

**Conceptualizing and Measuring “Healthy Marriages”
For Empirical Research and Evaluation Studies:
A Compendium of Measures- Part I
(Task One)**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

Marriage and couple relationships represent a long-term research focus and are measured in numerous national data bases. One of the goals of the Healthy Marriages study is to inform current discussions regarding marriage by addressing the *measurement* of aspects of the quality of healthy marital relationships. Attempts to measure aspects of the quality of marital relationships began more than 50 years ago, and measures continue to be developed and refined. This compendium represents a compilation of existing measures/tools used in many large scale and smaller scale studies designed to measure couple relationships across a broad range of categories. This compendium is just one of several products of the Healthy Marriages project.

This compendium is divided into two parts. This volume contains Part One. **Part One** contains measures of marriage from 24 nationally representative databases or small-scale studies, and from recent studies of marriage interventions. The measures identified cover a wide range of topics. We chose the databases that are the most current and relevant to healthy marriage and relationships. The list of studies from which measures have been identified is not an exhaustive list, but rather a representation of the type and quality of measures that have been previously used. It is intended to serve as a useful tool in the development of measures for future studies.

Data Sets Included in Part One of this Compendium

The following studies are the ones from which measures of marriage have been collected for Part One of this compendium:

- The Current Population Survey (CPS)
- Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort (ECLS-B)
- Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Cohort (ECLS-K)
- Early Head Start (EHS)
- The Fragile Families and Child Well-being Study (Fragile Families)
- The General Social Survey (GSS)
- The Marital Instability Over the Life Course Survey
- Monitoring the Future
- The National Family Violence Survey, 1985
- The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health)
- The National Longitudinal Survey of Labor Market Experience of Youth
- The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1979 (NLSY79)
- The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 (NLSY97)
- The National Study of Black Americans (NSBA)
- The National Survey of Children (NSC)
- The National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG)
- National Survey of Families and Households (NSFH)
- The Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Baseline Survey (OMI)
- Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID)
- The Questionnaire for Couples in Stepfamilies (QCS)
- RELATE
- From Prison to Home: The Dimensions and Consequences of Prisoner Reentry (Returning Home)
- The Study of American Families, 1994 (SAF)
- The Survey of Program Dynamics (SPD)

Domains Covered in Part One of this Compendium

Part One of the compendium contains measures in the following domains:

- Relationship/Marital History
- Relationship/Marital Status
- Living Arrangements
- Plans for Marriage
- Attitudes to Marriage
- Marriage and Pregnancy
- Relationship Quality
- Shared Activities
- Relationship/Marital Conflict
- Relationship Violence
- Separation and Divorce
- Gender Roles
- Relationship Counseling
- Marriage Preparation
- Marriage and Family of Origin
- Marital Support
- Marriage and the Utilization of Government Services
- Sexual Intimacy
- Interracial Marriage
- Attitudes to Marriage and Schooling
- Attitudes to Marriage and Work
- Marriage and Religion

How to use Part One of this Compendium

Part One of the Healthy Marriages compendium might be considered a “one-stop shop” for information on measures and constructs of marriage derived from a variety of large and smaller scale surveys. The compendium includes a *grid* that summarizes the measures used in the identified studies (see accompanying *Table 1: Construct Grid on Measures of Marriage Used in Large and Smaller Scale Studies*). Section 1 of the compendium allows the user to quickly access information in a more detailed form on constructs of marriage.

The user can easily select a domain of interest and obtain information on the survey in which it has been used. The marriage domains are in the top row of the grid, and the specific study in which it has been used, identified below. The columns that correspond to each domain indicate the national study in which the construct has been used. The compendium is organized according to these national studies and their various domains. Users should refer to the grid relating to their domain of interest and this will guide them to particular studies. The Table of Contents reports where that database is described. The actual wording of the questions that were used in surveys is provided in the text.

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Current Population Survey- Fertility and Marital History Supplement

The Current Population Survey (CPS) is a monthly survey conducted by the Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics to provide the primary source of information about U.S. labor force characteristics. Approximately 50,000 households that represent the civilian noninstitutional population of the U.S. are interviewed each month. The CPS collects data on topics such as employment, unemployment, earnings, and hours of work for individuals aged 15 and older. Data is available on a variety of characteristics such as age, sex, race, marital status, educational attainment, occupation, industry, and class of worker. CPS often produces supplemental questions to provide estimates on topics including school enrollment, income, previous work experience, health, employee benefits, and work schedules.

<http://www.bls.census.gov/cps/cpsmain.htm>

<http://www.census.gov/aprd/techdoc/cps/>

Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital History

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: SB1, SB3
Study: CPS Fertility and Marital History Supplement

How many times (have/has) (name/you) been married?

- One
- Two
- Three
- Four or more

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: SB2, SB4b, SB6b
Study: CPS Fertility and Marital History Supplement

Did (name's/your) (first/second/third/last) marriage end in widowhood or divorce?

- Widowhood
- Divorce

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: SB4, SB5a, SB6a, SB6c, SC4
Study: CPS Fertility and Marital History Supplement

In what month and year did (name/you) get married for the (first/second/third/last) time?

- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October
- November
- December
- Enter Month_____
- Year 1942-1995
- Enter year_____

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: SB4c, SC5
Study: CPS Fertility and Marital History Supplement

In what month and year did (You/name's) (first/second/last) marriage end in (widowhood/divorce)?

- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October
- November
- December
- Enter Month_____
- Year 1942-1995
- Enter year_____

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: SB4d, SB5d, SB6d, SC6
Study: CPS Fertility and Marital History Supplement

In what month and year did (name/you) actually stop living with (your/his/her) (first/second/third) spouse?

- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October
- November
- December
- Enter Month_____
- Year 1942-1995
- Enter year_____

Construct: Relationship/Marital History

Question #: SC6

Study: CPS Fertility and Marital History Supplement

In what month and year did (name/you) actually stop living with (your/his/her) (spouse/last spouse)?

January

February

March

April

May

June

July

August

September

October

November

December

Enter Month_____

Year 1942-1995

Enter year_____

The Early Childhood Longitudinal Study- Birth Cohort

The Birth Cohort of the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study examines the health, development, education, and care of a nationally representative sample of approximately 13,500 children that were born in 2001. Parents, teachers, and caretakers provide information on child development across social, emotional, cognitive, and physical domains. An observational study is being conducted for a subsample of children as well. Data are collected when the children are nine months (2001-2002), 24-months (2003), 48-months (2005), and in kindergarten (2006-2007), and first grade (2007-2008).

<http://nces.ed.gov/ecls/Birth/studybrief.asp>

Topics Covered:

- Relationship Quality
- Shared Activities
- Relationship/Marital Conflict

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: BF090 (24 Month Parent Questionnaire)
Study: Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort (ECLS-B): 24 Month Survey

How often do you talk about {CHILD} {and {TWIN}} with {his/her/their} father?
Would you say...

1. Daily,
 2. Several times a week,
 3. About once a week,
 4. A few times a month,
 5. Several times a year,
 6. Once or twice in {CHILD} {and {TWIN}}'s life, or
 7. Not at all?
- REFUSED
DON'T KNOW

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: MH067(9 Month Parent Questionnaire), BF098 (24 Month Parent Questionnaire), Q25 (24 Month Resident Father Questionnaire), BF096 (48 Month Parent Interview)
Study: Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 9 Month Survey
Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 24 Month Survey
Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 48 Month Survey

Which of the following statements best describes your current relationship with {CHILD}{and{TWIN}}'s biological father?

1. We generally get along pretty well,
 2. We don't get along too well,
 3. We fight a lot and do not get along well. Or
 4. We avoid seeing each other.
- REFUSED
DON'T KNOW

- Construct:** Relationship Quality
Question #: Q1 (9 Month Self-Administered Questionnaire, 24 Month Parent Self Administered Questionnaire), Q25 (9 Month Non-Resident Father Questionnaire), Q22 (24 Month Resident Father Questionnaire), MH020 (48 Month Parent Interview)
Study: Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 9 Month Survey
 Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 24 Month Survey
 Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 48 Month Survey

Would you say that your marriage or relationship is...

Mark (x) one response

- Very happy
- Fairly happy
- Not too happy

- Construct:** Relationship Quality
Question #: Q2 (24 Month Parent Self Administered Questionnaire), Q23 (24 Month Resident Father Questionnaire), MH035 (48 Month Parent Interview)
Study: Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 24 Month Survey
 Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 48 Month Survey

How often do you and your spouse/partner do the following things? Would you say almost every day, once or twice a week, once or twice a month, or less often?

For each item, mark (x) one response

	Almost Every Day	Once or twice a week	Once or twice a month	Less often
a. Talk to each other about your day?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Laugh together?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Calmly discuss something?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Work together on a project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Talk about things that interest you both?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: Q13 (9 Month Non Resident Father Questionnaire), Q23 (24 Month Non-Resident Father Questionnaire)
Study: Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 24 Month Survey
Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 9 Month Survey

Which of the following statements best describes your current relationship with the child's mother?

Mark (x) one

- We generally get along pretty well.
- We don't get along too well.
- We fight a lot and do not get along well.
- We avoid seeing each other.

Construct: Shared Activities
Question #: Q88 (9 Month Resident Father Questionnaire), CS015 (24 Month Parent Questionnaire)
Study: Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 9 Month Survey
Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 24 Month Survey

Since {CHILD}{and {TWIN}} {began living with you/{was/were} born}, how often do you {and {NAME OF SPOUSE/PARTNER}} get together socially with friends or neighbors? Would you say...

- 0. Never,
- 1. Less than once a month,
- 2. About once or twice a month,
- 3. About once a week, or
- 4. Several times a week?
- REFUSED
- DON'T KNOW

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict

Question #: Q14a-f (9 Month Non-Resident Father Questionnaire), BF096a-f (24 Month Parent Questionnaire), Q24a-f (24 Month Non-Resident Father Questionnaire), Q15a-f (48 Month Non Resident Father Self-Administered Questionnaire)

Study: Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 9 Month Survey
 Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 24 Month Survey
 Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 48 Month Survey

I am going to read you a list of issues that you and your child's mother may have disagreements about. For each one, please tell me if you have none, some, or a great deal of disagreement.

For each item, mark (x) one response

	None	Some	A great deal
a. How the child is raised?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. How you spend money on the child	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. How the child's mother spends money on the child	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. How much time you spend with the Child	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Your financial contribution to the child's support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Where the child lives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Construct:** Relationship/Marital Conflict
- Question #:** Q13a-f (9 Month Non-Resident Father Questionnaire), Q25a-f (24 Month Non-Resident Father), BF097a-f (24 Month Parent Questionnaire, 48 Month Parent Interview), Q4a-f (24 Month Parent Self-Administered Questionnaire), MH030 (48 Month Parent Questionnaire), Q16 (48 Month Non-Resident Father Self-Administered Questionnaire)
- Study:** Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 9 Month Survey
 Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 24 Month Survey
 Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 48 Month Survey

People deal with serious disagreements in different ways. When you have a serious disagreement with your child’s mother, how often do you...

For each item, mark (x) one response

	Often	Some- Times	Hardly ever	Never
a. Just keep your opinions to yourself?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Discuss your disagreements calmly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Argue heatedly or shout at each other?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. End up hitting or throwing things at each other?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Reach a compromise?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Criticize each other?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Construct:** Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: Q2 (9 Month Self-Administered Questionnaire), 26 (9 Month Resident Father Questionnaire), Q3 (24 Month Parent Self Administered Questionnaire), Q24 (24 Month Resident Father Questionnaire), MH025 (48 Month Parent Interview)
Study: Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 9 Month Survey
 Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 24 Month Survey
 Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 48 Month Survey

Do you and your spouse/partner often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never have arguments about...

For each item, mark (x) one response

	Often	Some- Times	Hardly ever	Never
a. Chores and responsibilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Your child(ren)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Money?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Not showing love and affection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Sex?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Religion?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Leisure time?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Drinking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Other women or men?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. In-laws?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- Construct:** Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: Q5 (24 Month Parent Self Administered Questionnaire)
Study: Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 24 Month Survey

Some people are afraid that their spouse or partner will hit them if they argue with him/her or do something he/she doesn't like. How much would you say you are afraid of this? Would you say...

Mark (x) one response

- Not at all
- A little
- Quite a bit
- Very afraid

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: Q6 (24 Month Parent Self Administered Questionnaire)
Study: Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort : 24 Month Survey

Since your child was about nine months old, have you been physically abused? (Physical abuse means pushing, hitting, slapping, kicking, or any other way of physically hurting someone.)

- Yes
- No

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: Q7 (24 Month Parent Self Administered Questionnaire)
Study: Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort: 24 Month Survey

Since your child was about nine months old, did any of these people physically abuse you?

Mark (x) all that apply

- My spouse or partner
- A family or household member other than my spouse of partner
- A friend
- Someone else

The Early Childhood Longitudinal Study- Kindergarten Cohort (ECLS-K)

The Kindergarten Cohort of the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study (ECLS-K) examines the social, emotional, cognitive, and physical well being of a nationally representative sample of approximately 22,000 children from kindergarten through the fifth grade. Parents, teachers, and caretakers provide information about the children's home and school environments. Data is collected in the fall and the spring of kindergarten (1998-99) and first grade (1999-2000), and the spring of third grade (2002) and fifth grade (2004).

<http://nces.ed.gov/ecls/kindergarten/studybrief.asp>

Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital History
- Relationship Quality
- Shared Activities
- Relationship/Marital Conflict

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: SPQ150 (Kindergarten Questionnaires - Spring Parent Questionnaire)
MHQ020, MHQ060, MHQ080, MHQ100, MHQ120, MHQ160 (Kindergarten
Questionnaires – Fall Parent Questionnaire)
Study: Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Cohort (ECLS-K)

When (Child) was born, were (his/her) biological mother and biological father married?
Yes
No
Don't know
Refused

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: SPQ200
Study: Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Cohort (ECLS-K)

Are you currently married, separated, divorced, widowed, or have you never been
married?
Married
Separated
Divorced
Widowed
Never Married
Don't know
Refused

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: CFQ100
Study: Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Cohort (ECLS-K)

Would you say that your relationship (with your current partner) is...
Very happy
Fairly happy
Not too happy

Construct: Shared Activities
Question #: CFQ106 – CFQ114
Study: Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Cohort (ECLS-K)

About how often do you and (name of current partner) do the following things?

	<u>Almost everyday</u>	<u>Once or twice a week</u>	<u>Once to twice a month</u>	<u>Less often</u>
Tell each other about troubles after a bad day?				
Laugh together?				
Calmly discuss something?				
Work together on a project?				
Have a stimulating exchange of ideas?				

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: CFQ140 – CFQ230
Study: Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Cohort (ECLS-K)

Do you and (name of current partner) often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never have arguments about...

	<u>Often</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Hardly ever</u>	<u>Never</u>
Chores and responsibilities?				
Your (child/children)?				
Money?				
Not showing love and affection?				
Being too tired for sex?				
Religion?				
Leisure time?				
Drinking?				
Other women or men?				
In-laws?				

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict

Question #: CFQ240-270

Study: Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Cohort (ECLS-K)

There are various ways that couples deal with serious disagreements. When you have a serious disagreement with (Name of current partner), how often do you:

	<u>O</u> ften	<u>S</u> ometimes	<u>H</u> ardly Ever	<u>N</u> ever
Just keep your opinions to yourself?				
Discuss your disagreements calmly?				
Argue heatedly or shout at each other?				
End up hitting or throwing things at each other?				

Early Head Start (EHS)

The Early Head Start Evaluation (EHS) examines approximately 3,000 families in seventeen Early Head Start Programs from 1996 to 1999. It examines the impacts of Early Head Start programs on a broad array of child and family outcomes. The study involves child assessments when the children are 14 months, 24 months, and 36 months of age as well as measures service utilization 6, 15, and 24 months after enrollment in the program. The study is being conducted in seventeen locations and include: Russellville, AK; Venice, CA; Denver, CO (two programs); Marshalltown, IA; Kansas City, KS; Jackson, MI; New York City; Kansas City, MO; Pittsburgh, PA; Sumter, SC; McKenzie, TN; Logan, UT; Alexandria, VA; Kent, WA; Sunnyside, WA; and Brattleboro, VT. <http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/3rdLevel/ehsover.htm>

Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital Status
- Relationship Quality
- Relationship/Marital Conflict

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: 2.1A (1 Month, 6 Month, 14 Month, 24 Month, 36 Month Surveys)
Study: Early Head Start (EHS): Father Interviews

Are you currently married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

1. Married
2. Widowed
3. Divorced
4. Separated
5. Never married

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: 2.1B (1 Month, 6 Month, 14 Month, 24 Month, 36 Month Surveys)
Study: Early Head Start (EHS): Father Interviews

Are you (married to/widowed from/divorced from/separated from) (child's) mother or someone else?

1. Focus child's mother
2. Someone else
3. Both (Volunteered)

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 4.11 (6 Month Survey), 4.12 (36 Month Survey), 5.5 (1 Month Survey), (Parts B and C are 4.12 and 4.13 in the 24 Month Survey but the rest of the scale is not found in that survey)
Study: Early Head Start (EHS): Father Interviews

In general, would you say your relationship(s) with (PERSON) (is/are) excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	N/A
a. (Child's) mother						
b. (Mother's) adult female relatives						
c. (Mother's) adult male relatives						
d. (Mother's) friends						
e. Your adult female relatives						
f. Your adult male relatives						

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 4.12 (6 Month Survey), 4.13 (36 Month Survey), 5.6 (1 Month Survey)
Study: Early Head Start (EHS): Father Interviews

In general would you say that (PERSONS) are very supportive of your being a (father/father figure) to (CHILD), are somewhat supportive, do not care one way or the other, or try to prevent you from having a relationship with (CHILD)?

	Very Supportive	Somewhat Supportive	Do Not Care	Try to Prevent You
a. (Child's) mother				
b. (Mother's) adult female relatives				
c. (Mother's) adult male relatives				
d. (Mother's) friends				
e. Your adult female relatives				
f. Your adult male relatives				
g. Your friends				

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 4.15 (6 Month Survey)
Study: Early Head Start (EHS): Father Interviews

Now please tell me about whether you agree or disagree with the following statements. Please think about how your relationship is right now. (READ ITEM)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Don't Know	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. My (spouse/partner) listens to me when I need someone to talk to.					
b. I can state my feelings without her getting defensive.					
c. I often feel distant from my (spouse/partner).					
d. My (spouse/partner) can really understand my hurts and joys.					
e. I feel neglected at times by my (spouse/partner).					

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict

Question #: 4.8 (6 Month, 14 Month, 24 Month, 36 Month Surveys), 5.1 and 5.2A (1 Month, 3 Month Surveys)

Study: Early Head Start (EHS): Father Interviews

I'm going to read you a list of issues that you and (mother) may have disagreements about. For each one, please tell me if you had none, some, or a great deal of disagreement. How much disagreement do you have about (ITEM)?

	None	Some	A Great Deal
a. How (child) is raised? Is it...			
b. How you spend money on (child)? Is it...			
c. How (mother) spends money on (child)? Is it...			
d. How much time you spend with (child)? Is it...			
e. Your financial contribution to (child)'s support? Is it...			
f. How much disagreement do you have about where (child) lives? Is it...			

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict

Question #: 4.15 (36 Month Survey), 4.16 (6 Month Survey)

Study: Early Head Start (EHS): Father Interviews

I'm going to read you some statements about how the people who live with you get along and settle arguments. For each statement, please tell me if you strongly agree, mildly agree, mildly disagree, or strongly disagree with it for your household. (READ ITEM)

	Strongly Agree	Mildly Agree	Don't Know	Mildly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
a. We fight a lot					
b. We hardly ever lose our tempers					
c. We sometimes get so angry we throw things					
d. We often criticize each other					
e. We sometimes hit each other					

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict

Question #: 4.9 (6 Month, 14 Month, 24 Month, 36 Month Surveys), 5.3 (1 Month, 3 Month Surveys)

Study: Early Head Start (EHS): Father Interviews

There are various ways that people deal with serious disagreements. When you have a serious disagreement with (MOTHER), how often do you (ITEM)?

	Always	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Very Often
a. Just keep your opinions to yourself?					
b. Discuss your disagreements calmly?					
c. Argue heatedly or shout at each other?					

The Fragile Families and Child Well-being Study

The Fragile Families Study examines a birth cohort of primarily unmarried parents beginning with the birth of their first child. The study is intended to examine non-marital childbearing, welfare reform, and the role of fathers through baseline interviews and follow-ups over a period of five years when the child is age 1, age 3, and age 5. The birth cohort is composed of 3,600 unmarried couples and 1,100 married couples who are representative of families in the following cities: Austin, TX; Baltimore, MD; Boston, MA; Chicago, IL; Corpus Christi, TX; Detroit, MI; Indianapolis, IN; Jacksonville, FL; Milwaukee, WI; Nashville, TN; Newark, NJ; New York, NY; Norfolk, VA; Philadelphia, PA; Pittsburgh, PA; San Antonio, TX; San Jose, CA; and Toledo, OH.

<http://crcw.princeton.edu/fragilefamilies/index.asp>

Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital Status
- Living Arrangements
- Plans for Marriage
- Attitude to Marriage
- Marriage and Pregnancy
- Relationship Quality
- Shared Activities
- Relationship/ Marital Conflict
- Gender Roles
- Relationship Counseling

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: Baseline Survey (Father’s Survey) B1
Baseline Survey (Mother’s Survey) B1
Study: Fragile Families

Now I’d like to ask you some questions about your relationship with [X]. How long did you know each other before [X] got pregnant?

Years _____
Months _____

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: Baseline Survey (Father’s Survey) B2
Baseline Survey (Mother’s Survey) A4, B2
Study: Fragile Families

Are you currently married to the mother/father of your new baby?

Yes, Married..... 1
No, Not Married.2

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: Baseline Survey (Father’s Survey) B3
Baseline Survey (Mother’s Survey) B3
Study: Fragile Families

Which of the following statements best describes your current relationship with [Baby’s Mother/Father]?

We are romantically involved
on a steady basis..... 1
We are involved in an on-again
and off-again relationship..... 2
We are just friends..... 3
We hardly ever talk to each other... 4
We never talk to each other..... 5

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: Baseline Survey (Father’s Survey) B4
 Baseline Survey (Mother’s Survey) B4
 One-Year Follow-Up Father’s Survey A8
 One-Year Follow-Up Mother’s Survey A9
 Three-Year Follow-Up Father’s Survey A8B
 Three-Year follow-up Mother’s Survey A8B
Study: Fragile Families

Why did your romantic relationship/marriage with [Baby’s Mother/Father] end?

- (Circle All That Apply)**
- Financial reasons (don’t have work, money)..... 1
 - Distance (don’t live in same town)..... 2
 - Incarceration..... 3
 - Relationship reasons (don’t get along,
 too young, not in love, not mature enough,
 just friends, don’t know each other
 well enough, too different)..... 4
 - Drug problem..... 5
 - Violence, abuse..... 6
 - Other, specify..... 7

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: One-Year Follow-Up Father’s Survey E2
 Three-Year Follow-Up Father’s Survey E2
 Three-Year Follow-Up Mother’s Survey E2
Study: Fragile Families

Are you current involved in a romantic relationship with someone other than (Mother/Father)?

- Yes..... 1
- No 0

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: Three-Year Follow-Up Father’s Survey A4(1)
 Three-Year follow-up Mother’s Survey A4(1)
Study: Fragile Families

Would you say you are romantically involved on a steady basis, or are you in an on-again - off-again relationship?

- Steady..... 1
- On-Again, Off-Again. 2

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: Baseline Survey (Father’s Survey) B8
 Baseline Survey (Mother’s Survey) B8
Study: Fragile Families

Are you and [Baby’s Mother/Father] living together now?

- YES..... 1
- NO..... 2

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: One-Year Follow-Up Father’s Survey A7B1
 One-Year Follow-Up Mother’s Survey A8B1
 Three-Year Follow-Up Father’s Survey A6A
 Three-Year Follow-Up Father’s Survey E2E
 Three-Year follow-up Mother’s Survey A6A
 Three-Year Follow-Up Mother’s Survey E2E
Study: Fragile Families

When did you and (Mother/Father/Current Partner) start living together?

|_|_| / |_|_|_|_|
 Month Year

Construct: Plans for Marriage
Question #: Baseline Survey (Father’s Survey) B9
 Baseline Survey (Mother’s Survey) B9
Study: Fragile Families

Do you and [Baby’s Mother/Father] have plans to live together or marry in the future?

