with him (3%) ($p < 0.05$)²². A similar pattern emerges when it is the woman who is hitting her partner with pupils being more likely to think that it is okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend or husband if he is not treating her with respect (15%) than if he is nagging or won't stop arguing with her (13%) ($p < 0.05$)²³.

The highest proportions of pupils who think that it is okay for someone to hit their partner were found in the two questions about the partner having slept with someone else. Nearly one in five (19%) pupils think that it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend or wife if she has slept with someone else. This compares to less than one in twenty who think that it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend or wife if she is nagging or won't stop arguing with him (3%) ($p < 0.05$)²⁴ or if she is not treating him with respect (4%) ($p < 0.05$)²⁵.

More than two in five (42%) pupils think that it is okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend or husband if he has slept with someone else. This compares to less than a sixth of pupils who think that it is okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend or husband if he is not treating her with respect (15%) ($p < 0.05$)²⁶ or if he is nagging or won't stop arguing with her (13%) ($p < 0.05$)²⁷.

Conclusion

The proportion of young people expressing tolerant attitudes towards domestic violence ranged from less than one in twenty (3%) for a man hitting his partner if she is nagging or won't stop arguing with him, to more than two in five (42%) for a woman hitting her partner if he has slept with someone else.

The survey findings imply that young people in years 11 and 12 in Northern Ireland find some forms of domestic violence more acceptable than others. They suggest that young people are more likely to think the violent behaviour of women towards men is acceptable, than that of men towards women and more likely to think violence towards unfaithful partners is tolerable, than violence towards those who do not treat their partners with respect or who nag them.

There are few differences in the attitudes of the young people in years 11 and 12 though younger children in year 11 are more likely than children in year 12 to find violence against women acceptable if they have slept with someone else, do not treat their partner with respect or nag them.

The data indicate that boys in these year groups are more likely to tolerate domestic violence than girls regardless of the sex of the victim or the situation. The only question in which boys did not display more tolerance than girls asked if it was 'okay

²² ($X^2 = 643.849$; $df = 1$; $p < 0.001$, $\phi = 0.508$; $p < 0.001$)

²³ ($X^2 = 657.407$; $df = 1$; $p < 0.001$, $\phi = 0.523$; $p < 0.001$)

²⁴ ($X^2 = 163.638$; $df = 1$; $p < 0.001$, $\phi = 0.266$; $p < 0.001$)

²⁵ ($X^2 = 228.863$; $df = 1$; $p < 0.001$, $\phi = 0.313$; $p < 0.001$)

²⁶ ($X^2 = 392.763$; $df = 1$; $p < 0.001$, $\phi = 0.413$; $p < 0.001$)

²⁷ ($X^2 = 312.557$; $df = 1$; $p < 0.001$, $\phi = 0.371$; $p < 0.001$)

for a woman to hit her boyfriend or husband if he has slept with someone else'. At least two in five of both boys (43%) and girls (40%) exhibited acceptance towards domestic violence in this situation.

Appendix 1

ATTITUDES TOWARDS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

01. Do you think boyfriends who hit girlfriends once deserve a second chance in the relationship?

Yes 1

No 2

Don't know 3

02. Do you think husbands who hit wives once deserve a second chance in the relationship?

Yes 1

No 2

Don't know 3

03. Do you think girlfriends who hit boyfriends once deserve a second chance in the relationship?

Yes 1

No 2

Don't know 3

04. Do you think wives who hit husbands once deserve a second chance in the relationship?

Yes 1

No 2

Don't know 3

05. Do you think it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend/wife if she is nagging or won't stop arguing with him?

Yes 1

No 2

Don't know 3

06. Do you think it is okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend/husband if he is nagging or won't stop arguing with her?

- Yes 1
No 2
Don't know 3

07. Do you think it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend/wife if she is not treating him with respect?

- Yes 1
No 2
Don't know 3

08. Do you think it is okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend/husband if he is not treating her with respect?

- Yes 1
No 2
Don't know 3

09. Do you think it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend/wife if she has slept with someone else?

- Yes 1
No 2
Don't know 3

010. Is it okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend/husband if he has slept with someone else?

- Yes 1
No 2
Don't know 3

Appendix 2

Frequency Tables on the *Attitudes towards Domestic Violence* module of the *Young Persons' Behaviour & Attitudes Survey 2007* (Weighted Data)

Q1. Do you think boyfriends who hit girlfriends once deserve a second chance in the relationship?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	288	11.8
	No	2146	88.2
	Total	2433	100.0
Missing	Don't know	248	
	Not asked of respondents in years 8 - 10	4054	
	Unanswered	166	
	Total	4469	
Total		6902	

