DARVO-LF -- Long-form DARVO Questionnaire (Harsey, Zurbriggen, & Freyd, 2017)

Note: This document contains the long form (72 items) DARVO Questionnaire (DARVO-LF). There is also a short-form (18 items) DARVO Questionnaire (DARVO-SF) and a DARVO-USE Questionnaire. For these other versions of the DARVO Questionnaire see https://dynamic.uoregon.edu/jjf/DARVO.measures/

Reference for the long-form DARVO Questionnaire (DARVO-LF)

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Instructions: In this section, we are interested in learning more about confrontations. Please think of a time when you confronted someone who wronged you in some way. Some examples of being wronged include being cheated on in a relationship, being betrayed by a friend or family member, or being mistreated at your workplace.

In the box below, please **describe** this confrontation. Why did you confront this person? How did he or she react to your confrontation? How did you feel after the confrontation? Please describe this confrontation in the box below. Be sure to write **at least one whole paragraph** and to include details on **how** and **why** you confronted this person, **how he or she reacted** to the confrontation, and **how you felt** after the confrontation.

[text entry box]

For the remaining parts of this study, "the confrontation" and "the person you confronted" **refer to the situation you described in the box**. The "**incident**" refers to incident(s) that caused you to confront the other person. Please respond to the questions below about the confrontation you described in the box. We would like to know a few things about the person you confronted.

1. What was your relationship with the person you confronted?
☐ Parent or guardian
☐ Extended family member (e.g. uncle, aunt, cousin, grandparent)
☐ Friend or acquaintance
☐ Babysitter or nanny
☐ Husband, wife, or romantic partner
☐ Employer or boss
□ Coworker or other peer
☐ Teacher, coach, doctor, religious counselor, or other professional
□ Stranger
☐ Other (please specify):
Sex/gender of person you confronted

- 2. **Before** the incident, how close were you to the person you confronted? Not close at all Not very close Somewhat close Very close
- 3. **Before** the incident occurred, how much did you trust this person? Not trusted at all Not really trusted Somewhat trusted Trusted a lot

4. After the incident occurred, how much did you did trust this person?

Not trusted at all Not really trusted Somewhat trusted Trusted a lot

This section is concerned with things the person you confronted might have said to you around the time of the confrontation. Below are a series of statements. We want to know if the person you confronted said anything to you like the statements. Please rate how similar each statement is to what this person told you during or close to time of the confrontation. If you choose 1 for a particular statement, it means that the person you confronted did not say **anything at all** like the statement. If you choose 5, it means that the person you confronted said something **almost exactly** like the statement.

Did the person you confronted say anything like this to you? Please indicate your response for each sentence

below.

1.	"No one would	l believe you if y	ou said anything	about it"		
		1	2	3	4	5
	The person said	Not at all like	Somewhat like	Moderately	Very much like	Almost exactly
	something:	this	this	like this	this	like this
	-					
2.	"I take respons	sibility for what	happened"			
		1	2	3	4	5
	The person said	Not at all like	Somewhat like	Moderately	Very much like	Almost exactly
	something:	this	this	like this	this	like this
3.	"You are just v	vhining about it	,,			
		1	2	3	4	5
	The person said	Not at all like	Somewhat like	Moderately	Very much like	Almost exactly
	something:	this	this	like this	this	like this
4.	"I am the one v	who suffered the	most from it"			
		1	2	3	4	5
	The person said	Not at all like	Somewhat like	Moderately	•	•
	something:	this	this	like this	this	like this
5.	"I don't remer	nber it happenir	ng at all"			
		1	2	3	4	5
	The person said			Moderately	Very much like	•
	something:	this	this	like this	this	like this
6.	"You regret wh	hat you did and i	now you're blami	ing me"		
		1	2	3	4	5
	The person said	Not at all like	Somewhat like	Moderately	Very much like	Almost exactly

	something:	this	this	like this	this	like this
<i>7</i> .	"You're just tr	ying to make me				_
	The person said something:	1 Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
8.	"You really hi	ırt me with your	actions"	3	4	5
	The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	-	•	Almost exactly like this
9.	"You're just tr	ying to manipul	'ate me''			
	The person said something:	1 Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
10	. "I was just und	der stress"				
	The person said something:	1 Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
11	. "You should b	e apologizing to	me"			
		1	2	3	4	5
	The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	Moderately like this	Very much like this	Almost exactly like this
12	"You're imag	ining things"		_		_
	The person said something:	Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
13	. "You're just b					_
	The person said something:	l Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
14	. "Even though	you did this to n	ne, I'm still going	to try to be go		5
	The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this