- YES..... 1
- NO..... 2

Construct: Plans for Marriage
Question #: Baseline Survey (Father’s Survey) B14
 Baseline Survey (Mother’s Survey) B14
 One-Year Follow-Up Father’s Survey A7D1
 One-Year Follow-Up Mother’s Survey A8D1
Study: Fragile Families

What do you think the chances are that you will marry [Baby’s Mother/Father] in the future?

- No Chance..... 1
- A little chance..... 2
- A 50-50 chance..... 3
- A pretty good chance, or..... 4
- An almost certain chance..... 5

Construct: Plans for Marriage
Question #: Baseline Survey (Father’s Survey) B9A
 Baseline Survey (Mother’s Survey) B9A
Study: Fragile Families

What are the reasons you and [Baby’s Mother/Father] are not planning to live together (or get married)? **(Circle All That Apply)**

- No need to marry (already a couple, just like married, don’t approve of marriage)..... 1
- Timing problem (haven’t set a date, waiting for baby, for divorce, for graduation, planning wedding)..... 2
- Financial reasons (don’t have work, money, can’t afford wedding)..... 3
- Distance (don’t live in same town)..... 4
- Incarceration..... 5
- Housing reasons (no place to live)..... 6
- Relationship reasons (don’t get along, too young, not in love, not mature enough, just friends, don’t know each other well enough, too different)..... 7
- Drug problem..... 8
- Violence, abuse..... 9
- Haven’t talked about it (no reason, don’t know)..... 10
- Other, specify..... 11

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: Baseline Survey (Father’s Survey) B15A-F, B24A-F
 Baseline Survey (Mother’s Survey) B15A-F, B24A-F
Study: Fragile Families

For each of the following areas, please tell me how you think your life might be different if you were married to [Baby’s Mother/Father] now. Would you say that:

	MUCH WORSE	SOMEWHAT WORSE	THE SAME	SOMEWHAT BETTER	MUCH BETTER	DON'T KNOW
A. Your financial security would be much worse, somewhat worse, the same, somewhat better or much better?	5	4	3	2	1	98
B. How about your overall happiness?	5	4	3	2	1	98
C. Freedom to do what you want?	5	4	3	2	1	98
D. Your control over money?	5	4	3	2	1	98
E. Your sex life?	5	4	3	2	1	98
F. Your relations with your parents?	5	4	3	2	1	98

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: Baseline Survey (Father’s Survey) D1
 Baseline Survey (Mother’s Survey) D1
Study: Fragile Families

For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree:

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW
A. The main advantage of marriage is that it gives financial security.	4	3	2	1	98
B. All in all, there are more advantages to being single than to being married.	4	3	2	1	98
C. A mother living alone can bring up her child as well as a married couple.	4	3	2	1	98
D. It is better for a couple to get married than to just live together.	4	3	2	1	98
E. It is better for children if their parents are married.	4	3	2	1	98
F. Living together is just the same as being married.	4	3	2	1	98

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: Baseline Survey (Father’s Survey) D2
 Baseline Survey (Mother’s Survey) D2
Study: Fragile Families

How important do you think the following qualities are for a successful marriage?

	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	DON'T KNOW
A. Having the same friends? Do you think it is very important, somewhat important, or not important?	1	2	3	98
B. The husband having a steady job?	1	2	3	98
C. The wife having a steady job?	1	2	3	98
D. Being of the same race/ethnic group?	1	2	3	98
E. Having good sex	1	2	3	98
F. Having the same religious beliefs?	1	2	3	98
G. The husband and wife being emotionally mature?	1	2	3	98

Construct: Marriage and Pregnancy
Question #: Baseline Survey (Father’s Survey) B26
 Baseline Survey (Mother’s Survey) B26
Study: Fragile Families

After you found out she was pregnant, would you say your relationship with [Baby’s Mother/Father] got better, worse, or stayed the same?

- Better..... 1
- Worse..... 2
- Stayed the Same..... 3
- Don’t Know..... 98

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: Three-year follow-up Father’s Survey R0A
Study: Fragile Families

Of the following three approaches, please tell me which one best describes the way you are in (romantic relationships/your marriage). Do you try to...

- Focus on your needs and desires..... 1
- Do you put the needs and desires of your partner ahead of your own, or..... 2
- Do you try to balance your needs and desires with your partner’s? 3

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: Three-year Follow-up Mother’s Survey E21
Study: Fragile Families

The following questions are about the ways in which partners work together in raising a child. Please tell me how often the following statements are true for you and (Current Partner). (Read Item). Would you say it’s always true, sometimes true, or rarely true.

	ALWAYS TRUE	SOMETIMES TRUE	RARELY TRUE
A. When (CURRENT PARTNER) is with (CHILD), (he/she) acts like the kind of parents you want for your child	1	2	3
B. You can trust (him/her) to take good care of (CHILD)	1	2	3
C. (He/She) respects the schedules and rules you make for (CHILD)	1	2	3
D. (He/She) supports you in the way <u>you</u> want to raise (CHILD)	1	2	3
E. You and (CURRENT PARTNER) talk about problems that come up with raising (CHILD).	1	2	3
F. You can count on (CURRENT PARTNER) for help when you need someone to look after (CHILD) for a few hours.	1	2	3

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: Three-year follow-up Father’s Survey R0A
Study: Fragile Families

Of the following three approaches, please tell me which one best describes the way you are in (romantic relationships/your marriage). Do you try to...

- Focus on your needs and desires..... 1
- Do you put the needs and desires of your partner ahead of your own, or..... 2
- Do you try to balance your needs and desires with your partner’s? 3

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: Three-year Follow-up Mother’s Survey E21
Study: Fragile Families

The following questions are about the ways in which partners work together in raising a child. Please tell me how often the following statements are true for you and (Current Partner). (Read Item). Would you say it’s always true, sometimes true, or rarely true.

	ALWAYS TRUE	SOMETIMES TRUE	RARELY TRUE
A. When (CURRENT PARTNER) is with (CHILD), (he/she) acts like the kind of parents you want for your child	1	2	3
B. You can trust (him/her) to take good care of (CHILD)	1	2	3
C. (He/She) respects the schedules and rules you make for (CHILD)	1	2	3
D. (He/She) supports you in the way <u>you</u> want to raise (CHILD)	1	2	3
E. You and (CURRENT PARTNER) talk about problems that come up with raising (CHILD).	1	2	3
F. You can count on (CURRENT PARTNER) for help when you need someone to look after (CHILD) for a few hours.	1	2	3

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: One-Year Follow-Up Father’s Survey A10
 One-Year Follow-Up Mother’s Survey A11
 Three-Year Follow-Up Father’s Survey A9
 Three-Year follow-up Mother’s Survey A9
Study: Fragile Families

How often do you and (Mother/Father) see or talk to each other? Is it...

- Nearly every day..... 1
- A few times a week..... 2
- A few times a month..... 3
- Only a few times in the past year, or 4
- Hardly ever? 5
- Never 0

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: One-Year Follow-Up Father’s Survey D3
 One-Year Follow-Up Mother’s Survey D4
 Three-Year Follow-Up Father’s Survey D4
 Three-Year Follow-Up Mother’s Survey D4
Study: Fragile Families

Now I’d like to ask you some questions about your relationship with (Mother/Father). In general, would you say that your relationship with her is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

- Excellent..... 1
- Very Good..... 2
- Good..... 3
- Fair..... 4
- Poor..... 5
- Never in Relationship..... N

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: Baseline Survey (Father’s Survey) B7A-E, B13A-E, B25A-E
 Baseline Survey (Mother’s Survey) B7A-E, B13A-E, B25A-E
Study: Fragile Families

Thinking about your past/current relationship with [Baby’s Mother/Father], how often would you say that:

- | | Often | Sometimes | Never |
|---|-------|-----------|-------|
| A. S/he was/is fair and willing to compromise when you had a disagreement would you say often, sometimes or never? ...1..... 2..... 3 | | | |
| B.S/he hit or slapped you when he was was angry? 1..... 2..... 3 | | | |
| C.S/he expressed affection or love for you? 1..... 2..... 3 | | | |
| D.S/he insulted or criticized you or your ideas? 1..... 2..... 3 | | | |
| E.S/he encouraged or helped you to do things that were important to you? 1..... 2..... 3 | | | |

Construct: Shared Activities
Question #: Baseline Survey (Father’s Survey) B5A-D, B11A-D, B22A-D
 Baseline Survey (Mother’s Survey) B5A-D, B11A-D, B22A-D
Study: Fragile Families

I’m going to read you some things that couples often do together. Tell me which ones you and [Baby’s/Mother/Father] did during **the last month** you were together.

		YES	NO
A.	Visited with friends.....	1.....	2
B.	Went out to a movie, sporting event, or some other entertainment?	1.....	2
C.	Ate out in a restaurant?	1.....	2
D.	Helped each other solve a problem?	1.....	2

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: Baseline Survey (Father’s Survey) B6A-F, B12A-F, B23A-F
 Baseline Survey (Mother’s Survey) B6A-F, B12A-F, B23A-F
Study: Fragile Families

The following is a list of subjects on which couples often have disagreements. When you and [Baby’s Mother/Father] were last together, how often, if at all, did you have open disagreements about:

		OFTEN	SOMETIMES	NEVER
A.	Money?	1.....	2.....	3
B.	Spending time together?	1.....	2.....	3
C.	Sex?	1.....	2.....	3
D.	The pregnancy?	1.....	2.....	3
E.	Drinking or drug use?	1.....	2.....	3
F.	Being faithful?	1.....	2.....	3

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: One-Year Follow-Up Father’s Survey D3A
 One-Year Follow-Up Mother’s Survey D4A
 Three-Year Follow-Up Father’s Survey D5A
 Three-Year Follow-Up Mother’s Survey D5A
Study: Fragile Families

No matter how well parents get along, they sometimes have arguments. How often do you and [Mother/Father] argue about things that are important to you? Would you say...

Always.....	1
Often.....	2
Sometimes.....	3
Rarely, or.....	4
Never.....	5

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: One-Year Follow-Up Mother’s Survey D9, E9
 Three-Year Follow-Up Mother’s Survey E24
Study: Fragile Families

Couples sometimes get into fights. Were you ever cut, bruised, or seriously hurt in a fight with (Father/Current Partner)?

- Yes..... 1
- No..... 2

When did this happen? Did it happen...

- | | YES | NO |
|------------------------------------|-----|----|
| 1. Before you were pregnant? | 1 | 0 |
| 2. During your pregnancy? | 1 | 0 |
| 3. After (Child) was born? | 1 | 0 |

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: Three-year Follow-up Father’s survey D7N
 Three-year Follow-up Father’s survey D9N
 Three-Year Follow-Up Mother’s Survey D7N
 Three-Year Follow-Up Mother’s Survey D9N
 Three-Year Follow-Up Mother’s Survey E23P
Study: Fragile Families

Has (Mother/Father/Current Partner) ever slapped or kicked you in front of (Child)?

- YES..... 1
- NO..... 2

Has (Mother/Father/Current Partner) ever slapped or kicked you while (Child) was in this house?

- Yes..... 1
- No..... 2

Has (Mother/Father/Current Partner) ever hit you with a fist or an object that could hurt you in front of (Child)?

- Yes..... 1
- No..... 2

Has (Mother/Father/Current Partner) ever hit you with a fist or an object that could hurt you while (Child) was in the house?

- YES..... 1
- NO..... 2

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: Three-year Follow-up Father’s Survey D7Q
 Three-year Follow-up Father’s survey D9Q
 Three-Year Follow-Up Mother’s Survey D7Q
 Three-Year Follow-Up Mother’s Survey D9Q
 Three-Year Follow-Up Mother’s Survey E23S
Study: Fragile Families

Did Mother/Father report No Violence from Mother/Father/Current Partner?
 Yes..... 1
 No..... 2

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: Three-year Follow-up Father’s Survey D10
 Three-Year Follow-Up Mother’s Survey D10
Study: Fragile Families

Now I have some questions about events that may have happened since (Date of Last Interview/First Day of Month and Year of Child’s Birth Month). Have you been seriously hurt in a fight with (Mother/Father) since (Date of Last Interview/First day of Month and Year of Child’s Birth Month)?
 Yes..... 1
 No..... 2
 No Contact with Mother/Father..... v

Construct: Gender Roles
Question #: Baseline Survey (Father’s Survey) D3
 Baseline Survey (Mother’s Survey) D3
Study: Fragile Families

Please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the following statements:

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DON'T KNOW
A. The important decisions in the family should be made by the man in of the house.	4	3	2	1	98
B. When there are children in the family, parents should stay together even if they don't get along.	4	3	2	1	98
C. It is much better for everyone if the man earns the main living and the woman takes care of the home and family.	4	3	2	1	98
D. In a dating relationship, a woman is largely out to take advantage of a man.	4	3	2	1	98
E. Women cannot be trusted to be faithful.	4	3	2	1	98
F. It is more important for a man to spend time with his family than to work as many hours as he can.	4	3	2	1	98
G. Fathers play a more important role in raising boys than in raising girls.	4	3	2	1	98

Construct: Relationship Counseling
Question #: Three-Year Follow-Up Father’s Survey D4A
 Three-Year Follow-Up Mother’s Survey D4A
 Three-Year Follow-Up Mother’s Survey E23M
Study: Fragile Families

Have you ever participated or received counseling to help or improve your relationship with (Mother/Father/Current Partner)?

YES..... 1
 NO..... 2

Construct: Relationship Counseling
Question #: Three-year follow-up father's survey D4B
Three-Year Follow-Up Mother's Survey D4B
Three-Year Follow-Up Mother's Survey E23N
Study: Fragile Families

If a program or counseling to help or improve your relationship with (Mother/Father/Current Partner) were available to you for free, how interested would you be in participating? Would you be...

- Very interested, 1
- A little interested, or 2
- Not at all interested? 3

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- Sexual Intimacy
- Interracial Marriage

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Section A 16A (Sample A, Ballot A), Section A 17A (Ballot B, Sample C),
Section A 20A (Sample A, Ballot B), Section A 21A (Sample B, Ballot B),
Section A 22A (Sample A, Ballot C) (Sample B, Ballot A)
Study: 1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot A
1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot B
1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot C
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot A
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot B
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot C

Have you ever been divorced or legally separated?

Yes

No

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Section A 16B (Sample A, Ballot A), Section A 17B (Ballot B, Sample C),
Section A 20B (Sample A, Ballot B), Section A 21B (Sample B, Ballot B),
Section A 22B (Sample A, Ballot C) (Sample B, Ballot A)
Study: 1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot A
1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot B
1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot C
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot A
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot B
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot C

Have you ever been widowed?

Yes

No

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: Section A 16 (Sample A, Ballot A), Section A 17 (Ballot B, Sample C),
Section A 20 (Sample A, Ballot B), Section A 21 (Sample B, Ballot B),
Section A 22 (Sample A, Ballot C) (Sample B, Ballot A)
Study: 1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot A
1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot B
1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot C
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot A
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot B
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot C

Are you currently - married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: Section D 5 (Sample B, Ballot A) (Sample B, Ballot B) (Sample B, Ballot C)
Study: 1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot A
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot B
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot C

Do you have a main romantic involvement – a (man/woman) you think of as a steady, a lover, a partner, or whatever?

- Yes
- No
- R Volunteers that s/he has a same sex partner
- Don't know

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: Section D 5A (Sample B, Ballot A) (Sample B, Ballot B) (Sample B, Ballot C)
Study: 1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot A
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot B
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot C

Do you live together?

- Yes
- No

Construct: Plans for Marriage
Question #: Section D 5B (Sample B, Ballot A) (Sample B, Ballot B) (Sample B, Ballot C)
Study: 1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot A
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot B
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot C

How likely is it that you two will get married? Would you say very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely, or not likely at all?

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Somewhat unlikely
- Not likely at all

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: Section D 6 (Sample B, Ballot A) (Sample B, Ballot B) (Sample B, Ballot C)
Study: 1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot A
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot B
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot C

If the right person came along, would you like to be married?
Yes
No
Don't know

Construct: Marriage and Pregnancy
Question #: Section A 66B (Sample A, Ballot A), Section A 67B (Ballot B, Sample C),
Section A 76B (Sample A, Ballot C) (Sample B, Ballot A)
Study: 1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot A
1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot C
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot A
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot C

Please tell me whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if she is married and does not want any more children.
Yes
No
Don't know

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: Section A 38 (Sample A, Ballot A) (Ballot B, Sample C), 6 Section A 2
(Sample A, Ballot B), Section A 63 (Sample B, Ballot B), Section A 69
(Sample A, Ballot C) (Sample B, Ballot A)
Study: 1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot A
1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot B
1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot C
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot A
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot B
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot C

Taking things all together, how would you describe your marriage? Would you say that your marriage is very happy, pretty happy or not too happy?
Very happy
Pretty happy
Not too happy
Don't Know

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: Section A 75
Study: 1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot A

Should divorce in this country be easier or more difficult to obtain than it is now?

- Easier
- More Difficult
- Stay as is (volunteered)
- Don't know

Construct: Gender Roles
Question #: Section A 5B (Sample A, Ballot B), Section A 6 (Sample B, Ballot B),
Section A 7 (Sample A, Ballot C) (Sample B, Ballot B)
Study: 1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot B
1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot C
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot A
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot B

And, do you agree or disagree with this statement: Women should take care of running their homes and leave running the country up to men.

- Agree
- Disagree
- Not Sure

Construct: Gender Roles
Question #: Section A 6 (Sample A, Ballot B), Section A 7 (Sample B, Ballot B), Section
A 8 (Sample A, Ballot C) (Sample B, Ballot B)
Study: 1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot B
1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot C
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot A
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot B

Do you approve or disapprove of a married woman earning money in business or industry if she has a husband capable of supporting her?

- Approve
- Disapprove
- Don't Know

Construct: Gender Roles
Question #: Section A 8-10
Study: 1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot B
 1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot C
 1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot A
 1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot B

Please indicate to what extent you agree with the following statements:

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree
- Don't Know

Question	Sample A, Ballot B	Sample A, Ballot C	Sample B, Ballot A	Sample B, Ballot B
A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work.	Section A 8A	Section A 10A	Section A 10A	Section A 9A
It is more important for a wife to help her husband's career than to have one herself.	Section A 8B		Section A 10B	
A preschool child is likely to suffer if his or her mother works.	Section A 8C			
It is much better for everyone involved if the man is the achiever outside the home and the woman takes care of the home and family.	Section A 8D	Section A 10D	Section A 10D	Section A 9D

- Construct:** Sexual Intimacy
Question #: Section A 52 (Sample A, Ballot B), Section A 54 (Sample B, Ballot B),
Section A 79A (Sample A, Ballot C) (Sample B, Ballot B)
Study: 1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot B
1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot C
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot A
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot B

If a man and a woman have sex relations before marriage, do you think it is always wrong, almost always wrong, wrong only sometimes, or not wrong at all?

- Always wrong
- Almost always wrong
- Wrong only sometimes
- Not wrong at all
- Don't know

- Construct:** Sexual Intimacy
Question #: Section A 54 (Sample A, Ballot B), Section A 55 (Sample B, Ballot B),
Section A 79B (Sample A, Ballot C) (Sample B, Ballot B)
Study: 1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot B
1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot C
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot A
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot B

What if they are in their early teens, say 14 to 16 years old? In that case, do you think sex relations before marriage are always wrong, almost always wrong, wrong only sometimes, or not wrong at all?

- Always wrong
- Almost always wrong
- Wrong only sometimes
- Not wrong at all
- Don't know

- Construct:** Sexual Intimacy
Question #: Section A 67A (Sample A, Ballot A), Section A 68A (Ballot B, Sample C),
Section A 80 (Sample A, Ballot C) (Sample B, Ballot A)
Study: 1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot A
1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot C
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot A
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot C

There's been a lot of discussion about the ways morals and attitudes about sex are changing in this country. What is your opinion about a married person having sexual relations with someone other than the marriage partner – is it always wrong, almost always wrong, wrong only sometimes, or not wrong at all?

- Always wrong
- Almost always wrong
- Wrong only sometimes
- Not wrong at all

- Construct:** Interracial Marriage
Question #: Section A 55 (Sample A, Ballot C) (Sample B, Ballot A), Section A 59
(Sample A, Ballot A) (Ballot B, Sample C)
Study: 1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot A
1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot C
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot A
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot C

Do you think there should be laws against marriages between (Blacks/ African-Americans) and Whites?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

- Construct:** Interracial Marriage
Question #: Section A 73 (Sample A, Ballot B), Section A 74 (Sample B, Ballot B)
Study: 1998 General Social Survey: Sample A, Ballot B
1998 General Social Survey: Sample B, Ballot B

What about having a close relative or family member marry a black person? Would you be very much in favor of it happening, somewhat in favor, neither in favor or opposed to it happening, somewhat opposed, or very opposed to it happening?

- Very much in favor
- Somewhat in favor
- Neither in favor nor opposed
- Somewhat opposed
- Very much opposed
- Don't know

Marital Instability Over the Life Course: A Five-Wave Panel Study- Wave I (1980), Wave II (1983), Wave III (1988), Wave IV (1992-1994), Wave V (1997)

The Marital Instability Over the Life Course Survey is one of the longest running national studies of marriage. Also known as the Work and Family Life Study, it is currently in its sixth wave of data collection. The first five waves of data were collected between 1980 and 1997 on married individuals who were selected through random digit telephone dialing. Either the husband or the wife in the household was randomly selected to act as the respondent. The final sample included 2,033 married individuals who were representative of the national population of married 18- to 55-year-old individuals with telephones in terms of age, race, household size, housing tenure, presence of children, and region of the country. The 1992 and 1997 waves of data collection also included samples of a total of 691 of the original respondents' offspring who had reached the age of 19. The study examines a wide range of variables including marital and cohabitation history, wife's employment, marital satisfaction, life goals, health, divorce, family structure, and economic situation. The sixth wave of data collection will focus on changes in marital quality between 1980 and 2000.

<http://www.pop.psu.edu/marinst/marinst-begin.htm>

Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital History
- Marriage and Pregnancy
- Relationship Quality
- Shared Activities
- Relationship/ Marital Conflict
- Relationship Violence
- Gender Roles
- Marital Support
- Attitudes to Marriage and Work
- Marriage and Religion

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: 8
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

How many times have you been married?

- 1 Once
- 2 Twice
- 3 Three or more
- 7 INAP
- 8 DK
- 9 REF

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: 9
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

Age at first (second, third) marriage

First (second, third) marriage intact?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Reason for ending first (second, third) marriage

- 1 Death
- 2 Divorce
- 3 Separation

Age when first (second, third) marriage ended

Construct: Relationship/Marital History

Question #: 10

Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

How many times has your (husband/wife) been married?

- 1 Once
- 2 Twice
- 3 Three or more

Spouse's age at first (second/third) marriage

Spouse's first (second/third) marriage intact?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Reason Spouse's first (second/third) marriage ended

- 1 Death
- 2 Divorce
- 3 Separation

Age when Spouse's first marriage ended

Construct: Relationship/Marital History

Question #: 12, 12a, 12b

Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

Did you know your (husband/wife) before you were aged twelve?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Did you talk with each other in school?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

How much did you play together when you were children?

- 1 Frequently
- 2 Occasionally
- 3 Seldom
- 4 Never

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: 13
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

How many months did you go with your (husband/wife) before you got married?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: 14, 419 (Wave V)
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III, V

Did you live with your (husband/wife) before you got married?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: 15
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

When you first got married, was either of your parents unhappy with your choice of a (husband/wife)?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: 17
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

When you first got married, was either of your in-laws unhappy about the marriage?

