

SURVEY TITLE: Violence Against Women Survey

ACRONYM: VAWS

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SURVEY PURPOSE: Respondents were queried about their general fear of violence and the ways in which they managed their fears, emotional abuse they had experienced by marital and cohabitating partners, and incidents of actual or threatened violence. Respondents were also queried about their experiences with emotional abuse, threats and violence by same-sex intimate partners.

LOCATION SAMPLED: United States.

YEARS SEXUAL ORIENTATION DATA COLLECTED: 1996.

SAMPLE SIZE: 8,000 women, 8,000 men.

METHOD OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION DATA COLLECTION: Telephone.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION QUESTIONS:

FEMALE QUESTIONNAIRE:

C11. Are you currently living as a couple with a woman at least part of the time? IF ASKED: By couple we mean romantically involved, not just roommates: 1. Yes (GO TO C13), 2. No, 3. (VOL) Don't know, 4. (VOL) Refused.

C12. Have you ever lived as a couple with a woman? 1. Yes, 2 No (GO TO SECTION D), 3 (VOL) Don't know (GO TO SECTION D), 4. (VOL) Refused (GO TO SECTION D)

C13. (Not counting any current partner) How many (other) women have you lived with as a couple: ___Number of women lived with [RANGE IS 0-19], 20. 20 or more, 21. (VOL) Don't know, 22. (VOL) Refused.

MALE QUESTIONNAIRE;

(Same three questions as for females, but substituting "man" for "woman.")