15. "It wasn't as b	oad as you're mo	aking it sound" 2	3	4	5
The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	Moderately like this	•	Almost exactly like this
16. "I am still tryi	ng to forgive yo	u for what happer 2	ned"	4	5
The person said something:	Not at all like this		Moderately like this	Very much like this	-
17. "You're acting	g crazy"		_	·	_
The person said something:	l Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
18. "It's not worth	n talking about"	2	3	4	5
The person said something:	Not at all like this	_	Moderately like this	Very much like this	Č
19. "What I did to	you was terribl				
The person said something:	1 Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
20. "I understand	if you can't forg	give me"	3	4	5
The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	Moderately like this	•	Almost exactly like this
21. "I regret what	I did to you"				
The person said something:	1 Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
22. "I realize wha	t I did was wron	_	_	·	_
The person said something:	1 Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
23. "Whatever you	u're saying happ	pened wasn't my j	fault''		
	1	2	3	4	5

The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	Moderately like this	Very much like this	Almost exactly like this
24. "It could have	been a lot wors	e"			
	1	2	3	4	5
The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	Moderately like this	Very much like this	Almost exactly like this
25. "You're blowi	ng it out of prop	ortion"	3	4	5
The person said	1 Not at all like	Somewhat like	3 Moderately	Very much like	_
something:	this	this	like this	this	like this
26. "I made a miss	take"	2	3	4	5
The person said	Not at all like		Moderately <i>M</i>	Very much like	-
something:	this	this	like this	this	like this
27. "You're the or	ie who provoked	l me"			
	1	2	3	4	5
The person said			Moderately	Very much like	•
something:	this	this	like this	this	like this
28. "You're so uns	_	_			_
Tl	1	2	3 Madauntah	4 Vanna anna la 1:1-a	5
The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	Moderately like this	Very much like this	Almost exactly like this
29. "I am so sorry	for what I did"				
	1	2	3	4	5
The person said	Not at all like	Somewhat like	Moderately	Very much like	Almost exactly
something:	this	this	like this	this	like this
30. "You're bullyi	ing me''				
7F1 : 1	1	2	3	4	5
The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	Moderately like this	Very much like this	Almost exactly like this
31. "Why should I	trust anything y	you say?"	3	4	5
The person said	Not at all like	Somewhat like	s Moderately	Very much like	Almost exactly
something:	this	this	like this	this	like this

32. "Why are you	punishing me?'	, 2	3	4	5
The person said something:	Not at all like this		Moderately like this	Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
33. "You're not be	eing fair to me"	2	3	4	5
The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	Moderately like this	Very much like this	Almost exactly like this
34. "You're makin	ng it up for atten		3	4	E
The person said something:	Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	Moderately like this	Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
35. "You've alway	vs been a failure	_	2	4	<u>_</u>
The person said something:	Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
36. "Everyone kno	ows you're dysfu	ınctional anyway			
The person said something:	1 Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
37. "You have eve	ery right to be up	oset with me over	what happened	l'''	5
The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	Moderately like this	Very much like this	Č
38. "I'm the real s	victim here"	•		,	_
38. "I'm the real to The person said something:	victim here" 1 Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
The person said	1 Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	Moderately	Very much like	Almost exactly

40. "You treated r	ne worse than I	ever treated you'	3	4	5
The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	Moderately like this	Very much like this	Almost exactly like this
41. "What happen	ned was my fault		2		_
The person said something:	Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
42. "Nothing bad	happened"	_	_	·	_
The person said something:	l Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
43. "You pushed r	ne too far"				_
The person said something:	l Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
44. "You're a liar	,,,				
The person said something:	1 Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
45. "Everyone wil	ll think I'm a ter	rible person beca	use of your lies	_	_
The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
46. "What happen	ned was your fau	ılt"			
The person said something:	1 Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
47. "You hurt my	feelings when yo	ou accuse me of t			
The person said something:	1 Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
48. "I feel guilty o	over what I did to	o you"			
			3		5

The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	Moderately like this	Very much like this	Almost exactly like this
49. "Why are you	attacking me"	_			_
The person said something:	Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
50. "I've been not	hing but good to	you, why are yo	_		<i>-</i>
The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
51. "I apologize fo	or what happene				
The person said something:	1 Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
52. "If you weren	't acting the way	you were, this w	ouldn't have ev 3	ver happened"	5
The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this		Very much like this	•
53. "I am sorry fo	r how this may h	have affected you	"	4	5
The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	Moderately like this	Very much like this	-
54. "I don't know	what you're tali	king about"	3	4	5
The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	Moderately like this	Very much like this	Almost exactly like this
55. "I was out of c	control"				_
The person said something:	Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
56. "I wish I had i	never done that	•	2	4	-
The person said something:	Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this