Construct: Marriage and Pregnancy
Question #: 19, 19a
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

Altogether, counting children who live with you and children who don't, how many children have you had?

How many children have you had in this marriage?

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 90
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

When your spouse is away, would you say you miss (him/her) a great deal, somewhat, or hardly at all?

- 1 A great deal
- 2 Somewhat
- 3 Hardly at all
- 4 Never away

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 92, 432 (Wave IV), 432 (Wave V)
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III, IV, V

Sometimes married people think they would enjoy living apart from their spouse. How often do you feel this way? Would you say very often, often, occasionally, or never?

- 1 Very often
- 2 Often
- 3 Occasionally
- 4 Never

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 109a-109d, 109h-109i, 468-471 & 475-476 (Wave IV), 472-475 & 479-480 (Wave V)
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III, IV, V

I am going to mention some different aspects of married life. For each one, I would like you to tell me whether you are very happy, pretty happy, or not too happy with this aspect of your marriage.

	Very Happy	Pretty Happy	Not Too Happy
How happy are you with the amount of understanding you receive from your partner?			
With the amount of love and affection you receive?			
How happy are you with the extent to which you and your spouse agree about things?			
With your sexual relationship?			
With your spouse as someone to do things with?			
With your spouse's faithfulness to you?			

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 111, 111a, 479 & 480 (Wave IV), 483 & 484 (Wave V)
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III, IV, V

Often one partner in a marriage gives more than the other. Do you feel that one of you gives more to the marriage than the other?

If yes, who?

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 115, 496 (Wave IV), 500 (Wave V)
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III, IV, V

Taking all things together, how would you describe your marriage? Would you say that your marriage is very happy, pretty happy, or not too happy?

- 1 Very happy
- 2 Pretty happy
- 3 Not too happy

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 129, 532 (Wave IV), 535 (Wave V)
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III, IV, V

Would you say the feelings of love you have for you (husband/wife) are extremely strong, very strong, pretty strong, not too strong, or not strong at all?

- 1 Extremely strong
- 2 Very strong
- 3 Pretty strong
- 4 Not too strong
- 5 Not strong at all

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 130
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

How about your (husband's/wife's) feelings of love for you? Would you say they are extremely strong, very strong, pretty strong, not too strong, or not strong at all?

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 193
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course – Wave V

How much satisfaction do you get from your marriage?

- 1 Great deal
- 2 Quite a bit
- 3 Some
- 4 A little
- 5 None

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 371
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course – Wave V

When you talk with your [spouse], is it usually about your children, money, old times, or something else?

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 372
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course – Wave V

Would you say your relationship with your spouse is friendly, neutral, or unpleasant?

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 538
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course – Wave V

Thinking back now to 1980, how happy would you say your marriage was in 1980?
(THIS COULD BE A DIFFERENT MARRIAGE FROM THE ONE THEY ARE NOW IN!)
Would you say it was very happy, pretty happy, or not too happy?

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 472-474, 476-478 (Wave V)
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Wave IV, V

	Very Happy	Pretty Happy	Not Too Happy
How happy are you with the way your spouse gets along with your children?			
How happy are you with your spouse's performance as a breadwinner?			
How happy are you with your spouse as someone who takes care of things around the house?			

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 553-556
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Wave IV

For each of the following statements about your marriage, indicate whether you are very satisfied, pretty well satisfied, somewhat satisfied, or not too satisfied.

	Very Satisfied	Pretty Well Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	Not Too Satisfied
The extent to which your (husband/wife) is fulfilling (his/her) responsibilities to the marriage?				
How well your (husband/wife) is fulfilling your needs?				
The extent to which your marriage is meeting your original expectations?				
The quality of your marriage relative to other marriages you know about?				

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 557-567
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course – Wave IV

A lot of things help to keep marriages together. After each of the following statements, indicate whether they are very important, somewhat important, or not very important in keeping your marriage together.

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Very Important
How important is financial security in keeping your marriage together?			
How important are shared financial assets in keeping your marriage together?			
How important (is your child/are your children) in keeping your marriage together?			
How important is not wanting to leave this residence?			
Your spouse’s dependency on you?			
Your dependency on your spouse?			
Your religious beliefs?			
Worrying whether your children would suffer if you divorced?			
Your children would disapprove of the divorce?			
You might lose your children?			
(Other) Family or friends would disapprove of divorce?			

Construct: Shared Activities
Question #: 73a-73e, 423-426 (Wave IV), 421-424 (Wave V)
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III, IV, V

I am going to mention some of the things couples sometimes do together. For each one, I would like you to tell me how often you and your spouse do this together?

	Almost Always	Usually	Occasionally	Never
How often do you eat your main meal together?				
Go shopping together?				
How often do you visit friends together?				
Work together on projects around the house?				
When you go out - say, to play cards, bowling, or a movie - how often do you do this together?				

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: 83, 431 (Wave IV), 434 (Wave V)
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III, IV, V

Do you and your (husband/wife) have arguments or disagreements about whether one of you is doing their share of the housework? Yes? No?

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: 88, 430 (Wave V)
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III, V

Do you and your (husband/wife) have arguments or disagreements about whether one of you is doing their share of looking after the children? Yes? No?

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: 100, 437 (Wave IV)
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III, IV

How often do you disagree with your (husband/wife)? Would you say never, rarely, sometimes, often, or very often?

- 1 Never
- 2 Rarely
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Often
- 5 Very often

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: 101, 438 (Wave IV), 441 (Wave V)
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III, IV, V

How many serious quarrels have you had with your spouse in the past two months?

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: 112a-112m, 481-487 & 489-494 (Wave IV), 485-491 & 493-498 (Wave V)
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III, IV, V

I'd like to mention a number of problem areas. Have you had a problem in your marriage because one of you --

	No	Yes, Spouse	Yes, Self	Both
Gets angry easily				
Has feelings that are easily hurt?				
Is jealous?				
Is domineering?				
Have you had a problem in your marriage because one of you is critical?				
Is moody?				
Won't talk to the other?				
Has had a sexual relationship with someone else?				
Has irritating habits?				
Have you had a problem in your marriage because one of you is not at home enough?				
Spends money foolishly?				
Drinks or uses drugs?				
Has been in trouble with the law?				

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: 488
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Wave IV

There are several problem areas in marriage. Have you had a problem in your marriage because one of you has become less interested in sex?

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: 102, 102a, 411, 439-440 (Wave IV), 442-443 (Wave V)
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III, IV, V

In many households bad feelings and arguments occur from time to time. In many cases people get so angry that they slap, hit, push, kick, or throw things at one another. Has this ever happened between you and your (husband/wife)?

How many times has it happened over the last three years?

Construct: Gender Roles
Question #: 70a-70e
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

Here are some statements about men’s and women’s roles. I would like you to tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each statement.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A woman’s most important task in life should be taking care of her children?				
A husband should earn a larger salary than his wife?				
It should not bother the husband if a wife’s job sometimes requires her to be away from home overnight?				
If his wife works full-time, a husband should share equally in household chores such as cooking, cleaning, and washing?				
If jobs are scarce, a woman whose husband can support her ought not to have a job?				

Construct: Gender Roles
Question #: 80, 428 (Wave IV), 431, (Wave V)
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III, IV, V

In every family there are a lot of routine tasks that have to be done - cleaning the house, doing the laundry, cleaning up after meals, cooking dinner, etc.

How much of this kind of work usually is done by you - all of it, most of it, about half of it, less than half of it, or none of it?

Construct: Gender Roles
Question #: 81, 429 (Wave IV), 432 (Wave V)
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III, IV, V

Do you think this is fair or do you think you do more than your share?

- 1 Fair
- 2 Do more than share
- 3 Other

Construct: Marital Support
Question #: 75b, 427 (Wave IV), 425 (Wave V)
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III, IV, V

How well do your friends get along with your (husband/wife) - very well, pretty well, or not too well?

- 1 Very well
- 2 Pretty well
- 3 Not too well
- 4 Mixed reaction
- 5 No friends

Construct: Marital Support
Question #: 16
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

How about now, how well do your parents and your (husband/wife) get along very well, pretty well, or not too well?

Construct: Marital Support
Question #: 18
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

How about now, how well do you and your in-laws get along very well, pretty well, or not too well?

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage and Work
Question #: 45
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course – Waves I, II, III, V

How much does (your husband’s/your) job interfere with your family life? Would you say a lot, somewhat, not too much, or not at all?

- 1 A lot
- 2 Somewhat
- 3 Not too much
- 4 Not at all

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage and Work
Question #: 50a-50h, 319-326 (Wave V)
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course – Waves I, II, III, V

Now I want to read you some reasons why people work. Please tell me how important each is as a reason why (you have/your wife has) worked during the time of your marriage.

	Very Important	Pretty Important	Not Very Important	Not Important At All
Because (you/her) earnings are necessary to make ends meet?				
To have enough money to get some of the better things?				
(You/She) wanted a career?				
For a feeling of accomplishment?				
To “get away from the family or children”?				
(You don’t/She doesn’t) like staying home?				
(You like/She likes) the contact with people?				
To make (you/her) more “financially independent”?				

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage and Work
Question #: 51e, 313 (Wave V)
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III, V

On the whole, how satisfied (are you/is your wife) with this job? Would you say very satisfied, moderately satisfied, a little dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Moderately satisfied
- 3 A little dissatisfied
- 4 Very dissatisfied

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage and Work
Question #: 54
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

Taking all things together, how would you say that (your/your wife's) working has affected the quality of your marriage? Has it greatly increased it, increased it, decreased it, or greatly decreased it?

- 1 Greatly increased
- 2 Increased
- 3 Decreased
- 4 Greatly decreased

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage and Work
Question #: 55
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

How (does your husband/do you) generally feel about (your/your wife's) working? (Does he/Do you) strongly approve, approve, disapprove, or strongly disapprove?

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Approve
- 3 Neutral
- 4 Disapprove
- 5 Strongly disapprove

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage and Work
Question #: 56a-56f
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

Do any of the following aspects of (your/your wife's) job cause (your husband/you) concern? IF YES ASK: Is this a serious concern?

	Serious	Not Too Serious	No Concern
Coming home crabby or irritable?			
Not having time to do all the things (you/she) should do for (him/you)?			
Having time to take care of the house?			
Meeting too many men?			
Not having time to do things together?			
Taking proper care of the children?			

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage and Work
Question #: 58c
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

What cause (you/her) to start working? Are there any other reasons?

	Yes	No
Husband suggested that it would be a good idea to go to work?		
Earnings are necessary to make ends meet?		
To have enough money to get some of the better things?		
Wanted a career?		
For a feeling of accomplishment?		
To get away from the family or children?		
Doesn't like staying home?		
Likes the contact with people?		
To be more financially independent?		

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage and Work
Question #: 59b
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

What caused (you/her) to change to full-time? Are there any other reasons?

	Yes	No
Husband suggested that it would be good idea to work extra hours?		
Extra earnings are necessary to make ends meet?		
To have extra money to get some of the better things?		
Wanted a career?		
For a feeling of accomplishment?		
To get away from the family or children more?		
Doesn't like staying at home?		
Likes the contact with people?		
To be more financially independent?		

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage and Work
Question #: 60b
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

What caused (you/her) to change to part-time? Are there any other reasons?

	Yes	No
To have or to take care of children?		
Job was causing strains on the family or marriage?		
Husband did not want her to work so much?		
Wanted to spend more time at home?		

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage and Work
Question #: 61b
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

What caused (you/her) to stop working? Are there any others?

	Yes	No
To have to take care of children?		
Job was causing strains on the family or marriage?		
Husband didn't want her to work anymore?		
Wanted to spend more time at home?		

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage and Work
Question #: 64a
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

Why would (you/she) like to go back to work? Are there any other reasons?

	Yes	No
To make ends meet; necessity?		
To get some better or special things?		
Wants a career?		
Feeling of accomplishment?		
To get away from house or kids?		
Bored staying at home?		
Likes contact with people?		
Makes her financially independent?		

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage and Work
Question #: 65a, 65b, 65e
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

I'm going to mention a list of reasons why some women don't work. For each reason would you tell me how important it is as a reason why (you aren't/your wife isn't) working?

	Very important	Pretty important	Not very important	Not important at all
To take care of husband?	1	2	3	4
(Husband/You) (disapproves/disapprove)?	1	2	3	4
To have or to take care of children?	1	2	3	4

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage and Work
Question #: 68, 68a, 68b
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

How would (your husband/you) feel about (you/your wife) going to work full-time now? Would (he/you) strongly approve, approve, disapprove, or strongly disapprove?

- 1 Strongly approve
- 2 Approve
- 3 Disapprove
- 4 Strongly disapprove

(Has your husband/Have you) suggested to (you/your wife) that it might be a good idea if (you/she) went to work (again)?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Why would (he/you) disapprove? Are there any other reasons?

	Yes	No
Wife needed to take care of children		
Loss of service - meals, housecleaning, ironing, etc.?		
Wife couldn't make enough to cover costs of child care, transportation, taxes, etc.?		
Wife should stay at home - non-specific?		

Construct: Marriage and Religion
Question #: 23
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

Does your (husband/wife) have the same religious preferences?

Construct: Marriage and Religion
Question #: 24, 200 (Wave IV), 200 (Wave V)
Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III, IV, V

How often do you and your (husband/wife) attend church together?

Construct: Marriage and Religion

Question #: 25-26

Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

In general, how much would you say your religious beliefs influence your daily life - very much, quite a bit, some, a little, or none?

- 1 Very much
- 2 Quite a bit
- 3 Some
- 4 A little
- 5 None

And how about your (husband/wife)?

- 1 Very much
- 2 Quite a bit
- 3 Some
- 4 A little
- 5 None

Construct: Marriage and Religion

Question #: 27

Study: Marital Instability Over the Life Course - Waves I, II, III

When you started going together, was your religious preference the same as your (husband's/wife's)?

Monitoring the Future

Monitoring the Future is a study that began in 1975 to track changes in the beliefs, attitudes, and behavior of young people in America. It was originally known as the National High School Senior Survey because it only interviewed 12th graders. However, in 1991 Monitoring the Future also began incorporating 8th and 10th graders. Approximately 50,000 students from about 420 public and private schools participate in the self-administered surveys annually. Beginning in 1976, a randomly selected sample from each high school graduating class has also been followed biannually through mail surveys. The surveys are designed to track four types of changes in the youth population: “period effects” (changes in particular years that are reflected across all age groups); “age effects” (developmental changes); “cohort effects” (consistent differences across class cohorts); and changes that are linked to either environmental differences (such as high school versus college or employment participation) or role transitions (such as entering parenthood or marriage). The samples are representative of U.S. students in each grade level and are chosen through a multi-stage random sampling procedure.

<http://monitoringthefuture.org/>

Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital Status
- Plans for Marriage
- Attitudes to Marriage
- Marriage and Pregnancy
- Relationship Quality
- Relationship/ Marital Conflict
- Gender Roles
- Attitudes to Marriage and Work

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: 12th grade, 2000, Forms 1-6, Part C, #6
Study: Monitoring the Future

What is your present marital status?

1. Married
2. Engaged
3. Separated/divorced
4. Single

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: 12th grade, 2000, Form 3, Part A, #18
Study: Monitoring the Future

Are you married or engaged?

1. Married
2. Engaged
3. Neither

Construct: Plans for Marriage
Question #: 12th grade, 2000, Form 2, Part A, #6
Study: Monitoring the Future

Which do you think you are most likely to choose in the long run?

1. Not getting married
2. Getting married
3. I have no idea

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: 12th grade, 2000, Form 1, Part A, #7b
Study: Monitoring the Future

How important is each of the following to you in your life?

Having a good marriage and family life?

1. Not important
2. Somewhat important
3. Quite important
4. Extremely important

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: 12th grade, 2000, Form 2, Part A, #5
Study: Monitoring the Future

Do you think that you would prefer having a mate for most of your life, or would you prefer not having a mate?

1. Definitely prefer not to have a mate
2. Probably prefer not to have a mate
3. Not sure
4. Probably prefer to have a mate
5. Definitely prefer to have a mate

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: 12th grade, 2000, Form 2, Part A, #7a
Study: Monitoring the Future

If you did get married (or are married)...

a. How likely do you think it is that you would stay married to the same person for life?

1. Very unlikely
2. Fairly Unlikely
3. Uncertain
4. Fairly likely
5. Very likely

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: 12th grade, 2000, Form 2, Part D, #5
Study: Monitoring the Future

These next questions ask you to guess how well you might do in several situations. (Mark one circle for each line.)

How good do you think you would be...

	Poor	Not so good	Fairly good	Good	Very good	Don't know
a. As a husband or wife?	1	2	3	4	5	8
b. As a parent?	1	2	3	4	5	8

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: 12th grade, 2000, Form 3, Part A, #19
Study: Monitoring the Future

If it were just up to you, what would be the ideal time for you to get married?

1. Within the next year or two
2. Two or three years from now
3. Four or five years from now
4. Over five years from now
5. I don't want to marry

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: 12th grade, 2000, Form 4, Part A, #15
Study: Monitoring the Future

How much do you agree or disagree with each statement below? (Mark one circle for each line.)

	Disagree	Mostly disagree	Neither	Mostly agree	Agree
a. One sees so few good or happy marriages that one questions it as a way of life	1	2	3	4	5
b. It is usually a good idea for a couple to live together before getting married in order to find out whether they really get along	1	2	3	4	5
c. Having a close intimate relationship with only one partner is too restrictive for the average person	1	2	3	4	5
d. Having a job takes away from a woman's relationship with her husband	1	2	3	4	5
e. Having a job gives a wife more of a chance to develop herself as a person	1	2	3	4	5
f. Being a father and raising children is one of the most fulfilling experiences a man can have	1	2	3	4	5
g. Most mothers should spend more time with their children than they do now	1	2	3	4	5
h. If a wife works, her husband should take a greater part in housework and child care	1	2	3	4	5

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: 12th grade, 2000, Form 5, Part D, #2, #3
Study: Monitoring the Future

The next two questions ask your views about different lifestyles that have been in the news lately.

A man and a woman who live together without being married are...

1. Experimenting with a worthwhile alternative lifestyle
2. Doing their own thing and not affecting anyone else
3. Living in a way that could be destructive to society
4. Violating a basic principle of human morality
8. None of the above

A man and a woman who decide to have and raise a child out of wedlock are...

1. Experimenting with a worthwhile alternative lifestyle
2. Doing their own thing and not affecting anyone else
3. Living in a way that could be destructive to society
4. Violating a basic principle of human morality
8. None of the above

Construct: Marriage and Pregnancy
Question #: 12th grade, 2000, Form 3, Part A, #23
Study: Monitoring the Future

If it were just up to you, how soon after getting married would you want to have your first child?

1. I don't want to have children (or get married)
2. I wouldn't wait at all
3. I would wait one year
4. I would wait two years
5. I would wait three years
6. I would wait four or five years
7. I would wait more than five years
8. Don't know, or already have a child

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 8th and 10th grades, 1991-1996, Forms 1 and 2, Part C #27
 8th and 10th grades, 1997-present, Forms 1-4, Part C #27
 12th grade, 2000, Forms 1-6, Part C, #26
Study: Monitoring the Future

On the average, how often (if ever) do you go out with a date? *Twelfth grade, add (or your spouse, if you are married).

1. Never
2. Once a month or less
3. 2 or 3 times a month
4. Once a week
5. 2 or 3 times a week
6. Over 3 times a week

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: 12th grade, 2000, Form 3, Part D, #9
Study: Monitoring the Future

Has your use of alcohol, marijuana, or other illegal drugs ever caused any of the following problems for you? (For each problem, mark all drugs that have caused you this problem.)

Has your use of these drugs...

Alcohol Marijuana Other drugs

c. Hurt your relationship with your spouse, fiancée, or girlfriend/boyfriend?

Construct: Gender Roles

Question #: 8th and 10th grades, 1991-1996, Form 1, Part A #19a-e
 8th and 10th grades, 1991-1996, Form 2, Part A #15a-e
 8th and 10th grades, 1997-present, Form 1, Part A #19a-e
 8th and 10th grades, 1997-present, Form 2, Part A #15a-e

Study: Monitoring the Future

The next questions ask your opinions about a number of different topics. How much do you agree or disagree with each statement below? (Mark one circle for each line).

	Disagree	Mostly Disagree	Neither	Mostly Agree	Agree
a. Men and women should be paid the same money if they do the same work	1	2	3	4	5
b. A woman should have the same job opportunities as a man	1	2	3	4	5
c. It is usually better for everyone involved if the man is the achiever outside the home and the woman takes care of the home and family	1	2	3	4	5
d. If a wife works, her husband should take a greater part in housework and childcare	1	2	3	4	5
e. A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work	1	2	3	4	5

Construct: Gender Roles

Question #: 12th grade, 2000, Form 2, Part A, #10

Study: Monitoring the Future

Imagine you are married and have one or more pre-school children. Imagine also that the husband is working full-time and the wife does not have a job outside the home.

How would you feel about each of these arrangements for the day-to-day care of the child(ren)?

	Not at all acceptable	Somewhat acceptable	Acceptable	Desirable
a. Wife does all child care	1	2	3	4
b. Wife does most of it	1	2	3	4
c. Both do it equally	1	2	3	4
d. Husband does most of it	1	2	3	4
e. Husband does all of it	1	2	3	4

Construct: Gender Roles
Question #: 12th grade, 2000, Form 3, Part A, #3
Study: Monitoring the Future

The next questions ask your opinions about a number of different topics. How much do you agree or disagree with each statement below? (Mark one circle for each line.)

	Disagree	Mostly disagree	Neither	Mostly agree	Agree
a. Men and women should be paid the same money if they do the same work	1	2	3	4	5
b. Women should be considered as seriously as men for jobs as executives or politicians	1	2	3	4	5
c. A woman should have exactly the same job opportunities as a man	1	2	3	4	5
d. A woman should have exactly the same educational opportunities as a man	1	2	3	4	5
e. It is usually better for everyone involved in the man is the achiever outside the home and the woman takes care of the home and family	1	2	3	4	5
f. A preschool child is likely to suffer if the mother works	1	2	3	4	5
g. A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work	1	2	3	4	5

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage and Work
Question #: 12th grade, 2000, Form 2, Part A, #8
Study: Monitoring the Future

Imagine you are married and have no children.

How would you feel about each of the following working arrangements? (Mark one circle for each line.)

	Not at all acceptable	Somewhat acceptable	Acceptable	Desirable
a. Husband works full-time, wife doesn't work	1	2	3	4
b. Husband works full-time, wife works about half-time	1	2	3	4
c. Both work full-time	1	2	3	4
d. Both work about half-time	1	2	3	4
e. Husband works about half-time, wife works full-time	1	2	3	4
f. Husband doesn't work, wife works full-time	1	2	3	4

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage and Work
Question #: 12th grade, 2000, Form 2, Part A, #9
Study: Monitoring the Future

Imagine you are married and have one or more pre-school children.

How would you feel about each of the following working arrangements? (Mark one circle for each line.)

	Not at all acceptable	Somewhat acceptable	Acceptable	Desirable
a. Husband works full-time, wife doesn't work	1	2	3	4
b. Husband works full-time, wife works about half-time	1	2	3	4
c. Both work full-time	1	2	3	4
d. Both work about half-time	1	2	3	4
e. Husband works about half-time, wife works full-time	1	2	3	4
f. Husband doesn't work, wife works full-time	1	2	3	4

1985 National Family Violence Survey

The 1985 National Family Violence Survey is a national, cross-sectional survey exploring conflict, conflict resolution, and violence in families. The survey examined 6,002 cases using 567 variables. Topics such as family demographics, marital and divorce history, marital behavior, employment, and satisfaction and attitudes about various aspects of life were included. The survey was designed to show that family violence occurs more frequently than is typically believed. It was also intended to generate comparisons of family violence by race and ethnicity as well as to estimate the prevalence of family violence by state. A similar study, the 1975 Family Violence Survey, was conducted ten years earlier and thus changes in the occurrence of family violence can be tracked using both datasets.

