LIGHT Study

THE LONGITUDINAL INVESTIGATION OF GENDER, HEALTH, AND TRAUMA SURVEY (LIGHT Survey)

Time 2

Welcome to the first follow-up survey! Thank you in advance for completing this survey.	Q2a	If you have children, what are their ages in years? If you have an infant, write 00.
If you have any questions, you may contact our helpdesk at 1-855-462-7577.		Child 1
		Child 2
• Choose one answer for each question unless the		Child 3
 Read each question carefully. Different questions 		Child 4
ask about different timeframes.		Child 5
Please use pen or dark pencil to mark an "X" in the answer box. EXAMPLES: Correct Incorrect ()		Child 6
EXAMPLES. Correct V		Child 7
		Child 8
This number preserves your confidentiality and allows us to mail you the incentive as a thank you for your time		Child 9
		Child 10
	Q2b	Would you consider yourself the or one of the primary caregivers for your child/children?
Q1 What is the highest degree or level of education you have completed?		Yes
Some high school but no diploma or GED		No
High school diploma / GED	Q3	What is your current living situation?
Post-high school vocational or technical		Rent an apartment, house, or room
☐ training		Own my house or apartment
Some college credit, no degree		Live with a relative or friend and not paying rent
Associate's degree (for example, AA, AS)		Live in a car, on the street, or in a homeless
Bachelor's degree (for example, BA, BS)		shelter
Master's, Doctorate or professional degree (for example, MA, MSW, MBA, PhD, MD, JD)		Other (Please describe)
Q2 How many children do you have (both your		
biological children and other children for whom you have parenting responsibilities)?	Q4	Have you been homeless in the past 4 months?
Number of children:		Yes
I do not have any children \rightarrow Go to question 3		No

Q5	What is your current employment status? Select all that apply. Working for pay full-time (≥30 hours/week) Working for pay part-time (<30 hours/week)	The following questions ask about experiences you may have had since the last survey 4 months ago. Please mark if you experienced any of these events in the							
	Not working for pay but actively looking for paid work		st 4 months. If the evu, mark "Not at all."	ns. If the event does not apply t lot at all."					
	Full-time care of children under the age of 18 or adult (for example, disabled adult child/parent/spouse)	Q9	In the past 4 months.	<u></u> Not at	Once	Several	Many		
	Full-time homemaker without full-time child or elder care responsibilities Retired		a. Serious accident (for example, car / boat	all		times			
	Disabled		accident, accident at work)	Ш	Ш	Ш			
Q6	Please provide an estimate of your HOUSEHOLD'S yearly income before taxes		b. Exposure to toxic substance (for example, dangerous chemicals, radiation)						
	are taken out. Include all sources of income from all earners in your household. If you do not know the answer, please make your best guess.		c. Witnessed sudden, violent death or aftermath (for example, homicide, suicide)	, <u> </u>					
	No income Less than \$15,000 per year		d. Sudden, unexpected death of someone close to you						
	\$15,000 - \$24,999 \$25,000 - \$34,999		e. Serious injury, harm, o death you caused to someone else	r					
	\$35,000 - \$44,999 \$45,000 - \$54,999		f. Captivity (for example, being kidnapped, held hostage, prisoner of war)						
	\$55,000 - \$74,999 \$75,000 - \$99,999		g. Community violence (for example, terrorist attack, bombing, riots)						
	\$100,000 - \$149,999 \$150,000 or more per year	This section is about violent attacks against you by someone who is NOT a romantic partner or spouse.							
07	Harris and the second and the delay		In the past 4 months.	<u></u>					
Q7	How many people are supported by this HOUSEHOLD income, including yourself, your significant other (if you have one), and anyone else partially or fully supported by this			Not at all		Several times			
	income whether or not they live with you?		h. Sexual assault by anyone who is NOT an intimate partner (rape, attempted rape, made to perform any sexual act through force or threat of harm)						
Q8	Have you been incarcerated for longer than 24 hours within the past 4 months? Yes No		i. Serious physical assault by anyone who is NOT an intimate partner (attacked with or without a weapon, threatened with a weapon)	'					

This section is about violence against you by someone who WAS/IS a romantic partner or spouse

