Perceptions of paternal resemblance predict family violence

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Attempts to investigate:
- Relationship between paternal resemblance
- Spousal abuse
- Child abuse among convicted spouse abusers
**Hypothesis**

- Attempting to find:
- Men’s paternal resemblance to their children will reflect the level of both the child and spousal abuse (biological children vs. stepchildren)
The paternal resemblance correlates to abusive behavior of spouse and child.
Operational Definition

- Survey: demographics of race, religion, marital status, & incomes
- Respond to an Abusive Behavior Inventory Questionnaire to distinguish between abusive/non-abusive
Quasi-Experimental or not?

!!!!!!!Quasi-Experimental!!!!!!!

(Correlation Study)
SUBJECTS

55 men convicted of spousal abuse referred by the Men’s Opportunity Program at Adirondack Samaritan Counseling Center in Glens Falls, New York
SCALE OF MEASUREMENT

Interval:

Since used surveys and the Abusive Behavior Inventory
What did I think of the Study?

Seeing that this was a correlational study, it had little to argue about.

Keep in mind this is NOT a cause and effect experiment, rather an interpretation of paternal resemblance and child and spouse abuse.
RESULTS

Paternal relationships biologically related, were significantly better than relationships with unrelated children.
Did the Operational Def. -> Theoretical Construct?

Yes –

- Survey
- Abuse Behavior Inventory
  Questionnaire
THE END