<http://www.sscnet.ucla.edu/issr/da/index/techinfo/m0541.htm>

Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital History
- Relationship/Marital Status
- Relationship Quality
- Relationship/ Marital Conflict
- Relationship Violence
- Marital Support

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: 6b
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

How long you have you been (married/living as a couple) to your current (spouse/partner)?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: 10a
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

Have you ever been married or lived as a couple with someone?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: 10b
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

How long ago did that (most recent) marriage or relationship end?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: 11a
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

How long were you married to or living with that person?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: 16a
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

Including your most current/most recent marriage/relationship how many times have/had you been married or lived as a couple with someone?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: 16b
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

How many times has/had your spouse been married or lived as a couple?

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: 12
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

Are you currently widowed, divorced, separated or never been married?

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: 6a
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

Are you currently married, or living as a couple with someone?

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 33
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

Now, let me ask you a few questions about you and your partner? Every couple has their ups and downs. Surveys like this have shown that at some time or another, most people wonder about whether they should continue their (marriage/relationship). What about in your case? How often in the past year have you wondered whether you should continue your relationship – often, sometimes, rarely, or never?

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: 34
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

I am going to read a list of things that couples do not always agree on. Please tell me how often you and your (spouse/partner) agreed during the past year/during the last year that you were together. Did you and your (spouse/partner) always, almost always, usually, sometimes or never agree about ...?

	<u>Always</u>	<u>Almost always</u>	<u>Usually</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Never</u>
a. Managing the money					
b. Cooking, cleaning, or repairing the house.					
c. Social activities and entertaining.					
d. Affection and sex relations.					
e. Things about the children.					

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict; Relationship Violence
Question #: 35
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

No matter how well a couple gets along, there are times when they disagree, get annoyed with the other person or just have spats or fights because they're in a bad mood or tired or for some other reason. They also use many different ways of trying to settle their differences. I'm going to read some things that you and your partner might do when you have an arguments. I would like you to tell me how many times (READ EACH ITEM) in the past 12 months you (READ LIST).

	<u>Once</u>	<u>Twice</u>	<u>3-5 Times</u>	<u>6-10 Times</u>	<u>11-20 Times</u>	<u>More than 20 Times</u>
a. Discussed an issue calmly.						
b. Got information to back up your/his/her side of things						
c. Brought in or tried to bring in someone to help settle things.						
d. Insulted him or swore at him/her/you.						
e. Sulked or refused to talk about an issue.						
f. Stomped out of the room or house or yard.						
g. Cried						
h. Did or said something to spite him/her/you.						
i. Threatened to hit him/her or throw something at him/her.						
j. Threw or smashed or hit or kicked something.						
k. Threw something at him/her/you						
l. Pushed, grabbed or shoved him/her you						
m. Slapped him/her						
n. Kicked, bit or hit him/her/you with a fist						
o. Hit or tried to hit him/her/you with a fist						
p. Beat him/her/you up						
q. Choked him/her/you up						
r. Threatened him/her/you						
s. Used a knife or fired a gun						

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict; Relationship Violence
Question #: 36
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

Thinking back over the last twelve months you've been together, was there ever an occasion when (your spouse/partner) (READ ITEM) (READ ACROSS)?

	<u>Once</u>	<u>Twice</u>	<u>3-5 Times</u>	<u>6-10 Times</u>	<u>11-20 Times</u>	<u>More than 20 Times</u>
a. Discussed an issue calmly.						
b. Got information to back up your/his/her side of things						
c. Brought in or tried to bring in someone to help settle things.						
d. Insulted him or swore at him/her/you.						
e. Sulked or refused to talk about an issue.						
f. Stomped out of the room or house or yard.						
g. Cried						
h. Did or said something to spite him/her/you.						
i. Threatened to hit him/her or throw something at him/her.						
j. Threw or smashed or hit or kicked something.						
k. Threw something at him/her/you						
l. Pushed, grabbed or shoved him/her you						
m. Slapped him/her						
n. Kicked, bit or hit him/her/you with a fist						
o. Hit or tried to hit him/her/you with a fist						
p. Beat him/her/you up						
q. Choked him/her/you up						
r. Threatened him/her/you						
s. Used a knife or fired a gun						

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict; Relationship Violence
Question #: 37
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

Has it ever happened?

	<u>Once</u>	<u>Twice</u>	<u>3-5 Times</u>	<u>6-10 Times</u>	<u>11-20 Times</u>	<u>More than 20 Times</u>
a. Discussed an issue calmly.						
b. Got information to back up your/his/her side of things						
c. Brought in or tried to bring in someone to help settle things.						
d. Insulted him or swore at him/her/you.						
e. Sulked or refused to talk about an issue.						
f. Stomped out of the room or house or yard.						
g. Cried						
h. Did or said something to spite him/her/you.						
i. Threatened to hit him/her or throw something at him/her.						
j. Threw or smashed or hit or kicked something.						
k. Threw something at him/her/you						
l. Pushed, grabbed or shoved him/her you						
m. Slapped him/her						
n. Kicked, bit or hit him/her/you with a fist						
o. Hit or tried to hit him/her/you with a fist						
p. Beat him/her/you up						
q. Choked him/her/you up						
r. Threatened him/her/you						
s. Used a knife or fired a gun						

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: 38
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

You said there was a physical conflict between you and your (spouse, former spouse, partner). The next few questions are about those kinds of situations. Try to think back to the very first time there was a physical fight between the two of you. About how long ago was that?

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: 39a
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

Do you think that physical fighting had anything do with breaking up with your (spouse, partner)?

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: 39b
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

Was it a main cause of the breakup?

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: 40
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

Let's talk about the last time you and your spouse/former spouse/partner/former partner got into a physical fight and (MOST VIOLENT ACT). In that particular instance, who started the physical conflict, you or your (spouse/partner)?

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: 41
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

Which of the following described what you did as a result?

- a. Hit back or threw something
- b. Cried
- c. Yelled or cursed him/her
- d. Ran to another room
- e. Ran out of the house
- f. Called a friend or relative
- g. Called the police
- h. Other (volunteered)

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: 42
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

Were either both of you drinking right before the conflict started? (If yes) Who was that?

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: 43a
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

In the (last 12 months/last twelve months you were together) has either of you been hurt badly enough as a result of a conflict between you to need to see a doctor? (If yes) Who was that?

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: 46a
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

In the past year, did your (husband, former husband, partner) ever try to, or force you to, have sexual relations by using physical force, such as holding you down, or hitting you, or threatening to hit you?

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: 46c
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

Has this ever happened before this year? That is, did your (husband, former husband, partner) ever try to use physical force, or actually physically force you to have sex?

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: 47
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

Some women are afraid that their spouse (former spouse, partner) will hit them if they argue with him or do something he doesn't like. How much would you say you are afraid of this?

- Not at all
- A little
- Quite a bit
- Very afraid it will happen

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: 48
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

What do you think are the chances that you will (MOST VIOLENT ACT OF K THRU S) again in the next year? Please rate the chances on a scale from zero to 10. You should give a zero for something you think has no chance at all of happening, a 5 for something that you think has about a 50-50 chance of happening, and a 10 for something you think is sure to happen.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
No chance Sure

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: 49
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

Are there situations that you can imagine in which you would approve of a husband slapping his wife's face?

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: 50
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

Are there any situations that you can imagine in which you would approve of a wife slapping her husband's face?

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: 51
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

Suppose you hit your spouse/partner. I am going to read a list of things which might happen as a result. Please rate the chances on a scale from zero to 10. You should give a zero for something you think has no chance at all of happening, a 5 for something that you think has about a 50-50 chance of happening, and a 10 for something you think is sure to happen.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 No chance Sure

- a. Him/her hitting you back and hurting you
- b. Him/her calling the police
- c. Your getting arrested for it
- d. Him/her leaving or getting a divorce
- e. Your friends or relatives disapproving or losing respect for you

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: 52
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

How bad would that be for you on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is not bad and 10 is extremely bad?

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 Not bad Extremely Bad

- a. Him/her hitting you back and hurting you
- b. Him/her calling the police
- c. Your getting arrested for it
- d. Him/her leaving or getting a divorce
- e. Your friends or relatives disapproving or losing respect for you

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: 53
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

Here are 8 things that some people have used to try to get their (spouses/partners) to stop hurting or threatening them. Did you ever try...?

- a. Talking him/her out of it
- b. Getting him/her to promise to stop
- c. Avoiding him/her or avoiding certain topics
- d. Hiding or going away when he/she hurts you
- e. Leaving home for two days or more
- f. Threatening to call the police
- g. Threatening to get a divorce
- h. Physically fighting back in any way you can

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: 54
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

How effective was it - very effective, somewhat effective, slightly effective, not effective or made it worse?

	<u>Very effective</u>	<u>Somewhat effective</u>	<u>Slightly effective</u>	<u>Not effective</u>	<u>Made it worse</u>
a. Talking him/her out of it					
b. Getting him/her to promise to stop					
c. Avoiding him/her or avoiding certain topics					
d. Hiding or going away when he/she hurts you					
e. Leaving home for two days or more					
f. Threatening to call the police					
g. Threatening to get a divorce					
h. Physically fighting back in any way you can					

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: 60
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

We would like you to compare your health and personal problems now with what things were like for you before you and your (spouse, former spouse, partner) started having physical fights. Let's start with (READ ITEM)? Do you think the fighting made (ITEM) much worse, a little worse, or did it have no effect as far as you can tell?

	Much worse	A little worse	No effect
a. Your health			
b. The amount of stress you feel under			
c. Feeling badly or depressed			
d. Drinking or drug problems			

Construct: Marital Support
Question #: 55
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

In the past year, did you seek help for a family or personal problem from any of the following sources?

- a. Relatives on your side of the family
- b. Your partner's relatives
- c. Friends and neighbors
- d. Minister, priest, rabbi
- e. Psychologist or psychiatrist
- f. Marriage or family counselor
- g. Alcohol and drug abuse treatment services
- h. Women's or men's support group or hot line
- i. Battered women's shelter
- j. Community mental health center
- k. Other social service or counseling agency.
- l. Police
- m. Doctors, nurses
- n. Lawyer, legal aid
- o. District attorney

Construct: Marital Support
Question #: 56
Study: 1985 National Family Violence Survey

FOR EACH YES IN Q55, How effective was it – very effective, somewhat effective, slightly effective, not effective or made it worse?

	<u>Very effective</u>	<u>Somewhat effective</u>	<u>Slightly effective</u>	<u>Not effective</u>	<u>Made it worse</u>
a. Relatives on your side of the family					
b. Your partner’s relatives					
c. Friends and neighbors					
d. Minister, priest, rabbi					
e. Psychologist or psychiatrist					
f. Marriage or family counselor					
g. Alcohol and drug abuse treatment services					
h. Women’s or men’s support group or hot line					
i. Battered women’s shelter					
j. Community mental health center					
k. Other social service or counseling agency.					
l. Police					
m. Doctors, nurses					
n. Lawyer, legal aid					
o. District attorney					

The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, Wave I

The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health) is a longitudinal school-based study examining the health-related behaviors of adolescents. The study explores the causes of these behaviors, focusing specifically on how social factors influence adolescents' health choices. Students, parents, and school administrators were interviewed to determine the effects that families, friends, schools, and communities have on the health choices adolescents make. The third wave of the study focuses on the transition from adolescence to young adulthood. The sample consists of 12,105 adolescents who were nationally representative of teenagers in grades 7 through 12 during the 1994-1995 school year.

<http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/addhealth/>

Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital History
- Relationship/Marital Status
- Relationship Quality
- Relationship/ Marital Conflict
- Separation/Divorce

Construct: Relationship/Marital History

Question #: A38, A39

Study: The Prospective Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health),
Parent Questionnaire

Have you ever been married?

Yes

No

How old were you when you were first married?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History

Question #: A40

Study: The Prospective Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health),
Parent Questionnaire

In the last 18 years, how many such relationships (marriages and marriage-like relationships) have you had?

0

1

2

3

4

5

6 or more

Construct: Relationship/Marital History

Question #: A41-44, A46-49, A51-54

Study: The Prospective Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health),
Parent Questionnaire

During what years were you married to or living with this person?

1995 1988 1982
1994 1987 1981
1993 1986 1980
1992 1985 1979
1991 1984 1978
1990 1983 1977

Was this a marriage or a marriage-like relationship?

Marriage
Marriage-like

Is this relationship still going on?

Yes
No

How did it end?

Separation
Divorce
Annulment
Death
Other

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status

Question #: A10

Study: The Prospective Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health),
Parent Questionnaire

What is your current marital status?

Single, never married
Married
Widowed
Divorced
Separated

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: B18
Study: The Prospective Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health),
Parent Questionnaire

On a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 equals completely unhappy and 10 equals completely happy, how would you rate your relationship with your current (spouse/partner)?

Construct: Relationship/ Marital Conflict
Question #: B20
Study: The Prospective Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health),
Parent Questionnaire

How much do you fight or argue with your current (spouse/partner)?

- A lot
- Some
- A little
- Not at all

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: B19
Study: The Prospective Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health),
Parent Questionnaire

In the past year, have you and your current (spouse/partner) talked to each other about separating?

- Yes
- No

The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, Wave II

The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health) is a longitudinal school-based study examining the health-related behaviors of adolescents. The study explores the causes of these behaviors, focusing specifically on how social factors influence adolescents' health choices. Students, parents, and school administrators were interviewed to determine the effects that families, friends, schools, and communities have on the health choices adolescents make. The third wave of the study focuses on the transition from adolescence to young adulthood. The sample consists of 12,105 adolescents who were nationally representative of teenagers in grades 7 through 12 during the 1994-1995 school year.

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Topics Covered:

- Marriage and Pregnancy

Construct: Marriage and Pregnancy
Question #: S.31B #20, S.31B #21, S.31B #22, S.31B #23
Study: The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health)
Wave II

At the time you got pregnant were you and he (sexual partner) married to each other?

- No
- Yes
- Refused
- Legitimate skip (has not been pregnant)
- Missing

Did you want to marry him?

- No
- Yes
- You didn't care
- Refused
- Legitimate skip (was married to partner when became pregnant)
- Don't know
- Missing

Did you marry him?

- No
- Yes
- Refused
- Legitimate skip (was married to partner when became pregnant)
- Don't know
- Missing

When did you marry him, in relation to your pregnancy?

- Before you were sure you were pregnant
- Within a week of being sure you were pregnant
- Within a month of being sure you were pregnant
- More than a month after you were sure you were pregnant, but before the pregnancy ended
- After the pregnancy ended
- Legitimate skip (did not marry partner)
- Missing

The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, Wave III

The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health) is a longitudinal school-based study examining the health-related behaviors of adolescents. The study explores the causes of these behaviors, focusing specifically on how social factors influence adolescents' health choices. Students, parents, and school administrators were interviewed to determine the effects that families, friends, schools, and communities have on the health choices adolescents make. The third wave of the study focuses on the transition from adolescence to young adulthood. The sample consists of 12,105 adolescents who were nationally representative of teenagers in grades 7 through 12 during the 1994-1995 school year.

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Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital History
- Relationship/Marital Status
- Living Arrangements
- Attitudes to Marriage
- Attitudes to Marriage and Schooling
- Attitudes to Marriage and Work

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Section 14, Section A, Question #1
Study: The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, (Add Health)
Wave III

How many times have you been married?

- 0 times
- 1 time
- 2 times
- 3 times
- Refused
- Don't know
- Not applicable
- Missing

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Section 14, Section B, Question #4
Study: The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, (Add Health)
Wave III

How did the marriage end?

- Annulment
- Divorce
- Spouse's death
- Legitimate skip
- Don't know

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Section 14, Section D, Question #11
Study: The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, (Add Health)
Wave III

Did you (two [person you were cohabitating with]) ever marry?

- No
- Yes
- Legitimate skip
- Don't know
- Missing

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Section 17 and 17p, Question #12
Study: The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, (Add Health)
Wave III

We'd like to know if you and (Initials) are currently married, or were ever married.
Please select the sentence below which best describes your relationship.

- You have never been married.
- You are currently married.
- You were once married, but are not married now.
- Refused
- Don't know
- Not applicable
- Missing

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Section 19 and 19p, Question #11, Question #12
Study: The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, (Add Health)
Wave III

In what month (and year) did you and partner marry?

- January - February
- Refused
- Legitimate skip
- Don't know
- Not applicable
- Missing

In what (month and) year did you and partner marry?

- 1977 - 2002
- Refused
- Legitimate skip
- Don't know
- Not applicable
- Missing

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Section 19 and 19p, Question #14
Study: The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, (Add Health)
Wave III

How long did you and partner live together before you married?
Range 1-30 (Years Months Days)
Refused
Legitimate skip
Don't know
Refused
Not applicable
Missing

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Section 19 and 19p, Question #123
Study: The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, (Add Health)
Wave III

How long were you married to partner?
0 (Years)
1-10 (Months)
Question not asked of this respondent
Legitimate Skip
Don't know
Not applicable
Missing

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Section 19 and 19p, Question #124
Study: The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, (Add Health)
Wave III

How did your marriage to partner end?
Divorced
Marriage annulled
Widowed
Question not asked of this respondent
Refused
Legitimate skip
Don't know
Not applicable
Missing

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: Section 14, Section B, Question #3
Study: The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, (Add Health)
Wave III

Are you still married?

- No
- Yes
- Legitimate skip
- Don't know

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: Section 19 and 19p, Question #26
Study: The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, (Add Health)
Wave III

At the present time, are you and partner engaged to be married?

- No
- Yes
- Refused
- Legitimate Skip
- Don't know
- Not applicable
- Missing

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: Section 14, Section B, Question #6
Study: The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, (Add Health)
Wave III

Are you and (your spouse) currently living together?

- No
- Yes
- Legitimate skip
- Missing

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: Section 19 and 19p, Question #13
Study: The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, (Add Health)
Wave III

Did you and partner ever live together in the same residence as romantic or sexual partners before you married?

- No
- Yes
- Refused
- Legitimate skip
- Don't know
- Not applicable

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: Section 14, Section E, Question #16
Study: The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, (Add Health)
Wave III

Using a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 means not important at all and 10 means extremely important, how important do you think each of the following elements is for a successful marriage or serious committed relationship?

- a. Being of the same race or ethnic group?
- b. Love?
- c. Being faithful – that is, not cheating on your partner by seeing other people?
- d. Making a life-long commitment?
- e. Having enough money?

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: Section 14, Section E, Question #17
Study: The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, (Add Health)
Wave III

How much do you agree or disagree with the statement “I would like to be married now”?

Strongly agree
Agree somewhat
Neither agree nor disagree
Disagree somewhat
Strongly disagree
Refused
Legitimate skip
Don't know
Not applicable
Missing

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: Section 14, Section E, Question #21
Study: The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, (Add Health)
Wave III

How important is it to you to be married someday?

Very important
Somewhat important
Not very important
Not at all important
Refused
Legitimate skip
Don't know
Not applicable
Missing

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage and Schooling
Question #: Section 14, Section E, Question #18
Study: The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, (Add Health)
Wave III

Suppose that in the next few years you were going to school full time and met someone you really wanted to marry, but the only way for you to get married was to drop out of school completely. Would you get married then or wait until you finished your education?

- Get married
- Wait until education finished
- Refused
- Legitimate skip
- Don't know
- Not applicable
- Missing

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage and Schooling
Question #: Section 14, Section E, Question #19
Study: The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, (Add Health)
Wave III

What if you wanted to get married but you couldn't unless you started going to school part time? Would you get married then or wait until you finished your education?

- Get married
- Wait until education finished
- Refused
- Legitimate skip
- Don't know
- Not applicable
- Missing

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage and Work
Question #: Section 14, Section E, Question #20
Study: The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, (Add Health)
Wave III

What about work? How important do you think it would be for you to work full time for a year or two before you got married?

Very important
Somewhat important
Not very important
Not at all important
Refused
Legitimate skip
Don't know
Not applicable
Missing

1992 National Longitudinal Survey of Labor Market Experience of Youth

The National Longitudinal Survey of Labor Market Experience of Youth is a cohort of the National Longitudinal Surveys of Labor Market Experience, which is comprised of five sets of surveys designed to collect data on the labor force experience of specific age-sex groups in America. The youth cohort has been surveyed annually since 1979 on variables related to labor market experience (e.g., unemployment, job history, and job mobility), socioeconomic and human capital factors (e.g., education and training, health, marital and family characteristics, and financial characteristics), and selected environmental factors (e.g., size of labor force and unemployment rates in a local area). The sample was designed to be representative of the entire population of American youth born between 1957 and 1964. The main sample includes 6,111 respondents who represent noninstitutionalized civilian youth who were between the ages of 14 and 21 as of January 1, 1979. Two supplemental samples were also included in the study. The first included 5,295 youths who represented an oversampling of Hispanic, Black, and economically disadvantaged non-Hispanic, non-Black youth. The second supplemental sample consisted of 1,280 individuals who were between the ages of 17 and 21 as of January 1, 1979, and who had served in the military since September 30, 1978.

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu:8080/ABSTRACTS/07610.xml>

Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital Status
- Living Arrangements
- Plans for Marriage
- Relationship Quality
- Shared Activities
- Relationship/ Marital Conflict

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: E (Household Interview)
Study: 1992 National Longitudinal Survey of Labor Market Experience of Youth

Are you currently married, widowed, divorced, legally separated, or have you never been married?

- Married..... 1
- Widowed..... 2
- Divorced..... 3
- Legally separated..... 4
- Never been married..... 5

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: 2 (Marital History)
Study: 1992 National Longitudinal Survey of Labor Market Experience of Youth

What was your marital status on (DATE OF LAST INTERVIEW)?

- Never Married..... 0
- Married..... 1
- Separated..... 2
- Divorced..... 3
- Widowed..... 6

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: 3 (Marital History)
Study: 1992 National Longitudinal Survey of Labor Market Experience of Youth

Have there been any changes to your marital status since (DATE OF LAST INTERVIEW)?

- Yes..... 1
- No..... 0

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: 5 (Marital History)
Study: 1992 National Longitudinal Survey of Labor Market Experience of Youth

	FIRST CHANGE	SECOND CHANGE	THIRD CHANGE
A. Since (DATE OF LAST INTERVIEW), what was the (first/second/ ETC.) change in your marital status?	Married..1 Separated..2 Divorced..3 Reunited..4 Remarried..5 Widowed..6	Married..1 Separated..2 Divorced..3 Reunited..4 Remarried..5 Widowed..6	Married..1 Separated..2 Divorced..3 Reunited..4 Remarried..5 Widowed..6
B. When did that happen? ENTER MONTH AND YEAR	Month: __ Year: __	Month: __ Year: __	Month: __ Year: __
C. After that, was there any <u>other</u> change in your marital status?	Yes..1 No..0	Yes..1 No..0	Yes..1 No..0

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: 8B (Household Interview)
Study: 1992 National Longitudinal Survey of Labor Market Experience of Youth

Are you currently living as a partner with someone of the opposite sex?

- Yes..... 1
- No..... 2

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: 8D (Household Interview)
Study: 1992 National Longitudinal Survey of Labor Market Experience of Youth

In what month and year did you and your partner begin living together?

Month: _____
 Year: _____

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: 8 (Marital History)
Study: 1992 National Longitudinal Survey of Labor Market Experience of Youth

Did you and your (most recent) husband/wife) live together before you were married?

- Yes..... 1
- No..... 0



Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: 9 (Marital History)
Study: 1992 National Longitudinal Survey of Labor Market Experience of Youth

In what month and year did the two of you begin living together?

Enter month: _____
and
Year: _____

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: 10 (Marital History)
Study: 1992 National Longitudinal Survey of Labor Market Experience of Youth

Did you live together continuously from (DATE IN Q.9) until you were married?

Yes..... 1
No..... 0

Construct: Plans for Marriage
Question #: 33 (Child Care)
Study: 1992 National Longitudinal Survey of Labor Market Experience of Youth

Thinking of the future, would you...

Like to get married..... 1
Like to marry sometime, but not right now.. 2
Rather not get married..... 3

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 28 (Child Care)
Study: 1992 National Longitudinal Survey of Labor Market Experience of Youth

Would you say that your (relationship/marriage) is...