	In the last 4 months										
		Not at all	Once or twice	Several times	Many times						
	j. Physical assault (pushed, grabbed, shaken, hit, beat up by a significant other/spouse)										
	k. Unwanted sexual experience by a significant other/spouse (pressured or forced to do sexual things you didn't want to do)										
	I. Emotional mistreatment by significant other/spouse (name-calling, criticized, not allowed to see friends/family, humiliated, or denied money)										
	m. Other traumatic event: please specify . Please describe the event below:										
Q10	10 Think about things that may have happened to you throughout your life that are unusually or especially frightening, horrible, or traumatic. If you have had one of these experiences, which experience causes you the most distress? If you have not had an experience like this, please select "I did not have an experience like this" and proceed to question 14. <i>Check one only.</i>										
	Combat/ exposure to warzone										
	Physical assault										
	Sexual assault										
	Accident										
	Natural disaster										
	Seen someone killed or seriously injured										
	Death of loved one through homicide or suicide										
	I did not have an experience like this → Go to qu	uestion 14									
	Other: (Please describe)										
044	Llow old ware very whom this most distriction trave										
QII	How old were you when this most distressing trau	ma occurred?									
Q12	How long ago did this trauma occur?										
	Within the past month										
	Within the past 4 months										
	Over 4 months ago										

Below is a list of problems that people sometimes have in response to a very stressful experience. Please read each problem carefully and and then choose one of the responses below to indicate how much you have been bothered by that problem in the past month. Please base your answers on problems related to the experience you named as the worst in question 10.

Q13 Thinking about the experience you named in question 10, <u>in the past month</u>, how much were you bothered by:

	Not at all	A little bit	Moderately	Quite a bit	Extremely
a. Repeated, disturbing, and unwanted memories of the stressful experience?					
b. Repeated, disturbing dreams of the stressful experience?					
c. Suddenly feeling or acting as if the stressful experience were actually happening again (as if you were actually back there reliving it)?					
d. Feeling very upset when something reminded you of the stressful experience?					
e. Having strong physical reactions when something reminded you of the stressful experience (for example, heart pounding, trouble breathing, sweating)?					
f. Avoiding memories, thoughts, or feelings related to the stressful experience?					
g. Avoiding external reminders of the stressful experience (for example, people, places, conversations, activities, objects, or situations)?					
h. Trouble remembering important parts of the stressful experience?					
i. Having strong negative beliefs about yourself, other people, or the world (for example, having thoughts such as: I am bad, there is something seriously wrong with me, no one can be trusted, the world is completely dangerous)?					
j. Blaming yourself or someone else for the stressful experience or what happened after it?					
k. Having strong negative feelings such as fear, horror, anger, guilt, or shame?					
I. Loss of interest in activities that you used to enjoy?					
m. Feeling distant or cut off from other people?					
n. Trouble experiencing positive feelings (for example, being unable to feel happiness or have loving feelings for people close to you)?					
o. Irritable behavior, angry outbursts, or acting aggressively?					
p. Taking too many risks or doing things that could cause you harm?					
q. Being "superalert" or watchful or on guard?					
r. Feeling jumpy or easily startled?					
s. Having difficulty concentrating?					
t. Trouble falling or staying asleep?					

Q14	The next set of items ask about potentially stressful situations you may be currently
	experiencing. Think about whether or not the stressful situation described happened in the past
	4 months. If the situation IS NOT occurring for you, choose "N/A" and go to the next item. If the
	situation IS occurring, please rate the extent to which it is NOW stressful/distressing to you on a
	scale from 1-10.

	N/A	Not at all distressing	2	3	4	Somewhat distressing	7	8	9	Extremely distressing 10
a. Laid off or fired from work	IN/A					5				
b. At risk for losing your home/lost your home										
c. Caring of seriously ill and/or disabled dependents (e.g., children, elders)										
d. Divorce or separation from romantic partner										
e. Legal problems, court proceedings, ongoing litigation										
f. Major negative change in financial status										
g. Major problems at school/At risk of losing spot at school or Veteran subsidies										
h. Major health problem										
i. Major problem with your significant other or child(ren)										
j. Moved to a new home										

Q15 Over the <u>past two weeks</u> how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?

		Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
	a. Little interest or pleasure in doing things				
	b. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless				
	c. Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much				
	d. Feeling tired or having little energy				
	e. Poor appetite or overeating				
	f. Feeling bad about yourself – or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down				
	g. Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television				
	h. Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed. Or the opposite – being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual				
	i. Thoughts that you would be better off dead, or of hurting yourself				
	j. Feeling nervous, anxious, or on edge				
	k. Not being able to stop or control worrying				
	I. Worrying too much about different things				
	m. Trouble relaxing				
	n. Being so restless that it's hard to sit still				
	o. Becoming easily annoyed or irritable				
	p. Feeling afraid as if something awful might happen				
Q16	Have you been diagnosed with any of the following emotemonths? Select all that apply. Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Depression Anxiety Disorder (for example, panic disorder, generalized None			ditions within	the past 4
	Other mental health problem(s) (please specify):				
	Care memarinean presidente, (predes specify).				

Plea	ıse	check the one box beside the statement or phrase that best applies to you.
Q17a	Ha√	ve you thought about or attempted to kill yourself in the past 4 months? Check one only. Never
		It was just a brief passing thought
		I have had a plan at least once to kill myself but did not try to do it
		I have had a plan at least once to kill myself and really wanted to die
		I have attempted to kill myself, but did not want to die
		I have attempted to kill myself, and really hoped to die
Q17b	Hov	w often have you thought about killing yourself in the past 4 months? Check one only.
		Never
		Rarely (1 time)
	Щ	Sometimes (2 times)
		Often (3-4 times)
		Very often (5 or more times)
		ve you ever told someone in the past 4 months that you were going to commit suicide, or that you ht do it? Check one only.
		No
		Yes, at one time, but did not really want to die
		Yes, at one time, and really wanted to die
	Щ	Yes, more than once, but did not want to do it
		Yes, more than once, and really wanted to do it
Q17d	Hov	w likely is it that you will attempt suicide someday? Check one only.
		Never
	Щ	No chance at all
		Rather unlikely
		Unlikely
	Щ	Likely
	Щ	Rather likely
		Very likely

Having thoughts of hurting yourself can be a common response to feeling distressed. We want you to know that help is available. We recommend that you contact your primary care provider or call the Veterans Crisis Hotline (1-800-273-8255) if you are experiencing suicidal thoughts.

	that way.					
		None or almost none of the time	A little of the time	Some of the time	Most of the time	All or almost all of the time
	a. I found myself getting angry at people or situations.					
	b. When I got angry, I got really mad.					
	c. When I got angry, I stayed angry.					
	d. When I got angry at someone I wanted to hit them.					
	e. My anger prevented me from getting along with people as well as I'd have liked to.					
Q19	What is your current marital status?					
	Never married					
	Married - first and only marriage → Go to question	on 21				
	Married - second or later marriage → Go to ques	tion 21				
	Separated					
	Divorced					
	Widowed					
Q20	Are you currently in a romantic relationship?					
	Currently in a relationship and living as a couple					
	Currently in a relationship but not living as a couple	e				
	Not currently in a relationship → Go to question 2	22				
	you are married or currently in a romantic re		· -			
qι	estions. If you are not married or in a roman	tic relation	nship, pl	ease skip	to questi	on 22:
Q21	Over the past month, how often have you done	the followi	ng in you	r romantic	relations	nip:
		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Most or all of the time
	a. Provided your significant other with the emotional support they sought?					
	b. Shared your intimate thoughts and feelings?					
	c. Done your fair share of day-to-day tasks. (for example grocery shopping, errands, planning activities)?	,				
	d. Initiated leisure time activities that both you and your significant other enjoy?					
	e. Made effort to work through disagreements respectfully?					
	f. Expressed interest and/or willingness to engage in regular sexual or physical intimacy?					

Q18 Thinking over the past month, check the option that best describes the amount of time you felt

If you currently have parenting responsibilities for any children 18 or under, please answer the following questions. If not, please skip to question 25.

Q22 All parents have strengths and weaknesses. Over the past month, how often have you:

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Most or all of the time
a. Provided a healthy environment for your children. (for example, preparing healthy meals, caring for their health, keeping them safe)?					
b. Been a good example for your children. (for example, being respectful during disagreements with others, taking good care of your own health)?					
c. Been actively involved in your child(ren)'s activities. (for example, regularly attending sporting and school events, giving your full attention during time together)?					
d. Met your children's needs for physical affection and emotional support. (for example, giving them hugs, being sympathetic to their problems)?					
e. Been able to successfully manage your child(ren)'s unique challenges. (for example, effectively disciplining children)?					

