

WHEN DO YOU THINK VIOLENCE IS OK?

Of New Brunswickers surveyed in 2009*

27% said it is not a crime to rape your wife;

53% said it is not a crime to slap your wife on the face after an argument;

42% said it is not a crime to slap your girlfriend around if she flirted with another man;

72% said it is not a crime to slap a 6-year-old child on the face after she broke an object she was forbidden to touch.

LET'S TALK ABOUT VIOLENCE.

* *Attitudinal Survey on Violence Against Women*, Harris/Decima Research for the Government of New Brunswick's Executive Council Office, 2009. The questions were:

“Would you regard the incident as a crime, as a serious incident but not a crime, as a somewhat serious incident, or as an incident that is not at all serious?”

- a) A father slaps his 6-year-old daughter on the face because she has broken a vase, even though she was forbidden to touch it. 28% said it is a crime; 39% serious incident but not a crime; 21% somewhat serious incident; 11% not at all serious.
- b) A 20-year-old man slaps his girlfriend around because she flirted with another man in a public place. 58% said it is a crime; 26% serious incident but not a crime; 12% somewhat serious incident; 3% not at all serious.
- c) A husband forces his wife to have sex with him against her will. 73% said it is a crime; 17% serious incident but not a crime; 8% somewhat serious incident, 1% not at all serious.
- d) A 40-year-old husband slaps his wife on the face after a dispute that was started by the wife by complaining once again that he doesn't make enough money for the household. 47% said it is a crime; 37% serious incident but not a crime; 11% somewhat serious incident, 3% not at all serious.”

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