Q2. Do you think husbands who hit wives once deserve a second chance in the relationship?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	385	16.0
	No	2014	84.0
	Total	2399	100.0
Missing	Don't know	288	
	Not asked of respondents in years 8 - 10	4054	
	Unanswered	162	
	Total	4503	
Total		6902	

Q3. Do you think girlfriends who hit boyfriends once deserve a second chance in the relationship?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	801	34.5
	No	1519	65.5
	Total	2320	100.0
Missing	Don't know	361	
	Not asked of respondents in years 8 - 10	4054	
	Unanswered	167	
	Total	4582	
Total		6902	

Q4. Do you think wives who hit husbands once deserve a second chance in the relationship?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	748	32.9
	No	1524	67.1
	Total	2272	100.0
Missing	Don't know	408	
	Not asked of respondents in years 8 - 10	4054	
	Unanswered	169	
	Total	4630	
Total		6902	

Q5. Do you think it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend/wife if she is nagging or won't stop arguing with him?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	72	2.8
	No	2481	97.2
	Total	2553	100.0
Missing	Don't know	129	
	Not asked of respondents in years 8 - 10	4054	
	Unanswered	166	
	Total	4349	
Total		6902	

Q6. Do you think it is okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend/husband if he is nagging or won't stop arguing with her?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	313	12.6
	No	2162	87.4
	Total	2475	100.0
Missing	Don't know	206	
	Not asked of respondents in years 8 - 10	4054	
	Unanswered	167	
	Total	4427	
Total		6902	

Q7. Do you think it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend/wife if she is not treating him with respect?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	96	3.8
	No	2464	96.2
	Total	2561	100.0
Missing	Don't know	120	
	Not asked of respondents in years 8 - 10	4054	
	Unanswered	168	
	Total	4341	
Total		6902	

Q8. Do you think it is okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend/husband if he is not treating her with respect?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	369	14.8
	No	2130	85.2
	Total	2499	100.0
Missing	Don't know	176	
	Not asked of respondents in years 8 - 10	4054	
	Unanswered	173	
	Total	4403	
Total		6902	

Q9. Do you think it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend/wife if she has slept with someone else?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	446	18.7
	No	1938	81.3
	Total	2384	100.0
Missing	Don't know	294	
	Not asked of respondents in years 8 - 10	4054	
	Unanswered	170	
	Total	4518	
Total		6902	

Q10. Is it okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend/husband if he has slept with someone else?

		Frequency	Valid Percent
Valid	Yes	1001	41.7
	No	1400	58.3
	Total	2400	100.0
Missing	Don't know	276	
	Not asked of respondents in years 8 - 10	4054	
	Unanswered	172	
	Total	4502	
Total		6902	

Tables by sex

Weighted data

Do you think boyfriends who hit girlfriends once deserve a second chance in the relationship?

		Is the pupil a boy or a girl?		Total
		Boy	Girl	
Q1. Do you think boyfriends who hit girlfriends once deserve a second chance in the relationship?	Yes	13%	11%	12%
	No	87%	89%	88%
Base		1220	1196	2416

Do you think husbands who hit wives once deserve a second chance in the relationship?

		Is the pupil a boy or a girl?		Total
		Boy	Girl	
Q2. Do you think husbands who hit wives once deserve a second chance in the relationship?	Yes	19%	13%	16%
	No	81%	87%	84%
Base		1201	1182	2383

Do you think girlfriends who hit boyfriends once deserve a second chance in the relationship?

		Is the pupil a boy or a girl?		Total
		Boy	Girl	
Q3. Do you think girlfriends who hit boyfriends once deserve a second chance in the relationship?	Yes	40%	29%	35%
	No	60%	71%	65%
Base		1162	1143	2305

Do you think wives who hit husbands once deserve a second chance in the relationship?

		Is the pupil a boy or a girl?		Total
		Boy	Girl	
Q4. Do you think wives who hit husbands once deserve a second chance in the relationship?	Yes	40%	26%	33%
	No	60%	74%	67%
Base		1139	1120	2259

Do you think it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend/wife if she is nagging or won't stop arguing with him?

		Is the pupil a boy or a girl?		Total
		Boy	Girl	
Q5. Do you think it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend/wife if she is nagging or won't stop arguing with him?	Yes	4%	1%	3%
	No	96%	99%	97%
Base		1265	1273	2538

Do you think it is okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend/husband if he is nagging or won't stop arguing with her?

		Is the pupil a boy or a girl?		Total
		Boy	Girl	
Q6. Do you think it is okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend/husband if he is nagging or won't stop arguing with her?	Yes	15%	11%	13%
	No	85%	89%	87%
Base		1225	1234	2459

Do you think it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend/wife if she is not treating him with respect?