Q23 Parents have different ways of trying to raise their children. Please read each statement and rate how much each one best describes your parenting <u>during the past two months</u> with your child/children:

	Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Often	Always
a. I express affection by hugging, kissing, and holding my child.					
b. If my child whines or complains when I take away a privilege, I will give it back.					
c. I am afraid that disciplining my child for misbehavior will cause her/him to not like me.					
d. I argue with my child.					
e. I use threats as punishment with little or no justification.					
f. The punishment I give my child depends on my mood.					
g. I have warm and intimate times together with my child.					
h. I yell or shout when my child misbehaves.					
i. My child talks me out of punishing him/her after he/she has done something wrong.					
j. I show respect for my child's opinions by encouraging him/her to express them.					
k. If my child does his/her chores, I will recognize his/her behavior in some manner.					
I. I let my child out of a punishment early (like lift restrictions earlier than I originally said).					
m. I explode in anger toward my child.					
n. I give reasons for my requests (such as "We must leave in five minutes, so it's time to clean up.").					
o. I lose my temper when my child doesn't do something I ask him/her to do.					
p. I encourage my child to talk about her/his troubles.					
q. If I give my child a request and she/he carries out the request, I praise her/him for listening and complying.					
r. I warn my child before a change of activity is required (such as a five-minute warning before leaving the house in the morning).					
s. If my child gets upset when I say "No," I back down and give in to her/him.					
t. My child and I hug and/or kiss each other.					
u. I listen to my child's ideas and opinions.					
v. I feel that getting my child to obey is more trouble than it's worth.					
w. If my child cleans his room, I will tell him/her how proud I am. $$					
x. I give in to my child when she/he causes a commotion about something.					
y. I tell my child my expectations regarding behavior before my child engages in an activity.					

	(continued)											
						١	Never	Almost never	Sometimes	ofte	∍n	Always
	z. When I am upset or under s child's back.	tress,	I am pick	y and o	on my]	
	aa. I tell my child that I like it w house.	hen h	e/she help	os out a	around th	he]	
	bb. I provide my child with a br his/her misbehavior.	ief exp	olanation v	when I	disciplin	e]	
	cc. I avoid struggles with my cl	hild by	giving cle	ear cho	ices.]	
	dd. When my child misbehave if she/he doesn't behave.	s, I let	him know	v what	will happ	en]	
Q24	The following questions a parent. To what degree do about whether or not the situation IS NOT occurrin occurring, please rate the -10.	the stres g for	following sful situ you, cho	g con ation oose I	cerns a descrik V/A and	about oed ha I go to	your chappened the ne	nild(ren d in the ext item) cause depast moe. If the si	istres <u>nth.</u> If tuatio	s? <u>Tr</u> the on IS	nink_
	My child											
		NA	Not at all distressing 1	2	3	4	Somewha distressing 5		7	8	9	Extremel distressin 10
	a Has difficulty making friends?											
	b. Gets in trouble with peers (e.g., getting into fights)?											
	c. Regularly receives failing or near-failing grades in school?											
	d. Receives special education services/IEP (Individualized Education Plan) for a disability, such as autism, intellectual disability, deafness, or emotional disturbance?											
	e. Gets in trouble with the law (e.g., arrested or police involvement)?											
	f. Has a chronic health condition, such as diabetes, cystic fibrosis, sickle cell anemia, or epilepsy?											

g. Gets bullied by his or her peers?

The following questions ask about your neighborhood and community.

Q25 We are interested in how you feel about the following statements. Read each statement carefully. Indicate how you feel about each statement.

