

**TABLE 8.6** Shock Levels and the Learner's Schedule of Protests in one of Milgram's Studies of Obedience to Authority

| Learner's Scripted Remarks     |  | Number of Participants Who Stopped |
|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| <b>SLIGHT SHOCK</b>            |  |                                    |
| 15 volts                       |  |                                    |
| 30 volts                       |  |                                    |
| 45 volts                       |  |                                    |
| 60 volts                       |  |                                    |
| <b>MODERATE SHOCK</b>          |  |                                    |
| 75 volts                       | Ugh!   |                                    |
| 90 volts                       | Ugh!   | 1                                  |
| 105 volts                      | Ugh! ( <i>Louder</i> )   |                                    |
| 120 volts                      | Ugh!! Hey, <i>this</i> really hurts.   |                                    |
| <b>STRONG SHOCK</b>            |  |                                    |
| 135 volts                      | Ugh!!  |                                    |
| 150 volts                      | Ugh!!! Experimenter! That's all. Get me out of here. I told you I had heart trouble. My heart's starting to bother me now. Get me out of here, please. My heart's starting to bother me. I refuse to go on. Let me out.  | 6                                  |
| 165 volts                      | Ugh! Let me out! ( <i>Shouting</i> )   |                                    |
| 180 volts                      | Ugh! I can't stand the pain. Let me out of here! ( <i>Shouting</i> )   | 1                                  |
| <b>VERY STRONG SHOCK</b>       |  |                                    |
| 195 volts                      | Ugh! Let me out of here. Let me out of here. My heart's bothering me. You have no right to keep me here! Let me out! Let me out of here! Let me out! Let me out of here! My heart's bothering me. Let me out! Let me out!  |                                    |
| 210 volts                      | Ugh! Experimenter! Get me out of here. I've had enough. I won't be in the experiment anymore.  |                                    |
| 225 volts                      | Ugh!   |                                    |
| 240 volts                      | Ugh!   |                                    |
| <b>INTENSE SHOCK</b>           |  |                                    |
| 255 volts                      | Ugh! Get me out of here.   |                                    |
| 270 volts                      | ( <i>Agonized scream</i> ) Let me out of here. Let me out of here. Let me out. Do you hear? Let me out of here.  | 2                                  |
| 285 volts                      | ( <i>Agonized scream</i> )   |                                    |
| 300 volts                      | ( <i>Agonized scream</i> ) I absolutely refuse to answer anymore. Get me out of here. You can't hold me here. Get me out. Get me out of here.  | 1                                  |
| <b>EXTREME INTENSITY SHOCK</b> |  |                                    |
| 315 volts                      | ( <i>Intensely agonized scream</i> ) I told you I refuse to answer. I'm no longer part of this experiment.   | 1                                  |
| 330 volts                      | ( <i>Intense and prolonged agonized scream</i> ) Let me out of here. Let me out of here. My heart's bothering me. Let me out, I tell you. ( <i>Hysterically</i> ) Let me out of here. Let me out of here. You have no right to hold me here. Let me out! Let me out! Let me out! Let me out of here! Let me out! Let me out! | 1                                  |
| 345 volts                      | ( <i>Silence</i> )   |                                    |
| 360 volts                      | ( <i>Silence</i> )   |                                    |
| <b>DANGER: SEVERE SHOCK</b>    |  |                                    |
| 375 volts                      | ( <i>Silence</i> )   | 1                                  |
| 390 volts                      | ( <i>Silence</i> )   |                                    |
| 405 volts                      | ( <i>Silence</i> )   |                                    |
| 420 volts                      | ( <i>Silence</i> )   |                                    |
| <b>XXX</b>                     |  |                                    |
| 435 volts                      | ( <i>Silence</i> )   |                                    |
| 450 volts                      | ( <i>Silence</i> )   | 26                                 |

Source: Milgram (1974, Experiment 5, pp. 56–57).