

PROJECT TITLE: Cyber-Abuse Research Initiative (CARI)

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Through the collection of nationally representative information on the scope and nature of technology-facilitated abuse (both victimization and perpetration), survivors’ help-seeking and access to services, and unmet needs, this study is designed to support the development of policies, protocols, programs, and services that limit the incidence of technology-facilitated abuse and strengthen law enforcement and victim services program responses to victimization with scientific data.

The CARI study will be fielded in the summer of 2020, with longitudinal data collection planned. Given the current conditions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, items measuring interpersonal conflict and abuse in domestic settings have been prepared for the field.

INTRODUCTION

The Corona Virus has had an impact on everyone’s life. We hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well, given the devastating impact of the virus. One thing we know is that the amount of time that people may have spent together at home could have had an impact on their moods or behaviors, and now we have a few questions about that.

Domestic Violence victimization and perpetration during COVID-19

Thinking about the time that you were engaged in social distancing, quarantined, or otherwise staying at home because of corona virus...	Not at all	A little	A lot	A whole lot	Not applicable
1. Was your intimate partner, boyfriend/girlfriend or spouse more physically, sexually or emotionally aggressive towards you during this time?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
2. Was anyone more sexually aggressive towards you during this time?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
3. Did you experience any increase in cyberstalking or cyber-harassment during this time?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
4. Were you more physically, sexually or emotionally aggressive towards an intimate partner, boyfriend/girlfriend, or spouse during this time?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
5. Were you more sexually aggressive towards anyone during this time?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	
6. Did you engage in more cyberstalking or cyber-harassment during this time?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	

Help-seeking and fear of violence during COVID-19

Thinking about the time that you were engaged in social distancing, quarantined, or otherwise staying at home because of corona virus...	YES	NO
7. Did you call police, a hotline or a domestic violence shelter for help during this time?		
8. Did you want to call police, a hotline or a domestic violence shelter for help, but did not do so because of Coronavirus?		
9. Were you more scared of your intimate partner, boyfriend/girlfriend, or spouse acting physically, sexually or emotionally aggressive with you than usual, during this time?		
10. Did you act in a physically, sexually or emotionally aggressive way that scared your partner more than usual, during this time?		
11. Did any of your friends or family experience more physical, sexual or emotional aggression by an intimate partner than usual, during this time?		