

Corporal Punishment Myths Scale (CPMS)

On a scale of 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree), please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements.

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| 1. Corporal punishment used to discipline a child is harmless. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly agree |
| 2. Using corporal punishment occasionally to discipline a child does not cause damage to a child. | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly agree |
| 3. It is unrealistic to think that parents should never use corporal punishment to discipline a child. | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly agree |
| 4. Use of corporal punishment teaches a child responsibility and helps develop his/her character. | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly agree |
| 5. Corporal punishment is used to discipline both boys and girls. | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly agree |
| 6. Corporal punishment works better than other methods of discipline. | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly agree |
| 7. Without use of corporal punishment to discipline children, children become spoilt and will run wild. | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly agree |
| 8. Corporal punishment teaches a child how to respect others. | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly agree |
| 9. Corporal punishment is the only thing that children understand. | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly agree |
| 10. Corporal punishment should be used to discipline a child every, single time a child misbehaves. | | | | | |
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Neutral | Agree | Strongly agree |

Scoring of the CPMS

A total CPMS score can be obtained by summing responses to all 10 items of the CPMS, with higher scores reflecting greater myth acceptance.

Similarly total scores for the two individual subscales of the CPMS can be obtained.

The sum of items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 reflect a score on the “Harmless Myths Subscale” with higher numbers reflecting greater myth acceptance about the harmlessness of CP.

The sum of responses on items 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 reflects a score on the “Effective & Necessary Myths Subscale” with higher numbers reflecting greater myths acceptance about the effective and necessity of CP.