			ngly gree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
	a. There is a lot of graffiti in my neighborhood.			Ŏ		
	b. My neighborhood is noisy.					
	c. Vandalism is common in my neighborhood.					
	d. There are a lot of abandoned buildings in my neighborhood.					
	e. My neighborhood is clean.f. People in my neighborhood take good care of their houses and apartments.					
	g. There are too many people hanging around on the streets near my home.					
	h. There is a lot of crime in my neighborhood.					
	i. There is too much drug use in my neighborhood.					
	j. There is too much alcohol use in my neighborhood.					
	k. I'm always having trouble with my neighbors.					
	I. In my neighborhood, people watch out for each other.					
	m. My neighborhood is safe.					
Q26 Q27	In the past 4 months, how often have you heard gunshots associated with crime or violence in your neighborhood? Never Once or twice Three to five times More than five times How common would you say it is for people to	Q29 Q30	a gun in months Yes No Have you in the ne	the neighbo ? ou ever seen eighborhood	rhood <u>withi</u>	not with a gun
	belong to street gangs in your neighborhood? Very common		months Yes	?		
	Somewhat common		☐ No			
	Somewhat uncommon					
	Very uncommon	Q31	If a fight	were to brea	ak out near v	vour home
Q28	How common do you think it is for people to carry guns in the neighborhood?	QO.	how like	ly is it that yo to break it up	our neighbor	
	Very common		Very	/ likely		
	Somewhat common		Son	newhat likely		
	Somewhat uncommon		Son	newhat unlikel	у	
	Very uncommon		=	/ unlikely	-	
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Q32	If a fight were to break out near your home, how likely is it that the police would be called?	The heal	following questions ask about your th.			
	Very likely					
	Somewhat likely	Q36	During the past month, what time have yo			
	Somewhat unlikely		usually gone to bed at night (hh:mm)?			
	Very unlikely					
Q33	How safe do you feel					
	SomewhatSomewhat Very Very safe safe unsafe unsafe	Q37	During the past month, how long, has it			
	a. Alone inside		usually taken you to fall asleep each night?			
	b. Outside in your		Number of hours:			
	neighborhood during the day?		Number of minutes:			
	c. Outside in your neighborhood at	Q38	During the past month, what time have you			
	d. Walking alone toward a group of	400	usually gotten up in the morning (hh:mm)?			
	people that you don't know?					
Q34	In this neighborhood, it is sometimes					
	necessary for people to carry guns to protect themselves or their family.	Q39	During the past month, how many hours of actual sleep did you get at night? (This may			
	Strongly agree		be different from the number of hours you			
	Agree		spent in bed.)			
	Disagree		Hours of sleep per night:			
	Strongly Disagree					
Q35	In this neighborhood, it is sometimes necessary for people to join a gang to protect	Q40	How often do you exercise for 30 minutes or more?			
	themselves or their family.		Daily or almost daily			
	Strongly agree		3 to 4 times per week			
	Agree		2 to 3 times per week			
	Disagree		1 to 2 times per week			
	Strongly disagree		Fewer than once per week			

rela	ase answer the following questions ted to your current substance use. Skip questions that are irrelevant to you.	Q46 <u>In the past month</u> , did you use marijuana? YES , how many times in a typical week? No → Go to question 48
		Yes
Q41	How many cigarettes did you smoke on an average day in the last month (if you do not smoke write 0)?	Times in a week:
		Q46a Does your marijuana use cause any problems?
		Yes
	lcohol, one drink equals:	☐ No
_	z. wine	N/A, I do not use marijuana
	ine cooler	O46h Did anyone also think your marijyana yaa
	oz. beer	Q46b Did anyone else think your marijuana use caused a problem?
• 1 00	ocktail with 1 oz. hard liquor	
040	Llour often de veu euwently beve e drink	Yes
Q42	How often do you currently have a drink containing alcohol?	∐ No
		N/A, I do not use marijuana
	Never → Go to question 45	Q47 In the past month, did you use other drugs,
	Monthly or less	other than alcohol or marijuana? If YES, how
	2-4 times a month	many times in a typical week did you use, if a
	2-3 times a week	all? This includes cocaine, crack, heroin, acid speed, ecstasy, methamphetamines, steroids
	4 or more times a week	and medicines prescribed for someone else.
		No → Go to question 49
Q43	How many standard drinks containing alcohol	Yes
	do you have on a typical day?	
	1 or 2	Times in a week:
	3 or 4	Q47a Does your use of drugs other than alcohol o
	5 or 6	marijuana cause any problems?
	7 to 9	Yes
	10 or more	□ No
		N/A, I do not use drugs, not including alcoho
Q44	On average, how often do you have 5 or more	or marijuana
	drinks on one occasion?	Q47b Did anyone else think your use of drugs other
	Never	than alcohol or marijuana cause a problem?
	Less than monthly	Yes
	Monthly	□ No
	Weekly	N/A, I do not use drugs, not including alcoho
	Daily or almost daily	or marijuana
		Q48 Have you been diagnosed with drug
Q45	Have you been diagnosed with alcohol abuse	(including prescription drugs) abuse or
	or dependence in the past 4 months?	dependence in the past 4 months?
	No	No
	Yes	Yes
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If you are prescribed pain medication please answer the following questions, otherwise skip to item 50.

