

*The Difference Between Violent Men and Violent Women in Interpersonal Behaviors
and Relationship Beliefs*

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Abstract

This study used the Fundamental Interpersonal Relations Orientation-Behavior (FIRO-B) to measure interpersonal behaviors, and the Relationship Belief Inventory (RBI) to measure relationship beliefs to compare differences between violent men and violent women. Both violent men and women were more likely to have experienced domestic violence in their families of origin and to have used drugs during the domestic violence incident. The significant differences between men and women were that women were more likely to have been abused as children, more likely to have been afraid of their partners, and more likely to have been injured during violent incidents than the men.