Possible Signs of Emotional Abuse

Signs of Emotional Abuse	Past	Present
Making a person feel worthless		
Having blame put on you for others mistakes		
Minimizing the other's point of view		
Threatening or hinting of physical or sexual abuse		
Going into a fit of rage or anger		
Failing to fulfill commitments or promises made or implied		
Lying to avoid responsibility for the truth		
Refusing to acknowledge the other person's feelings		
Verbally or physically humiliating the other person through inappropriate gestures, comments, or "jokes"		
Using shame or guilt to manipulate the actions of another		
Not allowing the other person to articulate his or her feelings		
Denying another access to his or her personal possessions or pets		
Withholding financial resources		
Refusing to communicate with the other person—the silent treatment		
Extreme range of moods		
Conditional agreements in which conditions keep changing to avoid fulfilling the agreement		
Using a hostile or sarcastic tone of voice with the other person		
Being critical of each action, thought, or remark of another		
Viewing others as a part of that person's own personality as opposed to individuals with their own thoughts, feelings, and opinions		
Belittling, humiliating, marginalizing, and/or ignoring another		