57. "You are just of	exaggerating ho	w bad it was"	3	4	5
The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	Moderately like this	Very much like this	· ·
58. "That never he	appened"	•	2	,	_
The person said	l Not at all like	2 Somewhat like	3 Moderately	4 Very much like	5 Almost exactly
something:	this	this	like this	this	like this
59. "You're humil	iating me"				
	1	2	3	4	5
The person said	Not at all like	Somewhat like	Moderately	Very much like	•
something:	this	this	like this	this	like this
60. "You need hel	p ''				
	1	2	3	4	5
The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	Moderately like this	Very much like this	Almost exactly like this
61. "You're acting	g delusional" 1	2	3	4	5
The person said	Not at all like		Moderately	Very much like	Almost exactly
something:	this	this	like this	this	like this
62. "I am not resp	onsible for wha	t happened"			
_	1	2	3	4	5
The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	Moderately like this	Very much like this	Almost exactly like this
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63. "I shouldn't h	ave done that to	you" 2	3	4	5
The person said	Not at all like	Somewhat like	3 Moderately	Very much like	Almost exactly
something:	this	this	like this	this	like this
64. "There is no e.	xcuse for what I				_
The	1	2	3	4 V	5
The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	Moderately like this	Very much like this	Almost exactly like this

65. "I didn't do ar	nything wrong"	2	3	4	5
The person said something:	Not at all like this		Moderately like this	Very much like this	ū
66. "I was just dri	_	_			_
The person said something:	l Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
67. "I would never	r do something l	ike that"			_
The person said something:	I Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
68. "You didn't de	eserve what I dia	l to you" 2	3	4	5
The person said something:	Not at all like this	Somewhat like this	Moderately like this	Very much like this	Almost exactly like this
69. "It wasn't that	big of a deal"				
The person said something:	1 Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
70. "It was just a	misunderstandin	g"			
The person said something:	1 Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
71. "I can't believ	e you're trying i	to make this my fo			_
The person said something:	1 Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this
72. "You're remen	nbering it incori				_
The person said something:	1 Not at all like this	2 Somewhat like this	3 Moderately like this	4 Very much like this	5 Almost exactly like this

Did the person you confronted say anything to you that stood out *that was not included in the above statements*? If so, please briefly describe what the person you confronted said to you:

If the person you confronted tried to apologize during the confrontation, do you believe it was a sincere apology? Yes No Not sure The person I confronted did not try to apologize
We are interested in how well you think this confrontation went. Please indicate your answer below. ☐ Not well at all ☐ Not very well
□ Somewhat well □ Very well
At the time, how did you feel about the confrontation? (check as many as apply) □ Don't know
□ Negative
□ Positive
□ Neutral
\Box Confused
□ Fear
□ Shame
□ Betrayed
□ Happy
□ Other
How do you feel about the confrontation <i>now</i> ? (check as many as apply)
□ Don't know
□ Negative
□ Positive
□ Neutral
□ Fear
□ Shame
□ Betrayed
□ Happy
□ Angry
Other

DARVO Questionnaire Item Categorization

Deny	Attack	Reverse
I don't remember it happening at all	No one would believe you if you said anything about it	I am the one who suffered the most from it
I was just under stress	You are just whining about it	You really hurt me with your actions
It wasn't as bad as you're making it sound	You regret what you did and now you're blaming me	You should be apologizing to me
It's not worth talking about	You're just trying to make me look bad	Even though you did this to me, I'm still going to try to be good to you
Whatever you're saying happened wasn't my fault	You're just trying to manipulate me	I am still trying to forgive you for what happened
It could have been a lot worse	You're imagining things	You're the one who provoked me
Nothing bad happened	You're just being hypersensitive about it	You're bullying me
I don't know what you're talking about	You're acting crazy	Why are you punishing me?
You are just exaggerating how bad it was	You're acting delusional	You're not being fair to me
That never happened	You're so unstable	I'm the real victim here
I am not responsible for what happened	Why should I trust anything you say?	You treated me worse than I ever treated you
I didn't do anything wrong	You're making it up for attention	You pushed me too far
I was just drunk	You've always been a failure	Everyone will think I'm a terrible person because of your lies
I would never do something like that	Everyone knows you're dysfunctional anyway	You're humiliating me
It wasn't that big of a deal	You're a liar	You hurt my feelings when you accuse me of that
It was just a misunderstanding	If you weren't acting the way you were, this wouldn't have ever happened	Why are you attacking me
You're blowing it out of proportion	You need help	I've been nothing but good to you, why are you treating me like this?
You're remembering it incorrectly	What happened was your fault	I can't believe you're trying to make this my fault

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