Very happy..... 1
Fairly happy..... 2
Not too happy..... 3

Construct: Shared Activities
Question #: 29 (Child Care)
Study: 1992 National Longitudinal Survey of Labor Market Experience of Youth

How often do you and your (husband/partner)... (READ CATEGORY)... almost every day, once or twice a week, once or twice a month, or less than once a month?

	Almost Every Day	Once or Twice a Week	Once or Twice a Month	Less Than Once a Month
A. Calmly discuss something				
B. Laugh together				
C. Tell each other about your day				

Construct: Shared Activities
Question #: 31 (Child Care)
Study: 1992 National Longitudinal Survey of Labor Market Experience of Youth

How often do you go out on dates? Is it...

- Almost every day..... 5
- Once or twice a week..... 4
- Once or twice a month..... 3
- Less than once a month..... 2
- Not at all..... 1

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: 30 (Child Care)
Study: 1992 National Longitudinal Survey of Labor Market Experience of Youth

How frequently do you and your (husband/partner) have arguments about... (READ CATEGORY)... often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never?

	Often	Sometimes	Hardly Ever	Never	N/A
A. Chores and responsibilities					
B. Your children					
C. Money					
D. Showing affection to each other					
E. Religion					
F. Leisure or free time					
G. Drinking					
H. Other women					
I. His relatives					
J. Your relatives					

The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979

The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979 examines the family, employment, education, fertility, and child care experiences of a nationally-representative cohort of approximately 10,000 individuals who were 14 to 21 years old in 1979. Every other year, beginning in 1986, information on the developmental well-being of respondents' children is collected. As respondents' children become adolescents, they are asked questions similar to those asked of their parents in 1979.

<http://www.bls.gov/nls/nlsy79.htm>

Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital History
- Relationship/Marital Status
- Plans for Marriage
- Relationship Quality
- Relationship/Marital Conflict

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: S02Q02 (Wave 1)
Study: The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979

(Including your present marriage,) how many times, altogether, have you ever been married?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: SPARMAR-2, SPARMAR-3 (Wave 18, 19)
Study: The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979

Now I have just a few more short questions about whether your (spouse/partner) has had any other marriages...

First, has your current (spouse/partner) ever been married before?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Not including this marriage, how many other times has your current (spouse/partner) been married?

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: S02Q01 (Wave 1)
Study: The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979

Are you presently married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

- 1 Presently married
- 2 Widowed
- 3 Divorced
- 4 Separated
- 5 Never married/annulled

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: S02Q01 (Wave 2), S02D0143 (Wave 3), S02D0342 (Wave 4), Q0138 (Wave 5), Q0134 (Wave 6), Q0115 (Wave 7, 8), Q0114 (Wave 9), Q21A (Wave 10), Q0132 (Wave 11), Q0145 (Wave 12, 13, 14), Q23 (Wave 15, 16, 17, 18), Q23A (Wave 19)
Study: The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979

When we talked to you on (date of last interview), you said you were (never married/married/separated/divorced/widowed). Has there been any change in your marital status since then? That is, have you been married, separated, divorced, remarried, or widowed?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Construct: Plans for Marriage
Question #: Q5859 (Wave 14), Q1073 (Waves 16, 17, 18, 19)
Study: The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979

Thinking of the future, would you...

- 1 Like to get married
- 2 Like to marry someone, but not right now
- 3 Rather not get married

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: Q1053 (Wave 10), Q5825 (Wave 14), Q1067 (Wave 16, 17, 18, 19)
Study: The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979

Would you say that your [relationship/marriage] is very happy, fairly happy, or not too happy?

- 1 Very happy
- 2 Fairly happy
- 3 Not too happy

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: Q1054A (Wave 10), Q5827 (Wave 14), Q1068A (Wave 16-19)
Study: The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979

How often do you and [husband or opposite sex partner] calmly discuss something...almost every day, once or twice a week, once or twice a month, or less than once a month?

- 1 Almost every day
- 2 Once or twice a week
- 3 Once or twice a month
- 4 Less than once a month

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: Q1054B (Wave 10), Q5829 (Wave 14), Q1068B (Waves 16-19)
Study: The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979

How often do you and [husband or opposite sex partner] laugh together....almost every day, once or twice a week, once or twice a month, or less than once a month?

- 1 Almost every day
- 2 Once or twice a week
- 3 Once or twice a month
- 4 Less than once a month

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: Q1054C (Wave 10), Q5831 (Wave 14), Q1068C (Waves 16-19)
Study: The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979

How often do you and [husband or opposite sex partner] tell each other about your day...almost every day, once or twice a week, once or twice a month, or less than once a month?

- 1 Almost every day
- 2 Once or twice a week
- 3 Once or twice a month
- 4 Less than once a month

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: Q1055A (Wave 10), Q5833 (Wave 14), Q1069A (Waves 16-19)
Study: The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979

How frequently do you and [husband or opposite sex partner] have arguments about [the following]...chores and responsibilities...often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never?

- 1 Often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Hardly ever
- 4 Never

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: Q1055B (Wave 10), Q5835 (Wave 14), Q1069B (Waves 16-19)
Study: The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979

How frequently do you and [husband or opposite sex partner] have arguments about your children...often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never?

- 1 Often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Hardly ever
- 4 Never

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: Q1055C (Wave 10), Q5837 (Wave 14), Q1069C (Waves 16-19)
Study: The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979

How frequently do you and [husband or opposite sex partner] have arguments about money...often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never?

- 1 Often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Hardly ever
- 4 Never

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: Q1055D (Wave 10), Q5839 (Wave 14), Q1069D (Waves 16-19)
Study: The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979

How frequently do you and [husband or opposite sex partner] have arguments about showing affection to each other...often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never?

- 1 Often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Hardly ever
- 4 Never

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: Q1055E (Wave 10), Q5841 (Wave 14), Q1069E (Waves 16-19)
Study: The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979

How frequently do you and [husband or opposite sex partner] have arguments about religion...often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never?

- 1 Often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Hardly ever
- 4 Never

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: Q1055F (Wave 10), Q5843 (Wave 14), Q1069F (Waves 16-19)
Study: The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979

How frequently do you and [husband or opposite sex partner] have arguments about leisure or free time...often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never?

- 1 Often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Hardly ever
- 4 Never

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: Q1055G (Wave 10), Q5845 (Wave 14), Q1069G (Waves 16-19)
Study: The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979

How frequently do you and [husband or opposite sex partner] have arguments about drinking...often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never?

- 1 Often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Hardly ever
- 4 Never

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: Q1055H (Wave 10), Q5847 (Wave 14), Q1069H (Waves 16-19)
Study: The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979

How frequently do you and [husband or opposite sex partner] have arguments about other women...often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never?

- 1 Often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Hardly ever
- 4 Never

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: Q5849 (Wave 14), Q1069I (Waves 16-19)
Study: The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979

How frequently do you and [husband or opposite sex partner] have arguments about his relatives...often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never?

- 1 Often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Hardly ever
- 4 Never

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: Q1055I (Wave 10), Q5851 (Wave 14), Q1069J (Waves 16-19)
Study: The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979

How frequently do you and [husband or opposite sex partner] have arguments about your relatives...often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never?

- 1 Often
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Hardly ever
- 4 Never

National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97): Parent Interview, Wave 1

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Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital History
- Relationship/Marital Status
- Living Arrangements
- Relationship Quality

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: P3-051
Study: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97): Parent Interview, Wave 1

In what month and year did you marry [spouse]?

Construct: Relationship/ Marital History
Question #: P3-053
Study: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97): Parent Interview, Wave 1

Have you been continuously married to [spouse] since then?

- 1 Yes, spouse
- 2 Yes, partner
- 0 No

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: P3-063
Study: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97): Parent Interview, Wave 1

How did this marriage end?

- 1 Legal separation only
- 2 Physical separation but no legal separation
- 3 Divorce
- 4 Death

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: PINF-060
Study: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97): Parent Interview, Wave 1

What is your marital status? Are you ...

- 0 Never-married
- 1 Married
- 2 Separated
- 3 Divorced
- 4 Widowed

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: PINF-074
Study: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97): Parent Interview, Wave 1

Is your spouse living in the household?

- 1 Yes
- 0 No

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: PINF-077, PINF-081
Study: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97): Parent Interview, Wave 1

Do you have a spouse or partner living in the household?

- 1 Yes, spouse
- 2 Yes, partner
- 0 No

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: Self-Administered Questionnaire (SAQ), questions P6-031 to P6-037
Study: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97): Parent Interview, Wave 1

	<u>Never</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Usually</u>	<u>Always</u>
How often is he or she fair and willing to compromise when you have a disagreement?					
How often does he or she scream or yell at you when he or she is angry?					
How often does he or she insult or criticize you or your ideas?					
How often does he or she express affection or love for you?					
How often does he or she encourage or help you to do things that are important to you?					
How often does he or she blame you for his or her problems?					

Construct: Relationship Quality

Question #: PC12-031 / PC12-032

Study: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97): Parent Interview, Wave 1, Self-Administered Questionnaire (SAQ)

	<u>Very friendly</u>	<u>Friendly</u>	<u>Mixed: more friendly than unfriendly</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Mixed: more unfriendly than friendly</u>	<u>Unfriendly</u>	<u>Very unfriendly</u>	<u>As hostile as you can imagine</u>
Overall, would you say YOUR behavior towards [him/her] is...								
How about [his/her] behavior towards you?								

National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97): Youth Survey, Wave 6

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Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital Status
- Living Arrangements
- Plans for Marriage
- Relationship Quality
- Separation/Divorce

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: YMAR-620 / YMAR-650
Study: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97): Youth Survey, Wave 6

These next questions are about relationships you may have with other people. What is your current legal marital status?

- 0 Never-married
- 1 Married
- 2 Separated
- 3 Divorced
- 4 Widowed

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: YMAR-730
Study: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97): Youth Survey, Wave 6

Before we discuss your relationship with [partner], tell me please, have you had any other marriages or marriage-like relationships since the last interview on [date of last interview] that lasted one month or more?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: YMAR-740
Study: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97): Youth Survey, Wave 6

Since the date of our last interview, have you been married to someone, or lived with someone in a marriage-like relationship?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: YMAR-2600
Study: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97): Youth Survey, Wave 6

Do you have a spouse that currently lives with you?

Construct: Plans for Marriage
Question #: YSAQ2-298D23A
Study: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97): Youth Survey, Wave 6

Have you ever discussed marriage with [partner]?

Construct: Plans for Marriage
Question #: YSAQ2-298D23B
Study: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97): Youth Survey, Wave 6

Have you ever discussed long-term commitment or marriage with [partner]?

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: YMAR-2030
Study: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97): Youth Survey, Wave 6

On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not close at all and 10 is very close, how close do you feel towards [this spouse/partner]?

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: YMAR-2040
Study: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97): Youth Survey, Wave 6

How much do you feel that [this spouse/partner] cares about you? Again, 0 means [this spouse/partner] does not care about you at all and 10 means [this spouse/partner] cares about you a lot.

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: YMAR-2050
Study: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97): Youth Survey, Wave 6

Overall what is your relationship like with [this spouse/partner]? On a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is no conflict and 10 is a lot of conflict, how would you rate your relationship with [this spouse/partner]?

Construct: Separation/Divorce

Question #: YSAQ2-298D21

Study: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 Cohort (NLSY97): Youth Survey, Wave 6

On a scale of 0 to 10, how likely do you think it is that you will still be together with [partner] in 6 months? 0 means no chance, 5 means 50-50, 10 means 100 percent certain that you and [partner] will be together.

National Survey of Black Americans

The National Study of Black Americans examines community involvement, relationships, employment, crime, religion, health, and attitudes among Black Americans through interviews and self-administered questionnaires. The survey is representative of Black citizens 18 years of age or older and was fielded in 1979-1980, 1987-1988, 1988-1989, and 1992. The study was initiated in 1977 by the Program for Research on Black Americans at the Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan with funding provided by the National Institute of Mental Health, Center for the Study of Minority Group Mental Health.

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu:8080/NACJD-SERIES/00164.xml>

Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital History
- Relationship/Marital Status
- Living Arrangements
- Attitudes to Marriage
- Relationship Quality
- Gender Roles

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: E15 (Waves 2-4), E18 (Wave 1)
Study: National Survey of Black Americans

Are you married, divorced, separated, widowed or have you never been married?

1. Married
2. Divorced
3. Separated
4. Widowed
5. Never married
6. R volunteers: Common Law Marriage

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: E15a (Waves 2-4), E18a (Wave 1)
Study: National Survey of Black Americans

How long have you been married?

___ years
___ months

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: E15b (Waves 2-4), E18b (Wave 1)
Study: National Survey of Black Americans

How long did you go together before you were married?

___ years
___ months

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: E15c (Waves 2-4), E18c (Wave 1)
Study: National Survey of Black Americans

Do you have a main romantic involvement at this time?

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: E15e (Waves 2-4), E18d (Wave 1)
Study: National Survey of Black Americans

How long have the two of you been together?

___ years
___ months

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: E18e (Wave 1)
Study: National Survey of Black Americans

Do you live with this person?

1. Yes
2. Sometimes
3. No

Construct: Attitudes To Marriage
Question #: E22/E22a (Wave 1)
Study: National Survey of Black Americans

Do you think that being (separated/divorced) is better or worse than being married?

1. Better
2. Worse
3. Mixed feelings

Why do you say this?

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: E27 (Wave 1)
Study: National Survey of Black Americans

Which one do you feel is the least important?

- a. Raising children
- b. Financial security
- c. Jobs that need to be done around the house
- d. A good love life
- e. Companionship
- f. (FOR FEMALES ONLY) For safety

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: E25 (Wave 1)
Study: National Survey of Black Americans

How important is it for you to have a (man/woman NOT R's SEX) live in the house with you for the things I'm going to read?

	<u>Very Important</u>	<u>Fairly Important</u>	<u>Not too Important</u>	<u>Not Important at all</u>
a. raising children				
b. financial security				
c. jobs that need to be done around the house				
d. good love life				
e. companionship				
f. (FOR FEMALES ONLY) safety				

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: E26 (Wave 1)
Study: National Survey of Black Americans

As I read the list again, please tell me which one you feel is the most important reason to have (man/woman NOT R's SEX) live in the house with you?

- a. Raising children
- b. Financial security
- c. Jobs that need to be done around the house
- d. A good love life
- e. Companionship
- f. (FOR FEMALES ONLY) For safety

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: E19a-c (Wave 1)
Study: National Survey of Black Americans

What things make you feel you're not as good a (husband/wife) as you'd like to be?

Do you think this can change?

1. Yes
2. No

Why is that?

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: E20/E20a (Wave 1)
Study: National Survey of Black Americans

Who do you think gets more your of the relationship, you or your (husband/wife/partner)?

1. R
2. R's partner
3. About equal

Why do you feel this way?

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: E17 (Waves 2-4)
Study: National Survey of Black Americans

Now, I would like to ask you some questions about how much you worry about different parts of your life.

	<u>A great deal</u>	<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>
Given the chances you have had, how much do you worry that you have not been able to take care of your family's needs?				
Given the chances you have had, how much do you worry about how well you have done at being a good (husband to your wife/wife to your husband)?				

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: E35 (Wave 1)
Study: National Survey of Black Americans

Now, I would like to ask you some questions about how well you have dealt with different parts of your life, given the chances you have had.

	<u>Very Well</u>	<u>Fairly Well</u>	<u>Not Too Well</u>	<u>Not Well at All</u>
a. How well have you done in taking care of you family's wants and needs?				
d. How well have you done at being a good (husband to your wife/ wife to your husband)?				

Construct: Gender Roles
Question #: E30 (Wave 1)
Study: National Survey of Black Americans

For the next two statements, please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree.

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
a. Both men and women should share equally in childcare and housework.				
b. Both men and women should have jobs to support the family.				

National Survey of Children Parent Questionnaire (1976)

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<http://www.socio.com/srch/summary/afda/fam06-12.htm>

Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital History
- Relationship/Marital Status
- Relationship Quality
- Relationship/ Marital Conflict

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: 2
Study: National Survey of Children, Parent Questionnaire (1976)

Were you (separated/divorced) within the last five years or earlier?
Last five years
Earlier

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: 3
Study: National Survey of Children, Parent Questionnaire (1976)

(Has [child's mother]/Have you) been married more than once?
Yes
No

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: 4
Study: National Survey of Children, Parent Questionnaire (1976)

How many times (has she/have you) been married?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: 5
Study: National Survey of Children, Parent Questionnaire (1976)

In what year did (her/your) (first/second/etc.) marriage begin?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: 6 / 31
Study: National Survey of Children, Parent Questionnaire (1976)

In what year did the marriage end?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: 7
Study: National Survey of Children, Parent Questionnaire (1976)

Was the marriage ended by death, divorce, separation, or annulment?

- Death
- Divorce
- Separation
- Annulment

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: 1
Study: National Survey of Children, Parent Questionnaire (1976)

Are you currently:

- Married
- Widowed
- Separated
- Divorced, or
- Have you never been married?

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 91
Study: National Survey of Children, Parent Questionnaire (1976)

Taking things all together, how would describe your marriage? Would you say that your marriage is:

- Very happy
- Fairly happy
- Not too happy

Construct: Relationship/ Marital Conflict

Question #: 90

Study: National Survey of Children, Parent Questionnaire (1976)

Most married couples have arguments. Do you ever have arguments about:

- a. Chores and responsibilities?
- b. Your child(ren)?
- c. Money?
- d. Sex?
- e. Religion?
- f. Leisure times?
- g. Drinking?
- h. Other women or men?
- i. In-laws?

National Survey of Children, 1987 (NSC)

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Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital History

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Y29
Study: National Survey of Children, 1987

At the time (Youth) was born, were (you and [Youth]'s other biological parent/[Youth]'s biological parents) married to one another?

Yes
No
Don't know

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Y30
Study: National Survey of Children, 1987

Did (you/they) ever marry each other?

Yes
No
Don't know

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Y31
Study: National Survey of Children, 1987

When did that marriage begin?
Month and year

National Survey of Family Growth, Cycle V& Cycle VI

The National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) is a national survey the purpose of which is to provide reliable data on marriage, divorce, contraception, infertility, and the health of women and infants in the United States. The NSFG Surveys of Women were conducted in 1973, 1976, 1988, and 1995. Personal interviews were conducted in the homes of respondents who are representative of the civilian, noninstitutionalized population of American women between the ages of 15 and 44. In 2002 and 2003, NSFG began a new cycle of data collection, conducting interviews with 4,900 men and 7,600 women. These samples are representative of the noninstitutionalized U.S. population of males and females between the ages of 15 and 44, with an oversampling of Black, Hispanic, and 15-24-year-old respondents. The NSFG contains questions on topics such as marriage, divorce, education, work, income, having and raising children, fertility, and medical care.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nsfg.htm>

Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital History
- Relationship/Marital Status
- Living Arrangements
- Plans for Marriage
- Attitudes to Marriage
- Marriage and Pregnancy
- Relationship/Marital Conflict
- Separation/Divorce
- Gender Roles
- Marriage and Family of Origin
- Sexual Intimacy
- Marriage and Religion

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: CA-1 (Cycle V)
CA-1 (Cycle VI, Female)
AG-2 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG V
NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

(Including your present marriage,) how many times have you been married?
Number _____

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: AG-3, AG-5 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

(Not including the woman you married,) have you ever lived together with a female sexual partner? By living together, I mean having a sexual relationship while sharing the same usual residence.

Yes.....1
No.....5

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: AG-4, AG-6 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

(Not including/Including) the (woman/women) you married, how many other female sexual partners have you lived together with in your life? (Please include the woman you live with now.)
Number_____

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: CB-11, CC-1, CD-12 (Cycle V)
CB-1 (Cycle VI, Female),
CA-2, EB-2 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG V
NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

In what month and year were you and ((your first/second/etc.)
HUSBAND/WIFE/PARTNER/you and she) married?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: CB-2 (Cycle VI, Female)
EB-2, CA-3 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

How old were you when you got married (the [nth] time)?
Age in years _____

How old were you when you and (WIFE/PARTNER) got married?
Age in years _____

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: CB-2, CB-3, CC-3, CD-2 (Cycle V)
CB-3 (Cycle VI, Female)
Study: NSFG V
NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire

How old was ((your first/second/etc.) HUSBAND) when you got married?
Age in years _____

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: CB-12, CC-2, CD-13 (Cycle V)
CB-5 (Cycle VI, Female)
CA-4, DB-3, EB-4 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG V
NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

Some couples live together without being married. By living together, we mean having a sexual relationship while sharing the same usual address. Did you and (HUSBAND/WIFE/PARTNER) live together before you got married?
Yes.....1
No.....2

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: CB-13, CC-3, CD-14, CE-1, CF-4 (Cycle V)
CB-6, CD-4 (Cycle VI, Female)
CA-5, EB-5 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG V
NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

In what month and year did you and (he/she/WIFE/PARTNER/FORMER COHAB PARTNER/boyfriend/the (first, second, etc.) man you are living with) first start living together?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: CA-6, EB-6 (Cycle VI, Male)
CC-3, CD-5 (Cycle VI, Female)
Study: NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire
NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire

How old were you when you and (WIFE/PARTNER/CURR COHAB PARTNER/FORMER COHAB PARTNER) first started living together?
Age in years _____

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: CE-2, CF-6 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

Have there been any periods when you and (your boyfriend/ man living with) stopped living together for one month or more?
Yes.....1
No.....2

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: CE-3 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

How many times did you and (your boyfriend/ man living with) live apart for a month or more?

Number of times

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: CE-4 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

Did you live apart because you were not getting along, or for some other reason?

- Not getting along.....1
- Some other reason.....2
- Some of each.....3

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: CE-5, CE-5a, CE-6 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

Were you separated for less than 6 months, or were you separated for 6 months or longer?

- Less than 6 months.....1
- 6 months or longer.....2

Were you ever separated for 6 months or longer?

- Yes.....1
- No.....2

How many times were you separated for 6 months or longer?

Number of times

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: CB-10, CD-11, CE-16 (Cycle V)
 CB-12, CC-12 (Cycle VI, Female)
 DE-3, EC-6 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG V
 NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
 NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

At the time you and he (were married/started living together), had ((your first, second, etc.) HUSBAND/CURR COHAB PARTNER/FORMER COHAB PARTNER/PARTNER/she/boyfriend/the man you are/were living with) been married before?

- Yes1
- No5

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: CB-13, CB-14 (Cycle VI, Female)
Study: NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire

When you and he got married, did he have any children, either biological or adopted, from any previous relationships?

- Yes1
- No5

How many children did he have?

Number _____

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: CD-20, CC-10 (Cycle V)
CB-19 (Cycle VI, Female)
DB-7, EB-8 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG V
NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

How did your (Nth) marriage end?

- Death of husband/wife1
- Divorce2
- Annulment3
- Separation.....4

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: CB-20 (Cycle VI, Female)
DB-8, EB-9 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

In what month and year did (HUSBAND/WIFE/PARTNER) die?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: CB-22, CC-12, CD-21, CD-23 (Cycle V)
CB-21 (Cycle VI, Female)
DB-9, EB-10 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG V
NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

In what month and year did your (divorce become final/annulment take place)?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: CB-23, CC-13, CD-22 (Cycle V)
CB-22 (Cycle VI, Female)
DB-11, EB-12 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG V
NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

In what month and year did you and (HUSBAND/WIFE/PARTNER) stop living together (for the last time)?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: CC-4, CD-6 (Cycle VI, Female)
Study: NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire

How old was (CURR COHAB PARTNER/he) when you began living together?
Age in years _____

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: CF-1
CD-1 (Cycle VI, Female)
Study: NSFG V
NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire

Not counting anyone we've already talked about, have you ever lived together with any other man?

Yes.....1
No.....5

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: CF-2 (Cycle V)
CD-2 (Cycle VI, Female)
Study: NSFG V
NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire

With how many (other) men have you ever lived?
Number _____

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: EB-6a (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

Who did you live with first, [NAME OF COHABITING PARTNER] or your (first) wife?

