

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MYTHS AND FACTS

Determine whether each of the following statements is a MYTH or a FACT:

1. _____ Men of all socioeconomic classes and races abuse women.
2. _____ The level of violence in battering relationships escalates over time.
3. _____ Batterers are out of control.
4. _____ Alcohol or drug abuse causes battering.
5. _____ Men who batter cannot cope with stress or express anger properly.
6. _____ Battered women are codependent.
7. _____ Battered women often try to placate, accommodate and please their abusers.
8. _____ Historically, battered women have been misdiagnosed as mentally unbalanced or unstable.
9. _____ Battered women often do not volunteer information about the abuse.
10. _____ Women assaulted by their husbands usually confide in a friend or law enforcement officer about the abuse.
11. _____ Battering is a relationship problem best dealt with in couples counseling.