Q49 In the past 4 months...

Q 10	III the past + monthe					
		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Often	Almost Always
	a. I abused prescription pain medication.					
	b. I ran out of my prescription pain medication early.		Ш			
	c. I got prescription pain medication from someone other than my healthcare provider.	r 🗆				
	d. I used more of my prescription pain medication than I was supposed to.					
	e. I experienced cravings for pain medication.					
	f. I used more pain medication before the effects wore off.					
Q49a	When my prescription for pain medication ran out, I felt anxious.	Not at a	all A little bit	Somewhat	Quite a bit	Very much
Q50	What is your current weight?					
Q51	Have you ever experienced any of the following events in the past 4 months? Select all that apply.	a	Did you have any of the even apply.			
	Blast or explosion (IED, RPG, Landmine, Grenade, etc) Vehicular accident/crash (any vehicle	[]	_	nsciousness/ ed, confused		
	including aircraft) Fragment wound or bullet wound above the]	Not remer	mbering the e	event	
	shoulders Fall	[ry that resulte k, face, dama		
	Blow to the head (head hit by falling/flying object, head hit by another person, head hit against something, etc)	[eardrum None of th	ne above		·
	Strangulation					
	Shaken violently					
	None of the chave . Co to question E2					

Q51b	worse afterwards? Select all that apply. Memory problems or lapses	of healthcare and thoughts about mental health treatment.					
	Balance problems or dizziness Sensitivity to bright light Irritability Headaches Sleep problems None of the above	Q53	Do you get any healthcare (physical and/or mental health) at Veterans' Administration (VA) hospitals or clinics in the past 4 months? ☐ Yes ☐ No → Go to question 54				
	_	Q53a	If NO , why not?				
Q51c	In the past week, have you had any of the symptoms from question 51? Select all that apply. Memory problems or lapses Balance problems or dizziness Sensitivity to bright light Irritability Headaches Sleep problems None of the above	Q54	 Not eligible □ Distance to VA facilities/transportation concerns □ My VA does not provide the services I need □ I don't feel comfortable seeking services at the VA □ Preference for my current healthcare providers □ Other (please specify): □ I think that I am suffering from mental health problems (for example, feeling anxious depressed, or too angry). □ True □ False 				
Q52	Have you been diagnosed with any new medical conditions in the past 4 months? Yes No	Q55	I think that I might benefit from mental health treatment. True False				
l [.]	f yes, please specify the condition(s):	Q56	Are you currently receiving mental health services (e.g., seeing a therapist, counselor, or medications) to help with distress? Yes No				

	If NO , what prevents you from seeking mental health treatment? Select all that apply. Concern for job security	d	If I thought that I were suffering from serious depression, anxiety, anger, or fear, I would seek assistance from (Select all that apply):
	Judgment from others	Γ	Good female friends
	Distance/transportation to mental healthcare	Ī	Good male friends
	providers	Ī	Spouse or intimate partner
	Don't think it will help me	Ī	Family member (brother, sister, mother, father,
	No insurance coverage	_	etc.)
	I don't need mental health treatment	Ļ	Coworker
	Other (please specify):	Ļ	Religious leader (e.g. pastor, priest, rabbi)
		Ļ	Medical doctor (primary care doctor)
		Ļ	Therapist or counselor
		Ĺ	Information on the internet
		Ļ	Self-help books or magazine articles
		L	Other (please specify):
ŀ	We are interested in your use of mental health sently (even if it was only once or for a little while) he no column only if you did not receive any of), plea	ase mark where you received this help. Mark
	a Madication for a montal backle published as as		get this kind Yes, from (non-VA) a community of help a VA provider provider provider
	a. Medication for a mental health problem (e.g., an antidepressant)		get this kind Yes, from (non-VA) a community
	antidepressant)b. Individual counseling or therapy for a mental health p	_	get this kind Yes, from (non-VA) a community of help a VA provider provider provider
	antidepressant)b. Individual counseling or therapy for a mental health pc. Group counseling or therapy for a mental health prob	_	get this kind Yes, from (non-VA) a community of help a VA provider provider provider
	antidepressant) b. Individual counseling or therapy for a mental health p c. Group counseling or therapy for a mental health prob d. Family therapy	olem	get this kind Yes, from (non-VA) a community of help a VA provider provider provider
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Q61 Q63	If you have received any mental health treatments within the past 4 months, how helpful was this care in reducing your distress? Not at all helpful Slightly helpful Moderately helpful Very helpful Extremely helpful N/A The next set of items refer to how people in your react *if* you were to have a mental health problem.	lem. PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU DO NOT NEE				ns, how schedule ers would IEED TO
	HAVE A CURRENT MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEM The extent to which you agree or disagree with the				HONS. Plea	ase rate
	the extent to which you agree or disagree with the	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
	a. A problem would have to be really bad for me to be willing to seek mental health care.					
	b. I would feel uncomfortable talking about my problems with a mental health provider					
	c. If I had a mental health problem, I would prefer to deal with it myself rather than to seek treatment.					
	d. Most mental health problems can be dealt with without seeking professional help.					
	e. Seeing a mental health provider would make me feel weak.					
	f. I would think less of myself if I were to seek mental health treatment.					
	g. If I were to seek mental health treatment, I would feel stupid for not being able to fix the problem on my own.					
	h. I wouldn't want to share personal information with a mental health provider.					
Q64	If I had a mental health problem and friends and	family kn	ew about it	t. thev wo	ould	
.,.	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
	athink less of me.	Ň	Ň			
	bsee me as weak.					
	cfeel uncomfortable around me.			一		
	dnot want to be around me.					
	ethink I was faking.					
	fbe afraid that I might be violent or dangerous.					
	gthink that I could not be trusted.					
	havoid talking to me.					