- First cohab1
- First wife2

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: AA-3 (Cycle V)
AB-1, AB-2 (Cycle VI, Female)
AB-1, AB-2 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG V
NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

Now I'd like to ask about your marital status. What is your current marital status?

- 1. Married
- 2. Not married but living together with a partner of the opposite sex
- 3. Widowed
- 4. Divorced
- 5. Separated, because you and your spouse are not getting along
- 6. Never been married

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: AD-8 (Cycle VI, Female)
AD-8 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

Where is your (husband/partner) currently living?

- 1. Friend's home
- 2. Relative's home
- 3. College/university
- 4. Armed forces
- 5. Employed in another city
- 6. Medical institution (hospital, rehabilitational facility)
- 7. Correctional institution (jail, prison)
- 8. Other

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: CB-14, CC-4, CD-15 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

Did you live together continuously up until the time you got married?

- Yes.....1
- No.....2
- Refused.....8
- Don't know.....9

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: CB-15, CC-5, CD-16, CB-19, CC-9, CD-20, CF-7 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

When did you stop living together?

_____ / _____
 Month (Season) Year

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: CB-16, CC-6, CD-17, CF-8 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

After that, did you and he live together again (before you got married)?

- Yes.....1
- No.....2

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: CB-17, CC-7, CD-18 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

When did you and he start living together again?

_____ / _____
 Month (Season) Year

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: CB-18, CC-8, CD-19 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

Did you continue to live together up until the time you got married?

- Yes.....1
- No.....2
- Don't know.....3
- Refused.....4

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: CF-5 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

In what month and year did you and he stop living together for the last time?

_____ / _____
Month (Season) Year

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: CF-9 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

Did you live apart again before you stopped living together the final time?

Yes 1
No 2

Construct: Plans for Marriage
Question #: CB-7, CC-6, CD-8 (Cycle VI, Female)
CA-7, DB-6, EB-7 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

At the time you (began living together/first started living together), were you and (he/CURR COHAB PARTNER/WIFE/PARTNER) engaged to be married or did you have definite plans to get married?

Yes1
No5

Construct: Plans for Marriage
Question #: CC-7 (Female)
CA-8, DC-2 (Male)
Study: NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

What is the chance that you and [CURR COHAB PARTNER/SEXUAL PARTNER/WIFE/PARTNER] will marry each other?

- 1. No chance
- 2. A little chance
- 3. 50-50 chance
- 4. A pretty good chance
- 5. An almost certain chance

Construct: Plans for Marriage
Question #: IE-1 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

Do you expect to marry your current boyfriend?

- Yes.....1
- No.....2

Construct: Plans for Marriage
Question #: IE-2 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

Do you expect to marry (again) at some time in the future?

- Yes.....1
- No.....2
- Refused.....8
- Don't know.....9

Construct: Plans for Marriage
Question #: IE-3 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

At what age do you expect to get married?

Construct: Plans for Marriage
Question #: IE-4 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

Of course, sometimes things do not work out exactly as we would expect them to. In your case, how sure are you that you (will/will not) get married (again)? Would you say that you are very sure or not very sure?

- Very sure.....1
- Not very sure.....2

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: IH-1, IH-7, IH-9, IH-10 (Cycle VI, Female)
 JG-1, JG-7, JG-9, JG-10 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
 NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	IF R INSISTS: Neither agree nor disagree
It is better for a person to get married than to go through life being single.	1	2	3	4	5
The rewards of being a parent are worth it, despite the cost and the work it takes.	1	2	3	4	5
Gay or lesbian adults should have the right to adopt children.	1	2	3	4	5
A young couple should not live together unless they are married.	1	2	3	4	5

Construct: Marriage and Pregnancy
Question #: GD-3 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

If your husband could choose exactly the number of children to have in his whole life, how many would he choose?

Number or range
 None = 00

Construct: Marriage and Pregnancy
Question #: CG-1, CG-2, CG-8, ED-1, ED-2, ED-8 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

Now I have some questions about children that you and your (wife/partner) may have had together. By this I mean, you were the biological father and she was the biological mother. (Have/Did) you and (WIFE/PARTNER) ever (had/have) a child together?

Yes1
No5

Altogether, how many children (have/did) you had together?

Number of children _____

Were you married to (WIFE/PARTNER) at the time of the birth?

Yes1
No5

Construct: Marriage and Pregnancy
Question #: CH-2, CH-3 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

Are you and your (wife/partner) currently trying to get pregnant?

Yes1
No5

How long have you and she been trying to get pregnant?

Number of months _____

Construct: Marriage and Pregnancy
Question #: IE-5 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

Are you and your (wife/partner) currently pursuing medical help to have a baby together?

Yes1
No5

Construct: Marriage and Pregnancy
Question #: CG-10, DH-10, ED-10 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

When did you find out that (WIFE/PARTNER) was pregnant? Was it during the pregnancy or after the child was born?

- During the pregnancy1
- After the child was born2

Construct: Marriage and Pregnancy
Question #: EH-1 (Cycle V)
EH-2 (Cycle VI, Female)
Study: NSFG V
NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire

And your partner, does he want you to become pregnant as soon as possible?

- Yes..... 1
- No..... 5

Construct: Marriage and Pregnancy
Question #: GA-2 (Cycle VI, Female)
Study: NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire

(If it were possible, would/Looking to the future, does/Does) (HUSBAND/PARTNER) want to have (a/nother) baby at some time (after this pregnancy is over/in the future)? Would you say...

- Definitely yes.....1
- Probably yes.....2
- Probably no.....3
- Definitely no.....4

Construct: Marriage and Pregnancy
Question #: GB-1 (Cycle V)
GB-1 (Cycle VI, Female)
HB-2 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG V
NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

Do you and (HUSBAND/WIFE/PARTNER) intend to have (a/another) baby at some time (after this pregnancy is over/in the future)?

- Yes.....1
- No.....5

Construct: Marriage and Pregnancy
Question #: GB-4 (Cycle V)
GB-4, GC-4 (Cycle VI, Female)
HB-5, HC-4 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG V
NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

Many people aren't sure, but still have some idea about the future. As you expect things to work out for you and (HUSBAND/WIFE/PARTNER), what is the largest number of (additional) babies you and (he/she) expect to have (after this pregnancy is over)?

Number of babies _____

Construct: Marriage and Pregnancy
Question #: GB-5 (Cycle V)
GB-5, GC-5 (Cycle VI, Female)
HB-6, GC-5 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG V
NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

What is the smallest number of (additional) babies you and (he/WIFE/PARTNER) expect to have (after this pregnancy is over)?

Number of babies _____

Construct: Marriage and Pregnancy
Question #: HA-14 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

During the last 12 months, that is, since (MONTH/YEAR), how many visits have you or your husband or partner made to a doctor or other medical care provider for help getting pregnant?

Number

Construct: Marriage and Pregnancy
Question #: HB-11 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

When you and your husband or partner went for medical help to become pregnant and/or prevent miscarriage, were you ever told that you or he had any of the following infertility problems: (Read list. Code all that apply.)

- Problems with ovulation?.....1
- Blocked tubes?.....2
- Other tube or pelvic problems?.....3
- Endometriosis?.....4
- Semen or sperm problems?.....5
- Any other infertility problems? (SPECIFY):.....6

- NONE OF THESE PROBLEMS.....7

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: CB-24, CC-14, CD-24 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

Were there any periods during your marriage when you and your (first/second/etc.) husband lived apart from each other for a month or more either because you were not getting along or for some other reason?

Before this final separation, were there any other periods during your marriage when you and your (first/second/etc.) husband lived apart from each other for a month or more either because you were not getting along or for some other reason?

- Yes.....1
- No.....2

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: CB-25, CC-15, CD-25 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

Not counting your final separation, how many times did you and your (first/second/etc.) husband live apart for a month or more?

How many times did you and your (first/second/etc.) husband live apart for a month or more?

_____ (Range = 1-99)

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: CB-26, CC-16, CD-26 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

Did you live apart because you were not getting along, or for some other reason?

- Not getting along.....1
- Some other reason.....2
- Some of each.....3

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: CB-27, CB-27a, CB-28, CC-17, CC-17a, CC-18, CD-27, CD-27a, CD-28 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

Were you separated for less than 6 months, or were you separated for 6 months or longer?

- Less than 6 months.....1
- 6 months or longer.....2

Were you ever separated for 6 months or longer?

- Yes.....1
- No.....2

How many times were you separated for 6 months or longer?

_____ Number of times

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: IH-2 (Cycle VI, Female)
JG-2 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

Divorce is usually the best solution when a couple can't seem to work out their marriage problems.

- Strongly Agree1
- Agree2
- Disagree3
- Strongly Disagree4
- IF R INSISTS: Neither agree nor disagree5

Construct: Gender Roles
Question #: ID-3 - ID-20 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree [with the following questions]?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
A man can make long range plans for his life, but a woman has to take things as they come.	1	2	3	4
A pre-school child is likely to suffer if his mother works.	1	2	3	4
A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work.	1	2	3	4
It is much better for everyone involved if the man is the achiever outside the home and the woman takes care of the home and family.	1	2	3	4
A woman should have exactly the same job opportunities as a man.	1	2	3	4
Men should share the work around the house with women such as doing dishes, cleaning, and so forth.	1	2	3	4
A woman should not let bearing and rearing children stand in the way of a career if she wants it.	1	2	3	4
On the job, men should not refuse to work under women.	1	2	3	4
Women are much happier if they stay home and take care of their children.	1	2	3	4
Young girls are entitled to as much independence as young boys.	1	2	3	4
Men and women should be paid the same money if they do the same work.	1	2	3	4
Sex seems to exist mainly for the man's pleasure.	1	2	3	4
Women should be considered as seriously as men for jobs as executives or politicians or even President.	1	2	3	4
If anything happened to one of the children while the mother was working, she could never forgive herself.	1	2	3	4
A woman's job should be kept for her when she is having a baby.	1	2	3	4
You usually find the happiest families are those with a large number of children.	1	2	3	4
Many of those in women's rights organizations today seem to be unhappy misfits.	1	2	3	4
There should be free child-care centers so that women could take jobs.	1	2	3	4

Construct: Gender Roles
Question #: IH-8, IH-11, IH-12, IH-13 (Female)
 JG-8, JG-11, JG-12, JG-13 (Male)
Study: NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
 NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	IF R INSISTS: Neither agree nor disagree
It is okay for an unmarried female to have a child.	1	2	3	4	5
A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work.	1	2	3	4	5
It is much better for everyone if the man earns the main living and the woman takes care of the home and family.	1	2	3	4	5
It is more important for a man to spend a lot of time with his family than to be successful at his career.	1	2	3	4	5

Construct: Marriage and Family of Origin
Question #: AI-1 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

Tell me about your natural parents at the time you were born. Were they... (Read list.)

- Married,.....1
- Married, but separated due to not getting along,.....2
- Not married, living apart, or.....3
- Not married, living together?.....4
- Code if spontaneously mentioned:
- Natural parents divorced before R was born.....5
- R's natural father died before R was born.....6

Construct: Marriage and Family of Origin
Question #: AI-2 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

Were your natural parents ever married to each other?

- Yes.....1
- No.....2
- Don't know.....9

Construct: Marriage and Family of Origin
Question #: AO-3, AO-3a (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

Did your (parents) ever divorce? Did your parents ever divorce?

- Yes.....1
- No.....2

How old were you when they divorced?

AGE

Construct: Marriage and Family of Origin
Question #: AO-4, AO-5 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

When we went over the living situations, you reported that your (parents/parental figures) divorced. Did they ever separate for 4 or more months prior to the divorce that you reported?

- Yes.....1
- No.....2

How old were you when they first separated for 4 or more months?

Age

Construct: Marriage and Family of Origin
Question #: AQ-1, AQ-2 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

Did your (natural) mother ever get married?

Did your mother ever get married?

Yes.....1
No.....2

How old were you when she got married?

Age

Construct: Marriage and Family of Origin
Question #: AQ-3, AQ-4, AR-1, AR-2 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

Did your (mother/natural mother/adoptive mother) ever re-marry?

Yes.....1
No.....2

How old were you when she re-married?

Age

Construct: Marriage and Family of Origin
Question #: AQ-5, AQ-6 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

Did your (natural) father ever get married?

Yes.....1
No.....2

How old were you when he got married?

Age

Construct: Marriage and Family of Origin
Question #: AQ-7, AQ-8, AR-3, AR-4 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

Did your (natural father/father/adoptive father) father ever re-marry?

- Yes.....1
- No.....2

How old were you when he re-married?

Age

Construct: Marriage and Family of Origin
Question #: AG-2 (Cycle VI, Female)
AF-2 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

Were your biological parents married to each other at the time you were born?

- Yes.....1
- No.....5

Construct: Sexual Intimacy
Question #: CG-2 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

What do you think are the chances that you will have sexual intercourse before you get married? Would you say it is ...

- Very likely,.....1
- Somewhat likely,.....2
- Somewhat unlikely, or.....3
- Very unlikely?.....4

Construct: Sexual Intimacy
Question #: CG-4 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

As you know, some women have sexual intercourse before marriage and others do not. Please look at this list of some reasons that people give for not having sexual intercourse. What would you say are the reasons why you have not had sexual intercourse up to now? (Code all that apply.)

- Against religion or morals.....1
 - Don't want to get pregnant.....2
 - Don't want to get sexually transmitted disease.....3
 - Haven't found right person yet.....4
 - Other (Specify):.....5
-

Construct: Sexual Intimacy
Question #: CG-5 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

What would you say is the single most important reason why you have not had sexual intercourse up to now?

- Against religion or morals.....1
 - Don't want to get pregnant.....2
 - Don't want to get sexually transmitted disease.....3
 - Haven't found right person yet.....4
 - Other (Specify):.....5
-
- R will not choose a single reason.....6

Construct: Sexual Intimacy
Question #: CI-8, CL-11 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

What was your (first/second/etc.) (voluntary) partner's marital status when you first had sexual intercourse with him? Was he...

- Married,.....1
- Widowed,.....2
- Divorced,.....3
- Separated, because he and his wife were not getting along,.....4
- Or had he never been married?.....5

Construct: Sexual Intimacy
Question #: CI-20, CL-12 (Cycle V)
Study: NSFG V

What is your (first/second/etc.) (voluntary) partner's current marital status? Is he ...
Married,.....1
Widowed,.....2
Divorced,.....3
Separated, because he and his wife
are not getting along,.....4
Or has he never been married?.....5

Construct: Sexual Intimacy
Question #: CF-8 (Cycle VI, Female)
BA-6 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

(Did you ever take / Have you ever taken) a public or written pledge to remain a virgin
until marriage?
Yes1
No5

Construct: Sexual Intimacy
Question #: CK-1 (Cycle V)
CH-3 (Cycle VI, Female)
Study: NSFG V
NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire

Including your (former) husband, how many male sexual partners did you have before
you got married (the first time)?
Number _____

Construct: Sexual Intimacy
Question #: CC-2 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

The very first time that you had sexual intercourse with your (wife/partner), how old
were you?
Age in years _____

Construct: Sexual Intimacy
Question #: CI-8, CL-11 (Cycle V)
CC-3 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG V
NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

At the time you first had sexual intercourse with (WIFE/PARTNER), how would you describe your relationship with her?

- Married to her1
- Engaged to her2
- Living together in a sexual relationship, but not engaged3
- Going with her or going steady4
- Going out with her once in a while5
- Just friends6
- Had just met her7
- Something else8

Construct: Sexual Intimacy
Question #: CE-1 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

When was the most recent time you had sexual intercourse with (WIFE/PARTNER)? Was it within the last week, within the last four weeks, or more than four weeks ago?

- Within the last week1
- Within the last four weeks2
- More than four weeks ago3

Construct: Sexual Intimacy
Question #: IH-3, IH-4, IH-5, IH-6 (Cycle VI, Female)
 JG-4, JG-5, JG-6 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG VI- Female Questionnaire
 NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	IF R INSISTS: Neither agree nor disagree
Sexual relations between two adults of the same sex are all right.	1	2	3	4	5
Any sexual act between two consenting adults is all right.	1	2	3	4	5
It is all right for unmarried 18 year olds to have sexual intercourse/relations if they have strong affection for each other.	1	2	3	4	5
It is all right for unmarried 16 year olds to have sexual intercourse/relations if they have strong affection for each other.	1	2	3	4	5

Construct: Sexual Intimacy
Question # JG-3 (Cycle VI, Male)
Study: NSFG VI- Male Questionnaire

Sexual relations between two adults of the same sex is always wrong. Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree?

- Strongly Agree1
- Agree2
- Disagree3
- Strongly Disagree4
- IF R INSISTS: Neither agree nor disagree5

Construct: Marriage and Religion
Question #: CB-9, CD-10, CE-11 (Cycle V)
Study: National Survey of Family Growth, Cycle V

During your marriage, how important was religion to your (first/second/etc.) husband?
Would you say it was very important, somewhat important, or not important?
How important is religion to (your boyfriend/man living with/current husband)?
Would you say it is very important, somewhat important, or not important?

- Very important.....1
- Somewhat important.....2
- Not important.....3

National Survey of Families and Households (NSFH)

The National Survey of Families and Households (NSFH) is a nationally representative sample that includes an over-sampling of minority groups, single parent and stepfamilies, cohabiting couples, and recently married individuals. It examines changes in family formation and family structure with interview measures on basic demographic, life history, family process, and family structure characteristics, as well as attitudes towards cohabitation and the effects of divorce. Interviews were conducted with a primary respondent within each household as well as a spouse or cohabiting partner, if any. The first round of the survey was fielded in 1987-1988 and includes a sample of 13,017 respondents. Its follow-up, fielded in 1992-1994, includes a sample of 10,008.

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- Relationship/Marital History
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- Plans for Marriage
- Attitudes to Marriage
- Relationship Quality
- Shared Activities
- Relationship/ Marital Conflict
- Relationship Violence
- Separation/Divorce
- Gender Roles
- Sexual Intimacy

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: MI7, M18 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

In (NSFH1 date) you were living with (partner's name). Did you and (he/she) get married?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: MI41 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

How many times have you gotten married since NSFH1?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: MI29M (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

In what month and year did you separate?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: MT216 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Have you ever been married to, or lived with a partner who was a problem drinker or alcoholic?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: MT323 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

From which state did you obtain a divorce or marriage annulment from your former husband/wife?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Q95 (Wave 1), PC 1 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Altogether, how many times have you been married?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Q96, Q103 (Wave 1), MI9M, MI47M, MI78M, PC2P01F-PC2P03F (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

In what month and year were you married for the first (second, third, etc.) time?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Q97 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

At any time during that first year of marriage, were you:

	YES	NO
a. attending school?		
b. in the armed forces?		
c. working full-time in a civilian job?		
d. working part-time?		
e. unemployed and looking for work?		

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Q99, Q104 (Wave 1), MI11, MI34, MI35, MI39, MI61, MI91, MI122, PC4P01-PC4P03 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

How did this marriage end? Was it by:

- 1- Divorce
- 2- Separation
- 3- Death of your partner
- 4- Inapplicable

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Q100, Q105 (Wave 1), M15M, MI6M, MI37M, MI63M, MI93M, MI124M, PC6P01M-PC6P03M (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

In what month and year did the two of you get divorced?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Q101, Q106 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

In what month and year did you and your (husband/wife) stop living together?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Q102, Q107 (Wave 1), MI12M, MI36M, MI62M, MI92M, MI123M, PC5P01M-PC5P03M (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

In what month and year did your (husband/wife) die?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Q108 (Wave 1), MI2 (Wave2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Occasionally couples who divorce get married again to each other. Has this ever happened to you?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Q109, Q181 (Wave 1), M13M (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Sometimes couples live apart from each other for a time because of disagreements, but then live together again. Has this ever happened in your (current) marriage?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Q110, Q182 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

How many times have you and your (husband/wife) lived apart and then gotten back together again?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Q111, Q183 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

In what month and year did the first such period begin?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Q112, Q184, Q190 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

And how long did you live apart?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Q180 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

Had (he/she) been married before (he/she) married you?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Q198 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

Is this the first time you and your (husband/wife) have lived apart since you were married?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Q199 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

When did the previous separation begin and end?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Q200 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

Why were you living apart at that time?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Q201 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

Was there a separation before that?

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: SE-4 Q10 (Wave 1), MT311 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Was your husband/wife involved with someone else just before your marriage ended?

- 1- Yes
- 2- No
- 3- Don't know

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: SE-4 Q11 (Wave 1), MT312 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Were you involved with someone else just before your marriage ended?

- 1- Yes
- 2- No

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: MI1 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Next I want to ask you about any changes in your marital status since (NSFH1 date). At that time you were separated from your (husband/wife). Since then have you gotten legally divorced?

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: MI4, MI10, MI60, M190, M123M (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Are the two of you (you and your wife/husband) still married and living together?

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: MI30 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Next we want to find out about any changes in your marital status since NSFH1. At that time you were married to (spouse's name). Are you still married (and living with/to) (him/her)?

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: MI33 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Are you and (he/she) still married?

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: MI39 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Next I want to ask you about any changes in your marital status since NSFH1. At that time you (were married/separated/widowed/divorced/had never been married). Since then have you (re)married?

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: PA11
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

What is your current marital status? Are you:
1- married,
2- separated because of marital problems,
3- divorced,
4- widowed,
5- never married?

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: MI14M, MI38M, MI64M, MI85M, MI94M, PC7P01M-PC7P03M (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

In what month and year did you and (partner's name) stop living together?

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: MI28 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Are you and (partner's name) still living together?

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: MI142, MI149, MI152 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Are you still living with this partner?

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: MI52, MI82, MI112 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Did you live with any other partner between the end of your previous marriage and when you married (spouse's name/first spouse's name)?

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: Q119, Q126, Q133, Q138, Q142, Q147 (Wave 1), MI143, MI153M, MI55M, MI56M, MI57M, MI87M, MI89M, MI116M, MI118M, MI120M, MI125M, MI150M (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

And when did you and this person stop living together?

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: Q113, Q120, Q127, Q139 (Wave 1), MI48, MI79, MI109 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Nowadays, many unmarried couples live together; sometimes they eventually get married and sometimes they don't. Did you and your (first) (husband/wife) live together before you were married?

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: Q114, Q118, Q121, Q125, Q128, Q141, Q143, Q146 (Wave 1), MI49M, MI54M, MI56M, MI80M, MI84M, MI86M, MI110M, MI114M, MI117M, MI119M, MI141M, MI151M, M188M, PC8M (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

In what month and year did the two of you begin living (together/with your first, second, third, etc. partner)?

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: Q115, Q122, Q129 (Wave 1), MI50, MI81, MI111 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Did you live together continuously from then until you were married?

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: Q116, Q123, Q144 (Wave 1), MI51, MI113 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Did you live with anyone else of the opposite sex (before your/between NSFH Wave 1 and your) (first) marriage?

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: Q117, Q124 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

With how many partners did you live with before your (first) marriage? (including your husband/wife)?

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: Q130, Q135 (Wave 1), M139, M142 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Have you lived with a partner of the opposite sex since your (last) marriage ended?

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: Q131 (Wave 1), MI53, MI83, MI114, MI140 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

How many different partners have you lived with since this marriage?

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: Q132, Q137 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

After your (last) marriage ended, in what month and year did you first begin living with someone?

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: Q134 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

When did you and your present partner begin living together? (Formerly married respondents only)

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: Q136 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

Aside from your current partner, with how many different partners have you lived?

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: Q158, Q163 (Wave 1), MI164 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

How likely do you think it is that you and your (boy/girl) friend will decide live together sometime without being married? Is it (Note wave 2 also contains “about a 50-50 chance” as an answer choice):

- 1- Very likely (Definitely will)
- 2- Likely (Probably will)
- 3- Unlikely (Probably won't)
- 4- Very unlikely (Definitely won't)
- 5- Inapplicable
- 6- No answer
- 7- Don't know

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: Q160 (Wave 1), MI157 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

How likely do you think it is that you will sometime live with a person of the opposite sex to whom you are not married? Is it:

- 1- Very likely
- 2- Likely
- 3- Unlikely
- 4- Very Unlikely
- 5- Inapplicable
- 6- No answer
- 7- Don't know

Construct: Plans for Marriage
Question #: MI156, MI163, PC9 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

How likely is it that you will get (re)married some day? Would you say you:

- 1 - definitely won't get married,
- 2 - probably won't,
- 3 - about a 50-50 chance,
- 4 - probably will, or
- 5 - definitely will get married?

