Sometimes We Wonder

Take a moment and reflect on the following statements. Mark T, F or M (maybe) on the line next to the statement if you find it true, false or true some of the time.

\_\_\_ 1. Most of the time reports of domestic violence are overblown.

\_\_\_ 2. Victims provoke the violence. If she acted right none of this would happen.

\_\_\_ 3. When a woman claims to be a victim of domestic violence but doesn’t leave, it tells me that she is exaggerating how bad it is, or perhaps is just making it up.

\_\_\_ 4. As long as children are not being abused themselves, they are ok to stay in a home where abuse is present if it is infrequent. They often may not even be aware of the abuse.

\_\_\_ 5. Alcohol and drugs, along with poor social skills or anger management problems are main contributors to family violence.

\_\_\_ 6. Domestic violence is often a disagreement that got out of control.

\_\_\_ 7. Domestic violence doesn’t affect my world. It happens in other neighborhoods to people that are different from me.

\_\_\_ 8. As long as a woman’s partner doesn’t hit her she is not a victim of domestic abuse.

\_\_\_ 9. There can be good times in a relationship where domestic violence is present.

\_\_\_ 10. Domestic violence generally escalates over time.

\_\_\_ 11. There are many good reasons why women find it difficult leave abusive relationships.

\_\_\_ 12. Domestic violence is a learned behavior, often affecting multiple generations.

\_\_\_ 13. Domestic violence is a relatively new problem caused by our current social environment.

\_\_\_ 14. Pregnancy provides some protection from battering, even in couples which have a history of domestic violence in their relationship.