The next set of questions ask you about your current support system and coping strategies.

Q65	We are interes	sted in how y	ou feel	about the	following	statements.	Read eac	h statement	carefully.
	Indicate how	you feel abou	it each	statement					

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			Very strongly disagree	Strongly disagree	Mildly disagree	Neutral	Mildly agree	Strongly agree	Very strongly agree
	a. There is a special person who when I am in need.	is around							
	b. There is a special person with share my joys and sorrows.	whom I can							
	c. My family really tries to help m	e.							
	d. I get the emotional help and so need from my family.	upport I							
	e. I have a special person who is source of comfort to me.	a real							
	f. My friends really try to help me								
	g. I can count on my friends whe wrong.	n things go							
	h. I can talk about my problems v family.	with my							
	i. I have friends with whom I can joys and sorrows.	share my							
	j. There is a special person in my cares about my feelings.	/ life who							
	k. My family is willing to help me decisions.	make							
	I. I can talk about my problems w friends.	vith my							
Q66	Please indicate how many t	imes you l	nave don	e each o	f these th	ings to	someone	e else in t	the <u>past</u>
				2.5	0.40	44.00	Maya than	Not in the past 4 months, but it did	This has
		Once T	wice t	3-5 imes	6-10 times	11-20 times	More than 20 times	happen before	never happened
	a. I insulted, swore, shouted or yelled at someone.								
	b. I pushed, shoved, or slapped someone.								
	c. I punched, kicked, or beat- up someone.								
	d. I destroyed something belonging to someone else or threatened to hit someone.								

Q67 The following questions ask you about how you generally cope with daily events.

	don't do this at	I usually do this a little bit	this a medium amount	I usually do this a lot
a. I turn to work or other activities to take my mind off things.				
b. I concentrate my efforts on doing something about the situation I'm in.				
c. I say to myself "this isn't real."				
d. I use alcohol or other drugs to make myself feel better.				
e. I get emotional support from others.				
f. I give up trying to deal with it.				
g. I take action to try to make the situation better.				
h. I refuse to believe that it has happened				
i. I say things to let my unpleasant feelings escape.				
j. I get help and advice from other people.				
k. I use alcohol or other drugs to help me get through it.				
I. I try to see it in a different light, to make it seem more positive.				
m. I criticize myself.				
n. I try to come up with a strategy about what to do.				
o. I get comfort and understanding from someone.				
p. I give up the attempt to cope.				
q. I look for something good in what is happening.				
r. I make jokes about it.				
s. I do something to think about it less, such as going to movies, watching TV, reading, daydreaming, sleeping, or shopping.				
t. I accept the reality of the fact that it has happened.				
u. I express my negative feelings.				
v. I try to find comfort in my religion or spiritual beliefs.				
w. I try to get advice or help from other people about what to do.				
x. I learn to live with it.				
y. I think hard about what steps to take.				
z. I blame myself for things that happened.				
aa. I pray or meditate.				
bb. I make fun of the situation.				

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