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9 in 10 Adults Say Family Violence is a Much Bigger Problem than Most People Think

NATIONAL – Nine in ten adults (92 percent) say that family violence is a much bigger problem than most people think, and 89 percent regard it as a form of domestic terrorism. A new survey conducted for *Family Circle* and Lifetime Television finds that nine in ten Americans say that verbal abuse can do as much damage as physical abuse, and that a husband who forces himself on his wife is guilty of rape. It also finds that Americans are as concerned about elder abuse as child abuse. The survey of 1,013 adults was conducted in March; the June 14 issue of *Family Circle* contains the findings and are also at <http://www.familycircle.com/home/homepage.jsp>.