Construct: Plans for Marriage
Question #: Q152 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

Do you and your (boy/girl) friend have any definite plans to get married?

Construct: Plans for Marriage
Question #: Q153 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

When are you planning to get married?

Construct: Plans for Marriage
Question #: Q154, Q159 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

When do you think that might be?

Construct: Plans for Marriage
Question #: Q155 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

Do you think you will eventually marry (him/her)?

Construct: Plans for Marriage
Question #: Q156, Q161 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

Do you think you will ever marry?

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: SE-5 Q3, SE-6 Q27 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

Listed below are considerations that are important to some people in thinking about WHETHER TO MARRY someone. Please circle how willing you would be to marry someone who...

- | | | | | | | |
|------------|---|---|---|---|---|---------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Not at all | | | | | | Willing |
| willing | | | | | | |
- a. Was older than you by 5 years or more?
 - b. Was younger than you by 5 years or more?
 - c. had been married before?
 - d. already had children?
 - e. Was not likely to hold a steady job?
 - f. Was of a different religion?
 - g. Was of a different race?
 - h. Would earn much less money than you?
 - i. Would earn much more money than you?
 - j. Was not "good looking"?
 - k. Had more education than you?
 - l. Had less education than you?

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: SE-5 Q6, SE-6 Q23 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

Many couples these days live with someone of the opposite sex without being married. Here are some reasons why a person might WANT to live with someone of the opposite sex without being married. Please circle how important each reason is to you.

- | | | | | | | |
|------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Not at all | | | | | | Important |
| important | | | | | | |
- a. it requires less personal commitment than marriage
 - b. it is more sexually satisfying than dating
 - c. it makes it possible to share living expenses
 - d. it requires less sexual faithfulness than marriage
 - e. couples can make sure they are compatible before getting married
 - f. it allows each partner to be more independent than does marriage?

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: SE-5 Q7, SE-6 Q24 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

Here are some reasons why a person might NOT want to live with someone of the opposite sex without being married. Please circle how important each reason is to you.

- | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|------------|---|---|-----------|---|---|---|
| | Not at all | | | Important | | | |
| | important | | | | | | |
| a. it is emotionally risky | | | | | | | |
| b. My friends disapprove | | | | | | | |
| c. my parents disapprove | | | | | | | |
| d. it is morally wrong | | | | | | | |
| e. it is financially risky | | | | | | | |
| f. it requires more personal commitment than dating | | | | | | | |
| g. it requires more sexual faithfulness than dating | | | | | | | |

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: SE-5 Q8, SE-6 Q28 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Neither agree nor disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
a. I am not mature enough yet for marriage					
b. I would rather be able to spend time with my friends than to be married now					
c. I would like to get married someday					
d. My parents would like it better if I were married now					
e1. It would be all right for me to have children without being married even if I had no plans to marry the father/mother					
e2. It would be all right for me to have children without being married if I had definite plans to marry the father/mother					
f1. I would be all right for me to live with someone without being married even if we had no interest in even considering marriage					
f2. I would be all right for me to live with someone without being married to find out if we were compatible for marriage					
f3. I would be all right for me to live with someone without being married if we were planning to get married					
g. I am not ready to have a sexual relationship with anyone					
h. I am not mature enough yet to live with someone					
i. I would like to live with someone before getting married					

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: SE-13 Q59 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements

	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Neither agree nor disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>
b. It's better for a person to get married than to go through life being single					
e. Marriage is a lifetime relationship and should never be ended except under extreme circumstances.					
h. It is all right for an unmarried couple to live together even if they have no interest in considering marriage.					
m. In a successful marriage, the partners must have freedom to do what they want individually.					

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: MT405 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Neither agree nor disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
a. Marriage would limit my independence too much.					
b. I would like to be married now.					
c. I would like to get married in the next year.					
d. I would like to get married someday					
e. I would like to date more frequently than I do now.					
f. I would like to live with someone before getting married.					
g1. It would be all right for me to live with someone without being married even if we had no interest in even considering marriage					
g2 It would be all right for me to live with someone without being married to find out if we were compatible for marriage					
f3 It would be all right for me to live with someone without being married if we were planning to get married					

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: MT525, MT623 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

If your relationship were to end, what do you think the chances are that your partner (Spouse, wife/husband) would get married or live with someone else again?

- 1- Very low
- 2- Low
- 3- About even
- 4- High
- 5- Very high

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: MT530 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Neither agree nor disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
a. Marriage would limit my independence too much.					
b. I would like to be married now.					
c. I would like to get married in the next year.					
d. I would like to get married someday					

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: MT1801 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Neither agree nor disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
c. A man can have a fully satisfying life without getting married.					
e. Marriage is a lifetime relationship and should never be ended except under extreme circumstances.					
h. It is all right for a man to have a child without being married.					
j. It is all right for a couple with an unhappy marriage to get a divorce when their youngest child is under age 5.					

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: MT1805
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Neither agree nor disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
a. It is all right for an unmarried couple to live together even if they have no interest in marriage.					
b. A woman can have a fully satisfying life without getting married.					
h. Both the husband and wife should contribute to family income.					
j. It is all right for a couple with an unhappy marriage to get a divorce when their youngest child is under age 5.					

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: MT1809
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Neither agree nor disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
a. A husband whose wife is working full-time should spend just as many hours doing housework as his wife.					
e. When a marriage is troubled and unhappy, it is generally better for the children if the couple stays together.					
f. It is all right for an unmarried couple to live together as long as they have plans to marry.					

Construct: Marriage and Pregnancy
Question #: SE-8 Q1 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

Below is a list of things that some people consider when thinking about having a child or another child. Please circle how important you feel each is to you at present time

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Not at all						Important
Important						

- n. My spouse or partner having time and energy for a career
- o. Uncertainty about whether my marriage or relationship will last
- p. Disagreement with my spouse or partner about having a child

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: SE-2 Q6 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

(On a scale of 1-7) How would you describe the things you do as a husband or wife:

- a. Interesting - Boring
 - 00- Not married
 - 8- Don't know
- b. Appreciated - Unappreciated
 - 00- Not married
 - 8- Don't know
- c. Overwhelming - Manageable
 - 00- Not married
 - 8- Don't know
- d. Complicated - Simple
 - 00- Not married
 - 8- Don't know
- e. Lonely - Sociable
 - 00- Not married
 - 8- Don't know
- f. Poorly done - Well done
 - 00- Not married
 - 8- Don't know

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: SE-6 Q6 (Wave 1), MT501 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

(On a scale of 1-7, 1 being very unhappy and 7 being happy) Taking things all together, how would you describe your relationship?

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: SE-6 Q7, SE-7 Q3 (Wave 1), MT505, MT603 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

How do you feel about the fairness in your relationship in each of the following areas?

	<u>Very unfair to me</u>	<u>Somewhat unfair to me</u>	<u>Fair to both</u>	<u>Somewhat unfair to him/her</u>	<u>Very unfair to him/her</u>
a. Household chores					
b. Working for pay					
c. Spending money					
d. Child care					

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: SE-6 Q19, SE-7 Q15 (Wave 1), MT526, MT624 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

During the past year, have you ever thought your relationship might be in trouble?

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: SE-6 Q20, SE-7 Q16 (Wave 1), MT 525, MT623 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Do you feel that way now?

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: MT602 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

How happy are you with each of the following aspects of your marriage?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 Very Unhappy Happy

- a. The understanding you receive from your spouse
- b. The love and affection you get from your spouse
- c. The amount of time you spend with your spouse
- d. The demands your spouse places on you
- e. Your sexual relationship
- f. The way your spouse spends money
- g. The work your spouse does around the house
- h. Your spouse as a parent

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: MT302 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

In the months before you separated, how happy were you with each of the following aspects of your marriage?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 Very Unhappy Happy

- a. The understanding you received from your spouse
- b. The love and affection you got from your spouse
- c. The amount of time you spent with your spouse
- d. The demands your spouse placed on you
- e. Your sexual relationship
- f. The way your spouse spent money
- g. The work your spouse did around the house
- h. Your spouse as a parent

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: MT303 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

How much does each of these statements describe your relationship in the months before you separated?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7
 Not at all true Very True

- a. The relationship was boring
- b. The relationship was stressful
- c. I didn't love (him/her) anymore
- d. (He/she) didn't love me anymore

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: PD4
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is very unhappy and 10 is very happy, how would you describe your (marriage/relationship with your partner)?

Construct: Shared Activities
Question #: SE-6 Q8, SE-7 Q4 (Wave 1), MT508, MT606 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

During the past month, about how often did you and your partner spend time alone with each other, talking, or sharing an activity?

- 1- Never
- 2- Once a month
- 3- Two or three times a month
- 4- About once a week
- 5- Two or three times a week
- 6- Almost every day

Construct: Shared Activities
Question #: MT509, MT607 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

During the past month, about how often did you and your partner (Spouse, wife/husband) spend time together in social activities with either friends or relatives?

- 1- Never
- 2- Once a month
- 3- Two or three times a month
- 4- About once a week
- 5- Two or three times a week
- 6- Almost every day

Construct: Shared Activities
Question #: SE-1 Q1 (Wave 1), MT1 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

The questions on this page concern household tasks and who in your household normally spend time doing those tasks. Write in the approximate number of hours per week that you, your spouse/partner or others in the household normally spend doing the following things:

Me

	<u>No</u> <u>time</u>	<u>1</u> <u>hour</u>	<u>2</u> <u>hours</u>	<u>3</u> <u>hours</u>	<u>4</u> <u>hours</u>	<u>5-9</u> <u>hours</u>	<u>10-14</u> <u>hours</u>	<u>15-19</u> <u>hours</u>	<u>20-25</u> <u>hours</u>	<u>25-25</u> <u>hours</u> <u>or</u> <u>more</u>
a. Preparing meals										
b. Washing, dishes, and cleaning up after meals										
c. Cleaning house										
d. Outdoor and other household maintenance tasks										
e. Shopping for groceries and other household goods										
f. Washing, ironing, mending										
g. Paying bills and keeping financial records										
h. Auto maintenance and repair										
i. Driving other household members to work, school or other activities										

My wife/husband/partner

	<u>No</u> <u>time</u>	<u>1 hour</u>	<u>2</u> <u>hours</u>	<u>3</u> <u>hours</u>	<u>4</u> <u>hours</u>	<u>5-9</u> <u>hours</u>	<u>10-14</u> <u>hours</u>	<u>15-19</u> <u>hours</u>	<u>20-25</u> <u>hours</u>	<u>25-25</u> <u>hours</u> <u>or</u> <u>more</u>
a. Preparing meals										
b. Washing, dishes, and cleaning up after meals										
c. Cleaning house										
d. Outdoor and other household maintenance tasks										
e. Shopping for groceries and other household goods										
f. Washing, ironing, mending										
g. Paying bills and keeping financial records										
h. Auto maintenance and repair										
i. Driving other household members to work, school or other activities										

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: SE-4 Q5 (Wave 1), MT304 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

In the last year before your separation, how often did you and your husband/wife/partner argue?

- 0- Hardly ever or not at all
- 1- A couple times a month
- 2- About once a week
- 3- Several times a week
- 4- At least every day
- 5- Many times a day

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: SE-6 Q10, SE-7 Q6 (Wave 1), MT515, MT613 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

The following is a list of subjects on which couples often have disagreements. How often, if at all, in the last year have you had open disagreements about each of the

	<u>Never</u>	<u>Less than once a month</u>	<u>Several times a month</u>	<u>About once a week</u>	<u>Several times a week</u>	<u>Almost every day</u>
a. household tasks						
b. money						
c. spending time together						
d. sex						
e. having a(nother) child						
f. in-laws						

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: SE-6 Q11, SE-7 Q7 (Wave 1), MT516, MT614 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

There are various ways that couples deal with serious disagreements. When you have a serious disagreement with your partner, how often do you:

	<u>Never</u>	<u>Seldom</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Very often</u>	<u>Always</u>
a. just keep your opinions to yourself?					
b. discuss your disagreements calmly?					
c. argue heatedly or shout at each other?					
d. end up hitting or throwing things at each other?					

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: SE-6 Q21, SE-7 Q17 (Wave 1), MT 528, MT626 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

During the past year, have you and your partner discussed the idea of separating?

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: SE-6 Q22, SE-7 Q18 (Wave 1), MT529, MT627 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

It is always difficult to predict what will happen in a relationship, but realistically, what do you think the chances are that you and your partner will eventually separate?

- 1- Very low
- 2- Low
- 3- About even
- 4- High
- 5- Very high

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: SE-4 Q6, SE-6 Q12, SE-7 Q8 (Wave 1), MT305, MT517, MT615 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Did those arguments ever become physical?

- 0- Inapplicable
- 1- Yes
- 2- No

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: SE-6 Q13, SE-7 Q9 (Wave 1), MT518, MT616 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

During the past year, how many fights with your partner resulted in YOU hitting, shoving, or throwing things at him/her (you became violent towards them)?

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: SE-6 Q14, SE-7 Q10 (Wave 1), MT 519, MT617 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

During the past year, how many fights with your partner resulted in HIM/HER hitting, shoving, or throwing things at you (they became violent towards you)?

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: SE-4 Q15, SE-6 Q15, SE-7 Q11 (Wave 1), MT306, MT520, MT618 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Were you ever cut, bruised or seriously injured in a fight with him/her?

- 0- Inapplicable
- 1- Yes
- 2- No

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: SE-4 Q8, SE-6 Q16, SE-7 Q12 (Wave 1), MT 307, MT521, MT619 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Was your husband/ wife/partner ever cut, bruised, or seriously injured in a fight with you?

- 0- Inapplicable
- 1- Yes
- 2- No

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: Q192 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

How often do you see your (husband/wife)?

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: Q197 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

How much longer do you expect to live apart from your (husband/wife)? (converted to months)

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: SE-4 Q1 (Wave 1), MT301 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Sometimes both partners equally want a marriage to end, other times one partner wants it to end much more than the other. Circle the answer that best describes how it was in your case.

- 1- I wanted the marriage to end BUT my husband/wife did not
- 2- I wanted it to end more than my husband/wife
- 3- We both wanted it end
- 4- My husband/wife wanted it to end MORE than I did
- 5- My husband/wife wanted it to end BUT I did not

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: SE-4 Q2 (Wave 1), MT316 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

How would you describe your current relationship with your former husband/wife?

- 1- Very unfriendly
- 2- Somewhat unfriendly
- 3- Neither friendly or unfriendly
- 4- Somewhat friendly
- 5- Very friendly

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: SE-4 Q3 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

(On a scale of 1-7) As you went through the separation, how much did you rely on each of these persons for emotional support:

- a. parents
- b. brothers and sisters
- c. friends
- d. boyfriend/girlfriend/lover
- e. in-laws
- f. children
- g. minister, rabbi or priest?
- h. Counselor (family counselor, psychologist, etc.)

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: SE-4 Q9 (Wave 1), MT308 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

How soon after your separation did you begin dating?

- 1- Within a month
- 2- One to six months after
- 3- Six months to a year after
- 4- Over a year later
- 5- I have not dated since our separation

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: SE-4 Q12 (Wave 1), MT316 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

During the past year, how often have you had any contact with your former husband or wife (by phone, mail, visits, etc.)?

- 1- Not at all
- 2- About once a year
- 3- Several times a year
- 4- One to three times a month
- 5- About once a week
- 6- More than once a week

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: SE-4 Q13 (Wave 1), MT313 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

In each of the following areas, how is your life now, compared to the year before you separated:

	<u>Much worse</u>	<u>Somewhat worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>Somewhat better</u>	<u>Much better</u>
a. housing					
b. social life					
c. amount of leisure time					
d. career opportunities					
e. overall happiness					
f. sex life					
g. finances					
h. being a parent					
i. care of your children					

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: SE-6 Q17, SE-7 Q13 (Wave 1), MT522, MT620 [categories similar but not exactly the same as Wave 1 which is found below] (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Even though it may be very unlikely, think for a moment about how various areas of your life might be different if you separated. For each of the following areas, how do you think things would change?

	<u>Much worse</u>	<u>Somewhat worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>Somewhat better</u>	<u>Much better</u>
a. your standard of living					
b. your social life					
c. your career opportunities					
d. your overall happiness					
e. your sex life					
f. being a parent					

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: SE-6 Q18, SE-7 Q14 (Wave 1) MT524, MT622 [categories similar but not exactly the same as Wave 1 which is found below] (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988
 NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

How about your partner? How do you think these various areas of life might be different for him/her if you separated?

	<u>Much worse</u>	<u>Somewhat worse</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>Somewhat better</u>	<u>Much better</u>
a. his/her standard of living					
b. his/her social life					
c. his/her career opportunities					
d. his/her overall happiness					
e. his/her sex life					
f. being a parent					

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: MT309 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

How did your children feel about you dating after your marriage ended?

- 1- Strongly oppose you dating
- 2- Oppose you dating
- 3- Not care one way or the other
- 4- Encourage you to date
- 5- Strongly encourage you to date

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: MT310 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

After your marriage ended, how did your children feel about whether you should remarry?

Did your child/children:

- 1- Strongly oppose you remarrying
- 2- Oppose you remarrying
- 3- Not care one way or the other
- 4- Encourage you to remarry
- 5- Strongly encourage you to remarry

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: MT314 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

About how often do you see, or communicate by phone or letter with your former husband's/wife's parents?

- 1- Not at all
- 2- About once a year
- 3- Several times a year
- 4- One to three times a month
- 5- About once a week
- 6- More than once a week

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: MT315 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

Think about friends you and your former husband/wife used to see together before your marriage ended. Do you now see most of them:

- 1- Not at all now
- 2- Less than before
- 3- About the same as before
- 4- More frequently than before

Construct: Gender Roles
Question #: SE-13 Q60 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

For this last set of questions, please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Neither agree nor disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>
c. If a husband and a wife both work full- time, they should share household tasks equally.					
f. Married couples ought to overlook isolated occasions of sexual unfaithfulness					
k. It is all right for an unmarried couple to live together as long as they have plans to marry.					

Construct: Sexual Intimacy
Question #: SE-6 Q9, SE-7 Q5 (Wave 1)
Study: NSFH Wave 1, 1987-1988

About how often did you and your partner have sex during the past month? (number of times)

Construct: Sexual Intimacy
Question #: MT510, MT608 (Wave 2)
Study: NSFH Wave 2, 1992-1994

About how often did you and your partner (Spouse, wife/husband) have sex during the past month?

Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey- Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

The Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Baseline Survey was conducted on a sample of 2,000 adult residents and an additional sample of 300 Medicaid clients in Oklahoma in 2001-2002. The study was designed to examine marriage and divorce prior to the implementation of a state marriage promotion and divorce reduction campaign. The survey focuses on rates of and attitudes toward marriage, divorce, and cohabitation. It also examines relationship quality, knowledge and interest in prevention education, the role of religion, use of government supports, and other demographic information.

<http://www.okmarriage.org/survey.htm>

Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital History
- Relationship/Marital Status
- Living Arrangements
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- Relationship Quality
- Shared Activities
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- Relationship Counseling
- Marriage Preparation
- Separation/Divorce
- Marriage and Pregnancy
- Marital Support
- Marriage and the Utilization of Government Services

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: QMD1
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Are you currently married, widowed, divorced, separated or have you never been married?

1. Married
2. Widowed
3. Divorced
4. Separated
5. Never been married
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: QMD14 / QMD 34
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

How long have you and your current spouse been married, in years?

- 0 = less than 1 year
Range: 1-85 years (round down)
88. Don't know
99. Refused

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: QMD15 / QMD35
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Were you and your current spouse married in a religious setting? (religious setting = a setting where a religious leader officiated)

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: QMD22
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Altogether how many times have you been married?

Range: 0-30 marriages

88. Don't know

99. Refused

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: QMD23
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Have you ever married the same person more than once?

1. Yes

2. No

8. Don't know

9. Refused

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: QMD24
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

How old were you when you married your current spouse?

Range: 1-110 years old

888. Don't know

999. Refused

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: QMD25
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

How old were you when you first got married?

Range: 1-110 years old

888. Don't know

999. Refused

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: QMD26
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Have you ever been divorced?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: QMD27
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

How many times have you been divorced?

- Range: 1-50 Divorces
88. Don't know
 99. Refused

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: QMD2
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Do you have a main romantic involvement, a man or a woman you think of as a steady, a lover, a partner, or the like?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: QMD3
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Are you currently engaged to be married?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: QMD5
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

At the time you started living together, were you engaged?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: QMD7
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

How long have you been with your spouse/partner? (in years) This includes time dating your spouse/partner before marriage.

- 0 = less than 1 year
Range: 1-85 years (round down)
88. Don't know
99. Refused

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: QMD4
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Do you live with your spouse/partner?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: QMD6
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Do your parents approve or disapprove of your living together without being married?
(approve or disapprove of the current living situation)

1. Approve
2. (Neutral/mixed)
3. Disapprove
4. (Parents unaware of situation)
7. Not applicable - parents not living/no parents
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: QMD11 / QMD31 / QMD49
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Of these children from your current marriage/relationship who are under the age of 18,
how many do not live with you?

- Range: 0-30 children
88. Don't know
 99. Refused

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: QMD19 / QMD39
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Did you and your current spouse live together before you got married?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: QMD20 / QMD40
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

At the time you started living together, were you engaged?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: QMD21 / QMD41
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Did your parents approve of disapprove of your living together prior to marriage?

1. Approve
2. (Neutral/mixed)
3. Disapprove
4. (Parents unaware of situation)
7. Not applicable - parents not living/no parents
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: QMD52
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Would you like to be married some day?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage

Question #: QMD53

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Would you like to re-marry some day?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage

Question #: QAT2

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

<u>Question</u>	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Neither agree nor disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>	<u>Don't know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
When married people realize that they no longer love each other, they should get a divorce even if they have children. Do you:							
When there are children in the family, parents should stay married even if they do not get along. Do you:							
Sure, divorce is bad, but a lousy marriage is even worse.							
Society would be better off if divorces were harder to get.							
Long waiting periods to get a divorce give people time to get over their anger, work out their problems, and reconcile.							
People who have children together ought to be married.							
Too many couples rush into marriage.							
It is wrong when married people have sex with someone other than their spouse.							
Young couples focus too much on the happiness they expect from marriage and not enough on the hard work a successful marriage requires.							
In marriage you can count on your partner being there for you more than you can when you are living with someone outside of marriage. Do you...							
It is okay for a man and woman who are not married to live together. (when the man and woman are romantically involved)							
People who live together before they are married are likely to improve their chances for a good marriage. Do you...							
These days couples who live together outside of marriage get all the benefits of marriage without the legal details. Do you...							

Construct: Marriage and Pregnancy

Question #: QMD8

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Do you and your current spouse/ partner have children together by birth or adoption?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Relationship Quality

Question #: QRQ1

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Taking things altogether, how would you describe your marriage? Would you say your marriage is very happy, pretty happy, or not too happy?

1. Very happy
2. Pretty happy
3. Not too happy
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Relationship Quality

Question #: QRQ2F

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Are you glad you are still together?

1. Yes, glad
2. Unsure/mixed feelings
3. No, not glad
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Relationship Quality

Question #: QRQ3A - QRQ3E

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

<u>Question</u>	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Neither agree nor disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>	<u>Don't know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
My relationship with my spouse/partner is more important to me than almost anything else in my life. Do you...							
I may not want to be with my spouse/partner a few years from now. Do you...							
I like to think of my spouse/partner and me more in terms of "us" and "we" than "me" and "him/her."							
I feel trapped in this marriage/relationship but I stay because I have too much to lose if I leave.							
We regularly have great conversations where we just talk as good friends.							

Construct: Relationship Quality

Question #: QRQ6

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

All in all how satisfied are you with your marriage? Are you...

