

Coding Sheet: Physical aggression (hitting and fighting)

(I) indicates an instrumental response

(E) indicates an expressive response

Score 1 for each expressive response, 0 for each instrumental response. A high score indicates a more expressive representation, a low score a more instrumental representation.

1. If I hit someone it would probably be because.....
 - (E) the other person made me so mad I couldn't help it
 - (I) the other person deserved it

2. If someone wanted to have a fight with me.....
 - (E) I'd feel proud if I refused
 - (I) I'd feel like a coward if I refused

3. If I was about to hit someone I would probably.....
 - (E) feel really upset and shaky
 - (I) feel like I was really going to teach them a lesson

4. If I had a fight with someone I would probably.....
 - (E) not know what I was doing
 - (I) know exactly what I was doing

5. If there were lots of people around.....
 - (I) I'd be more likely to hit someone
 - (E) I'd be less likely to hit someone

6. If someone hit me I would be more likely to.....
 - (E) cry
 - (I) hit them back

7. If I hit someone and hurt them I would probably feel.....
 - (I) that they were asking for it
 - (E) bad about myself

8. If I hit someone I would like them to.....
- (E) realise how upset they'd made me feel and how unhappy I was
 - (I) make sure they never annoy me again
9. If I had a fight with someone I would probably tell.....
- (E) no one except maybe a close friend
 - (I) lots of friends
10. If I had a fight with someone, afterwards I would probably.....
- (I) remember every move I'd made
 - (E) not remember exactly what had happened
11. After a fight I would probably feel.....
- (E) upset and bad about myself
 - (I) happy or unhappy depending on whether I'd won or lost
12. If I was to tell my friends about a fight I'd been in I would probably.....
- (E) try to make them see why I'd got into the fight
 - (I) make it sound more exciting than it was
13. I think that fighting is.....
- (E) always wrong
 - (I) needed to make people know what I want
14. If I had a fight with someone I would feel.....
- (I) that I had a right to hurt the other person
 - (E) upset and bad about myself