

# ANONYMOUS SURVEY. PLEASE SEND IT BACK USING THE ATTACHED POSTAGE PAID ENVELOPE

1. What is the year you were born?

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2. What is your nationality?

ITALIAN

OTHER (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

3. What is your education level?

elementary school

bachelor degree

grammar school

masters degree

high school

postgraduate degree

other (please specify): .....

4. What is your occupation?

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5. What is your marital status?

single

separated

cohabiter

married

divorced

widow

6. Do you have a partner at the moment?

Yes No

7. Do you have children?

No

Yes (please specify how many) \_\_\_\_\_

8. What do you mean by abuse (please select up to 4 answers, and on a scale of 1 to 4 indicate whether you: 1=totally agree, 2=rather agree, 3=agree, 4=somewhat agree)

\_\_\_ Physical abuse

\_\_\_ Neglect/dereliction

\_\_\_ Psychological abuse

\_\_\_ Poverty

\_\_\_ Sex attack

\_\_\_ Harassment at work

\_\_\_ Other

\_\_\_ Fostering prostitution

9. In your opinion, who does more often perpetrate abuse?

Husband

Ex-husband

Boyfriend

Ex-boyfriend

Relative (children, parents, grandparents, etc.)

Friend/acquaintance

Stranger

10. The person perpetrating abuse (please select up to 4 answers, and on a scale of 1 to 4 indicate whether you: 1=totally agree, 2=rather agree, 3=agree, 4=somewhat agree)

\_\_\_ Commits an offence

\_\_\_ Has a criminal record

\_\_\_ Has a normal social life

\_\_\_ Abuses alcohol or drugs

\_\_\_ Has a low cultural level

\_\_\_ Is ill/has psychiatric problems

\_\_\_ Is jealous (loves his wife and is afraid to lose her)

\_\_\_ Was abused as a child

\_\_\_ Is provoked by the woman

11. The person being abused (please select up to 4 answers, and on a scale of 1 to 4 indicate whether you: 1=totally agree, 2=rather agree, 3=agree, 4=somewhat agree)

\_\_\_ Is the victim of an offence

\_\_\_ Provokes the abuse

\_\_\_ Deserves it \_\_\_ Has a low cultural level

\_\_\_ Is not a good wife nor mother

\_\_\_ Is very much in love

\_\_\_ Is weak

\_\_\_ Was abused as a child

12. What situation(s) could prevent abused women from looking for help?

(please select up to 4 answers, and on a scale of 1 to 4 indicate whether you: 1=totally agree, 2=rather agree, 3=agree, 4=somewhat agree)

Lack of means of sustenance

The belief that their symptoms and lesions are not serious enough to be taken into consideration

The fear that their children are taken away from them

The belief they deserved any abuse

The fear nobody would believe them

The fear of retaliation by the partner  
The worry that the partner would suffer too much if they split up  
The belief that their children need their father, though violent  
They don't know who they can ask for help  
They didn't get any adequate answer to their first help request

**13. What can a woman do in order to escape abuse?** (please select up to 4 answers, and on a scale of 1 to 4 indicate whether you: 1=totally agree, 2=rather agree, 3=agree, 4=somewhat agree)

Talk with her partner	Contact the social services
Talk with a relative	Contact her physician or the health service
Contact the police or the Carabinieri	Leave home
Call the 1522 (abuse helpline)	

**14. Were you ever abused in some way by your partner or ex-partner?**

Yes	No	Don't know
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**15. The abuse by your partner was or still is: (you can select more than one answer)**

**15.a Verbal abuse:**

insults	constant blame
derision	shouting at you or your children
strong sarcasm	humiliating acts

**15.b Pressure tactics:**

you are urged to make decisions	
you don't agree with	you are threatened you won't get money
intimidation	manipulation of your children
sulking	

**15.c Disrespectful behaviour:**

taking alone family decisions	bad-mouthing your family or your friends
always interrupting you when you speak	telling lies
not listening nor answering you	telling you are a liar
turning your words to his advantage	often deceiving you
mocking or humiliating you before other people	being extremely jealous

**15.d Emotional deproval/denigration:**

not supporting nor caring for you	interfering with your job
not respecting your feelings	taking your money for himself
not taking his behaviour seriously	preventing you to see friends or relatives
saying it's your fault	publicly doing things which make you uncomfortable

telling you where you are allowed or not allowed to go

**15.e Destructive behaviour:**

abusing alcohol or drugs	using sexuality to punish you
threatening to commit suicide	imposing you a sexual behaviour you do not approve of
breaking your things	using his strength to obtain sex
displaying his strength to intimidate you	perpetrating violence against you and your children

punching against the wall	threatening to shoot you
slapping you, punching you, violently holding you, kicking you, choking you, pushing you, beating you, biting you, generally hitting you	

**15. f Harassment (stalking):**

if not yet or no more living with you, he comes to your place even though you asked him not to	publicly controlling you and making you uncomfortable
refusing to go when you require him to	

continuously calling you despite you prevented him from doing that

if you are a foreigner, he says he could have you deported from Italy if he wanted to

**16. If your answer to one or more questions above is yes:**

- By whom? \_\_\_\_\_

- Did you report the abuse? Yes No  
- If the answer is no, why? \_\_\_\_\_

**17. Did someone already help you?** Yes No

**18. If the answer is yes, who?**  
partner Social services  
relatives Physician/health service  
Police, Carabinieri 1522 (abuse helpline)  
Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**19. Feel free to express any comment: what measures do you think might be useful to reduce abuses against women?**

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