		Is the pupil a boy or a girl?		Total
		Boy	Girl	
Q7. Do you think it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend/wife if she is not treating him with respect?	Yes	6%	2%	4%
	No	94%	98%	96%
Base		1270	1274	2544

Do you think it is okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend/husband if he is not treating her with respect?

		Is the pupil a boy or a girl?		Total
		Boy	Girl	
Q8. Do you think it is okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend/husband if he is not treating her with respect?	Yes	16%	13%	15%
	No	84%	87%	85%
Base		1240	1245	2484

Do you think it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend/wife if she has slept with someone else?

		Is the pupil a boy or a girl?		Total
		Boy	Girl	
Q9. Do you think it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend/wife if she has slept with someone else?	Yes	22%	16%	19%
	No	78%	84%	81%
Base		1166	1204	2370

Is it okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend/husband if he has slept with someone else?

		Is the pupil a boy or a girl?		Total
		Boy	Girl	
Q10. Is it okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend/husband if he has slept with someone else?	Yes	43%	40%	42%
	No	57%	60%	58%
Base		1180	1205	2385

**Tables by year
Weighted data**

Do you think boyfriends who hit girlfriends once deserve a second chance in the relationship?

		What year is the pupil in?		Total
		Form 4/Year 11	Form 5/Year 12	
Q1. Do you think boyfriends who hit girlfriends once deserve a second chance in the relationship?	Yes	13%	11%	12%
	No	87%	89%	88%
Base		1186	1247	2433

Do you think husbands who hit wives once deserve a second chance in the relationship?

		What year is the pupil in?		Total
		Form 4/Year 11	Form 5/Year 12	
Q2. Do you think husbands who hit wives once deserve a second chance in the relationship?	Yes	16%	16%	16%
	No	84%	84%	84%
Base		1165	1234	2399

Do you think girlfriends who hit boyfriends once deserve a second chance in the relationship?

		What year is the pupil in?		Total
		Form 4/Year 11	Form 5/Year 12	
Q3. Do you think girlfriends who hit boyfriends once deserve a second chance in the relationship?	Yes	35%	34%	35%
	No	65%	66%	65%
Base		1140	1180	2320

Do you think wives who hit husbands once deserve a second chance in the relationship?

		What year is the pupil in?		Total
		Form 4/Year 11	Form 5/Year 12	
Q4. Do you think wives who hit husbands once deserve a second chance in the relationship?	Yes	34%	32%	33%
	No	66%	68%	67%
Base		1113	1159	2272

Do you think it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend/wife if she is nagging or won't stop arguing with him?

		What year is the pupil in?		Total
		Form 4/Year 11	Form 5/Year 12	
Q5. Do you think it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend/wife if she is nagging or won't stop arguing with him?	Yes	4%	2%	3%
	No	96%	98%	97%
Base		1247	1306	2553

Do you think it is okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend/husband if he is nagging or won't stop arguing with her?

		What year is the pupil in?		Total
		Form 4/Year 11	Form 5/Year 12	
Q6. Do you think it is okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend/husband if he is nagging or won't stop arguing with her?	Yes	14%	12%	13%
	No	86%	88%	87%
Base		1215	1260	2475

Do you think it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend/wife if she is not treating him with respect?

		What year is the pupil in?		Total
		Form 4/Year 11	Form 5/Year 12	
Q7. Do you think it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend/wife if she is not treating him with respect?	Yes	5%	3%	4%
	No	95%	97%	96%
Base		1245	1316	2561

Do you think it is okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend/husband if he is not treating her with respect?

		What year is the pupil in?		Total
		Form 4/Year 11	Form 5/Year 12	
Q8. Do you think it is okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend/husband if he is not treating her with respect?	Yes	15%	14%	15%
	No	85%	86%	85%
Base		1218	1281	2499

Do you think it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend/wife if she has slept with someone else?

		What year is the pupil in?		Total
		Form 4/Year 11	Form 5/Year 12	
Q9. Do you think it is okay for a man to hit his girlfriend/wife if she has slept with someone else?	Yes	21%	17%	19%
	No	79%	83%	81%
Base		1153	1231	2384

Is it okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend/husband if he has slept with someone else?

		What year is the pupil in?		Total
		Form 4/Year 11	Form 5/Year 12	
Q10. Is it okay for a woman to hit her boyfriend/husband if he has slept with someone else?	Yes	42%	41%	42%
	No	58%	59%	58%
Base		1158	1243	2400

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