1. Completely satisfied
2. Very satisfied
3. Somewhat satisfied
4. Not very satisfied
5. Not at all satisfied
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Shared Activities

Question #: QRQ5

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

How long - in weeks - has it been since just the two of you went out on a date (had an evening out together)?

- 0 = less than a week
Range: 1-85 weeks (round down)
88. Don't know
99. Refused

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: QRQ4A - QRQ4D
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

	<u>Never or almost never</u>	<u>Once in a while</u>	<u>Frequently</u>	<u>Don't know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
Little arguments escalate into ugly fights with accusations, criticisms, name calling, or bringing up past hurts. Is that...					
My spouse/partner criticizes or belittles my opinions, feelings, or desires. Is that...					
My spouse/partner seems to view my words or actions more negatively than I meant them to be. Does that happen					
When we argue, one of us withdraws... that is, does not want to talk about it anymore, or leaves the scene. Does that happen...					

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: QAT1
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

To start, some people think that divorce is a serious national problem. Other people think that divorce is not a serious problem at all. How about you? Would you say that divorce is...

1. A very serious problem
2. A somewhat serious problem
3. Not too serious a problem
4. Not a problem at all
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Separation/Divorce

Question #: QRD1-7

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Is this a reason for the high rate of divorce?

	<u>Not a reason at all</u>	<u>A reason, but not a very important one</u>	<u>An important reason</u>	<u>One of the most important reasons for the high divorce rate</u>	<u>Undecided/ don't know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
People have little respect for the spiritual importance of marriage.						
These days WOMEN put too much emphasis on their own self-interest and not enough emphasis on the needs of their partners and children.						
These days MEN put too much emphasis on their own self-interest and not enough emphasis on the needs of their partners and children.						
Changes in the law have made it easier for unhappy couples to get divorced. Is this...						
Wives' employment makes it easier for them to leave unhappy marriages now than in the past.						
With most wives employed, the pressure of having to meet work and family demands places a lot of stress on couples.						
Many husbands are unwilling to treat their wives as equals.						

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: QMD42
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Looking back at your most recent divorce, tell me whether or not each factor was a major contributor to your divorce. You can say “yes” or “no” to each factor.

1. Getting married too young
2. Little or no helpful pre-marital preparation
3. Financial problems or economic hardship
4. Religious differences between partners
5. Domestic violence
6. Infidelity or extra-marital affairs
7. Too much conflict and arguing
8. Lack of commitment by one or both persons to make it work
9. Lack of support from family members
10. Other: _____

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: QMD43
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Looking back at your last divorce, do you wish that it would have been more difficult – from a legal standpoint – to get a divorce

1. Yes, I wish it would have been more difficult.
2. No, it was difficult enough.
8. Don’t know
9. Refused

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: QMD44
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Again looking back at your last divorce, do you ever wish that you, yourself, had worked harder to save your marriage?

1. Yes, I wish I had worked harder
2. No, I worked hard enough
8. Don’t know
9. Refused

Construct: Separation/Divorce

Question #: QMD45, QMD46

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Do you ever wish that your spouse had worked harder to save your marriage?

1. Yes, I wish my spouse had worked harder
2. No, my spouse worked hard enough
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: QRQ2A - QRQ2E
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Sometimes couples experience serious problems in their marriage and have thoughts of ending their marriage. Even people who get along quite well with their spouse sometimes wonder whether their marriage is working out.

	<u>Never</u>	<u>Yes, but not within the last 3 years</u>	<u>Yes, within the last 3 years</u>	<u>Yes, within the last year</u>	<u>Yes, within the last 6 months</u>	<u>Yes, within the last 3 months</u>	<u>Don't know</u>	<u>Refused</u>
Have you ever thought your marriage might be in trouble?								
Has the thought of getting a divorce or separation crossed your mind?								
Have you discussed divorce or separation from your spouse with a close friend? (close friend could be another relative)								
Have you or your spouse ever seriously suggested the idea of divorce?								
Have you and your spouse talked about consulting an attorney regarding a possible divorce or separation?								

Construct: Relationship Counseling
Question #: QPE1
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

In your opinion, how important is it for couples to prepare for marriage through educational classes, workshops, or counseling designed to help them get off to a good start? Is it...

1. Very important
2. Somewhat important
3. Not very important
4. Not at all important
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Relationship Counseling
Question #: QPE2
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

When a married couple with children in the home is considering a divorce, how good an idea do you think it would be to require marriage counseling or therapy before the divorce is granted? Would that be a... (marriage counseling or therapy in effort to save the marriage)

1. Very good idea
2. Good idea
3. Bad idea
4. Very bad idea
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Relationship Counseling
Question #: QPE3
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Did you seek counseling from a therapist or religious leader before getting divorced, yes or no? (if more than one divorce, use most recent divorce)

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Relationship Counseling

Question #: QPE4

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Was this counseling from a marital or mental health therapist or from a religious leader?
(Marital or mental health professional – marriage therapist, counselor, or psychologist;
Religious leader – priest, minister, rabbi, etc.)

1. Marital or mental health therapist
2. Religious leader
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Relationship Counseling

Question #: QPE5

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Have you ever sought counseling from a therapist or religious leader for your marriage, yes or no?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Relationship Counseling

Question #: QPE6

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Was this counseling from a marital or mental health therapist or from a religious leader?
(Marital or mental health professional – marriage therapist, counselor, or psychologist;
Religious leader – priest, minister, rabbi, etc.)

1. Marital or mental health therapist
2. Religious leader
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Relationship Counseling

Question #: QPE7

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Thinking about the counseling or therapy you received, do you feel like your counselor:
(refers to current marriage)

1. Wanted to help save your marriage
2. Was neutral about whether or not to stay together or get a divorce
3. Encouraged you to divorce
4. Other
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Relationship Counseling

Question #: QPE8

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Would you consider using relationship education, such as workshops or classes, to strengthen your relationship?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Unsure/don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Marriage Preparation

Question #: QMD16 / QMD36

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Did you and your current spouse have pre-marital preparation, such as educational classes, a workshop, or counseling designed to help you get a good start in marriage?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Marriage Preparation

Question #: QMD17 / QMD 37

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Was your pre-marital preparation inside or outside a religious setting? (religious setting = led by a religious leader: minister, priest, rabbi)

1. Inside
2. Outside
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Marriage Preparation

Question #: QMD18 / QMD 38

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

About how many hours did you spend in pre-marital preparation?

1. 0 = less than 1 hour
Range: 1-80 hours (round down)
(Pre-marital preparation = educational classes, workshops, or counseling designed to help you get a good start in marriage.)
88. Don't know
99. Refused

Construct: Marital Support

Question #: QFI1

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

All thinking about your own marriage (current or last one), how much support do/did you feel from your own relatives for keeping your marriage healthy in good times and hard times? (Your own relatives = parents, brothers, sisters, etc.)

1. No or little support
2. Some support
3. A lot of support
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Marital Support

Question #: QFI2

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

How much support do/did you feel from your spouse's relatives for keeping your marriage healthy in good times and hard times? (spouse's relatives = your in-laws)

1. No or little support
2. Some support
3. A lot of support
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Marital Support

Question #: QFI3

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

How much support do/did you feel from your friends for keeping your marriage healthy in good times and hard times?

1. No or little support (if no friends -> no support)
2. Some support
3. A lot of support
8. Don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Marital Support

Question #: QFI4

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

How much support do/did you feel from your faith community for keeping your marriage healthy in good times and hard times?

1. No or little support (if no faith community -> no support)
4. Some support
5. A lot of support
8. Don't know
10. Refused

Construct: Marriage and the Utilization of Government Services
Question #: QGS7
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Do you think that you would lose any of your current benefits if you became married?
(Current benefits = TANF, Food stamps, Medicaid)

1. Yes
2. No
8. Unsure/don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Marriage and the Utilization of Government Services
Question #: QGS8
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

How do you feel about the idea of a state-wide initiative to promote marriages and reduce divorces? Do you think this would be a...

1. Very good idea
2. Good idea
3. Bad idea
4. Very bad idea
8. Unsure/don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Marriage and the Utilization of Government Services
Question #: QGS9
Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Are you aware of any efforts by churches and synagogues to strengthen marriages and reduce divorces in Oklahoma?

1. Yes
2. No
8. Unsure/don't know
9. Refused

Construct: Marriage and the Utilization of Government Services

Question #: QGS10

Study: Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Statewide Baseline Survey, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002

Are you aware of any efforts by state agencies to strengthen marriages and reduce divorces in Oklahoma? (State agencies = Department. Of Health, Department of Human Services, or Cooperative Extension Service)

1. Yes
2. No
8. Unsure/don't know
9. Refused

Panel Study of Income Dynamics

The Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) is a longitudinal study that began in 1968 at the Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan. PSID collects data on a broad range of topics related to both families and individuals. The central focus of the study is on economic and demographic variables, with a great deal of emphasis placed on income, employment, family composition changes, and residential location. Beginning in 1985, PSID began collecting comprehensive data on fertility and marital histories of individuals within the households being studied. In addition to the demographic information that is collected, psychological measures are also included in the study. The PSID sample is nationally representative of individuals and the families in which they reside, and has grown from 4,800 families in 1968 to more than 7,000 families in 2001. Although a portion of the sample had to be dropped from the study in 1997, many of these families were later reinstated to form subset samples of immigrant and African American-headed households. At the completion of the 2003 data collection, PSID will have collected information on more than 65,000 individuals, some of whom have been a part of the study for as many as 36 years.

<http://www.isr.umich.edu/src/psid/>

Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital History
- Relationship/Marital Status

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: J13, J20, J29, J54, J112
Study: The Panel Study of Income Dynamics-1990-1997, 1999, 2001

In what month and year did you last get married?

Month _____

Year: _____

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: J15, J22
Study: The Panel Study of Income Dynamics-1990-1997, 1999, 2001

Before that, were you widowed, divorced, separated, or had you never been married?

- 3. Widowed
- 4. Divorced; Marriage Annulled
- 2. Never Married
- Other (specify)

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: J16, J19, J23, J32, J51, J57
Study: The Panel Study of Income Dynamics-1990-1997, 1999, 2001

In what month and year were you widowed?

Month: _____

Year: _____

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: J17, J24, J27, J33, J52, J58
Study: The Panel Study of Income Dynamics-1990-1997, 1999, 2001

In what month and year did your (divorce/annulment) become final?

Month: _____

Year: _____

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: J18, J25, J28, J34, J53, J59
Study: The Panel Study of Income Dynamics-1990-1997, 1999, 2001

In what month and year did you stop living together?

Month: _____

Year: _____

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: J47
Study: The Panel Study of Income Dynamics-1990-1997, 1999, 2001

Not I'd like to ask you about your family history. Altogether, how many times have you been married?

- 1. Once
- 2. Twice
- Other: _____

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: J48
Study: The Panel Study of Income Dynamics-1990-1997, 1999, 2001

In what month and year did you get married for the first time?

Month: _____

Year: _____

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: J106
Study: The Panel Study of Income Dynamics-1990-1997, 1999, 2001

In what month and year did she get married for the first time?

Month: _____

Year: _____

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: J50, J108
Study: The Panel Study of Income Dynamics-1990-1997, 1999, 2001

Did that marriage end in widowhood, divorce, or what?

- 3. Widowhood
- 4. Divorce/Annulment

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: J71, J75, J80, J87, J104
Study: The Panel Study of Income Dynamics-1990-1997, 1999, 2001

Before that, was she widowed, divorced, separated, or had she never been married?

- 3. Widowed
- 4. Divorced; Marriage Annulled
- 2. Never married
- Other (Specify)

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: J72, J81, J84, J88, J109, J115
Study: The Panel Study of Income Dynamics-1990-1997, 1999, 2001

In what month and year was she widowed?

Month: _____

Year: _____

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: J73, J76, J82, J89, J110, J116
Study: The Panel Study of Income Dynamics-1990-1997, 1999, 2001

In what month and year did her (divorce/annulment) become final?

Month: _____

Year: _____

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: J74, J77, J83, J90, J111, J117
Study: The Panel Study of Income Dynamics-1990-1997, 1999, 2001

In what month and year did they stop living together?

Month: _____

Year: _____

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: A2, J31
Study: The Panel Study of Income Dynamics-1990-1997, 1999, 2001

Are you married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

1. Married
3. Widowed
4. Divorced, Annulled
5. Separated
2. Never Married

The Questionnaire for Couples in Stepfamilies

The Questionnaire for Couples in Stepfamilies (QCS) was created to assess individual perceptions of the nature and intensity of difficulties which stepfamilies experience. The QCS includes unique factors for determining difficulty with the following aspects of life: the social and family dimension; the role of spouse; the role of parent; and the role of stepparent. In one study, 132 women and 106 men in stepfamilies completed the QCS and the Marital Adjustment Test to determine convergent validity. The study noted that the QCS has a strong internal consistency for each scale and that it is possible to calculate a clinical cutting score separating satisfied spouses from dissatisfied spouses. Data collection is currently ongoing to validate Canadian findings using an American population. To be considered for the online test you must be: living with your spouse for at least six months; living a minimum of four days a month with at least one child from a former union; and the stepfamily must be formed after one of the spouses became widowed. Each participant in the study receives by e-mail an analysis of the difficulties experienced by them as part of a couple in stepfamilies.

<http://www.stepfamily.org/questionscouple.html>

Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital History
- Relationship Quality

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Personal position section
Study: Questionnaire for Couples in Stepfamilies

How long have you lived with your current spouse?
 ___ years ___ months

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: Section 2
Study: Questionnaire for Couples in Stepfamilies

Indicate to what extent these situations represent a current difficulty for you by circling the number corresponding to your opinion according to the following scale.

1 = It is **not at all** a current difficulty; 2 = It is a **slight** difficulty; 3 = It is a **moderate** difficulty;
 4 = It is a **significant** difficulty; 5 = It is a **very significant** difficulty

	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>Slight</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Significant</u>	<u>Very significant</u>
12. Showing affection to my spouse in front of the children?	1	2	3	4	5
14. Working together to resolve our problems as a couple?	1	2	3	4	5
15. Accepting a different kind of life as a couple than I had imagined?	1	2	3	4	5
16. Clearly explaining to my spouse my expectations, needs and limits with regards to our relationship as a couple?	1	2	3	4	5
17. Giving time to my spouse?	1	2	3	4	5
18. Putting closure to my previous marital relationship?	1	2	3	4	5
19. Devoting time to our life as a couple?	1	2	3	4	5
20. Having friends in common?	1	2	3	4	5
21. Accepting the presence of a former spouse while in a relationship with my current spouse?	1	2	3	4	5
22. Being recognized as a couple by each of our original families?	1	2	3	4	5

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: Section 3
Study: Questionnaire for Couples in Stepfamilies

You should answer this section only if you live at least four (4) days per month with one or more children who you had in a previous relationship.

Indicate to what extent these situations represent a current difficulty for you by circling the number corresponding to your opinion according to the following scale.

1 = It is **not at all** a current difficulty; 2 = It is a **slight** difficulty; 3 = It is a **moderate** difficulty; 4 = It is a **significant** difficulty; 5 = **It is a very significant** difficulty

	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>Slight</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Significant</u>	<u>Very significant</u>
27. Reconciling the way my spouse and I feel about raising children	1	2	3	4	5
28. Dealing with the fact that my spouse and my children compete for my attention and love?	1	2	3	4	5
29. Supporting my spouse when he or she deals with my children?	1	2	3	4	5
30. Understanding what my spouse expects of me as a parent?	1	2	3	4	5
32. Dealing with the fact that my spouse criticizes the way I act with my children?	1	2	3	4	5
33. Dealing with the fact that my spouse criticizes the way my children are being raised?	1	2	3	4	5
34. Dealing with the fact that my children and my spouse argue?	1	2	3	4	5

Construct: Relationship Quality

Question #: Section 4

Study: Questionnaire for Couples in Stepfamilies

Indicate to what extent these situations represent a current difficulty for you by circling the number corresponding to your opinion according to the following scale.

1 = It is **not at all** a current difficulty; 2 = It is a **slight** difficulty; 3 = It is a **moderate** difficulty; 4 = It is a **significant** difficulty; 5 = **It is a very significant** difficulty

	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>Slight</u>	<u>Moderate</u>	<u>Significant</u>	<u>Very significant</u>
42. Feeling my spouse's support when I deal with his or her children?	1	2	3	4	5

The Relationship Evaluation Study (RELATE)

RELATE was developed by the Marriage Study Consortium at Brigham Young University as a comprehensive premarital and marital assessment tool. The original version of RELATE was released in 1980 and a subsequent version was introduced ten years later. The 1990 version is called the PREPreparation for Marriage (PREP-M) and focuses specifically on premarital relationships. In 1997 the latest version of RELATE was released for use by couples or individuals who are single, dating, engaged, cohabiting, or considering marriage. <https://relate.byu.edu/English/frmLogin.asp>

Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital History
- Relationship/Marital Status
- Plans for Marriage
- Attitudes to Marriage
- Relationship Quality
- Relationship/Marital Conflict
- Marriage Preparation
- Sexual Intimacy

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Segment E
Study: The Relationship Evaluation Study (RELATE)

How many times have you been divorced?

- None
- Once
- Twice
- Three times or more

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: Segment F
Study: The Relationship Evaluation Study (RELATE)

How long have you and your partner been dating (if married, how long have you been married)?

- 0 to 3 months
- 4 to 6 months
- 7 to 12 months
- 1 to 2 years
- 3 to 5 years
- 6 to 10 years
- 11 to 20 years
- More than 20 years

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: Segment E
Study: The Relationship Evaluation Study (RELATE)

Which best describes your current marital status?

- Single, never married
- Cohabiting, living with your partner in an intimate relationship
- Married, first marriage
- Married but separated
- Divorced
- Remarried
- Widowed

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: Segment F
Study: The Relationship Evaluation Study (RELATE)

What is your relationship to the person about whom you will answer the "partner" questions below?

- I am casually/occasionally dating her/him
- I am in a serious or steady relationship with her/him
- I am engaged or committed to marriage to her/him
- I am married to her/him
- We are friends or classmates

Construct: Plans for Marriage
Question #: Segment F
Study: The Relationship Evaluation Study (RELATE)

How long will it be from now until you and your partner marry?

- Less than 3 months
- More than 3 months but less than 6 months
- More than 6 months but less than 12 months
- 1 to 2 years
- 2 to 4 years
- We plan to marry, but have no definite plans for when
- We are married

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: Segment C
Study: The Relationship Evaluation Study (RELATE)

Please answer the following questions about your values, attitudes, and beliefs as they apply to you or to your current or future marriage.

	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>It Depends</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
It is perfectly normal never to want to get married.					
I do not like the idea that husbands and wives can specialize in different household responsibilities.					
In my marriage it would not bother me if the wife earned more income than the husband.					
It creates problems for spouses if they go for a few days without spending much time together as a couple.					
Sexual intercourse is the most bonding experience you can have in marriage.					
One of the main reasons to get married is to have children.					
Being married is among the one or two most important things in life.					
A husband should help out some with the housework, but a wife should organize what needs to be done and when.					
It would be an acceptable agreement for the husband to stay home to care for young children while the wife earns the paycheck.					
In marriage, having time alone is more important than togetherness.					
Sexual intercourse in marriage is as much a duty as a source of personal pleasure.					
Using artificial or chemical birth control methods (the pill, spermicide, condom, etc.) is acceptable in marriage.					
If I had an unhappy marriage and neither counseling nor other actions helped, my spouse and I would be better off if we divorced.					
The husband's and children's needs should come before a job or career for a wife.					

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: Segment C (continued)
Study: The Relationship Evaluation Study (RELATE)

Please answer the following questions about your values, attitudes, and beliefs as they apply to you or to your current or future marriage.

	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>It Depends</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
Married couples do not need to share many of the same recreational interests or hobbies with each other.					
If I am married, I would not have a love affair with someone else.					
Permanent birth control through surgical operation for either husband or wife is acceptable if my spouse and I decided to have no more children.					
Once I make the choice to marry, divorce is never an option.					
It is important for a husband and wife to have many of the same friends, and to like each other's friends.					
As long as we're in a committed relationship, sexual intercourse is acceptable before marriage.					
Marriage involves a covenant with God, not just a legal contract recognized by the law.					
If a husband and wife disagree about something important, the wife should give in to her husband because he is the main leader of the family.					
A couple should delay having children until other important issues are worked out first.					
Living together is an acceptable alternative to marriage.					
Husbands and wives should discuss important decisions and reach an agreement they both like before taking action.					
Husbands and wives should both carefully look for bargains before buying something they want.					

Construct: Attitudes to Marriage
Question #: Segment E
Study: The Relationship Evaluation Study (RELATE)

	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>It Depends</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
I would like my marriage to be like my parents' marriage.					

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: Segment G
Study: The Relationship Evaluation Study (RELATE)

Please answer how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Undecided</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
I don't like it when my partner does things without me.						
There are many things about me that my partner would like to change.						
It is important that my partner only confides in me.						
There are many things about my partner I would like to change.						
I think my partner spends too much time with family and friends.						

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: Segment G
Study: The Relationship Evaluation Study (RELATE)

In your relationship, how satisfied are you with the following?

	<u>Strongly Dissatisfied</u>	<u>Dissatisfied</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Very Satisfied</u>
The physical intimacy you experience.					
The love you experience.					
How conflicts are resolved.					
The amount of relationship equality you experience.					
The amount of time you have together.					
The quality of your communication.					
Your overall relationship with your partner.					

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: Segment H
Study: The Relationship Evaluation Study (RELATE)

Please answer the following questions about your relationship:

	<u>Never</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Often</u>	<u>Very Often</u>
How often have you thought your relationship (or marriage) might be in trouble?					
How often have you and your partner discussed ending your relationship (or marriage)?					
How often have you broken up or separated and then gotten back together?					

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: Segment H
Study: The Relationship Evaluation Study (RELATE)

How often have the following areas been a problem in your relationship:

	<u>Never</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Often</u>	<u>Very Often</u>
Financial Matters					
Communication					
Having Children					
Rearing Children					
Intimacy/Sexuality					
Parents/In-Laws					
Roles (Who Does What)					
Weight					
Who's In Charge					
Time Spent Together					
Substance/Chemical Abuse					

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: Segment G
Study: The Relationship Evaluation Study (RELATE)

How are YOU in your relationship?

	<u>Never</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Often</u>	<u>Very Often</u>
I discuss my personal problems with my partner.					
I include my partner in my life.					
When I talk to my partner I can say what I want in a clear manner.					
I understand my partner's feelings.					
I find my partner physically attractive.					
I struggle to find words to express myself to my partner.					
I am able to listen to my partner in an understanding way.					
I admire my partner.					
I sit down with my partner and just talk things over.					
I show a lot of love toward my partner.					
I talk over pleasant things that happen during the day when I am with my partner.					
In most matters, I understand what my partner is trying to say.					

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: Segment G
Study: The Relationship Evaluation Study (RELATE)

Please answer the following about how YOUR PARTNER is in your relationship.

	<u>Never</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Often</u>	<u>Very Often</u>
My partner discusses his/her personal problems with me.					
My partner includes me in his or her life.					
My partner can say what he/she wants to say in a clear manner.					
My partner understands my feelings.					
My partner finds me physically attractive.					
My partner struggles to find words to express him/herself to me.					
My partner is able to listen to me in an understanding way.					
My partner admires me.					
My partner sits down with me just to talk things over.					
My partner shows a lot of love toward me.					
My partner talks over pleasant things that happen during the day with me.					
In most matters, my partner understands what I am trying to say.					

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: Segment H
Study: The Relationship Evaluation Study (RELATE)

Please answer the following about yourself:

	<u>Never</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Often</u>	<u>Very Often</u>
I share my feelings and concerns about my relationship with family members.					
I seek help and advice from my friends for problems in our relationship.					
I seek help and advice from a professional counselor/clergy for problems we have in our relationship.					
I keep our relationship problems just between the two of us.					

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: Segment H
Study: The Relationship Evaluation Study (RELATE)

Sometimes differences may lead to slapping, pushing, kicking, hitting hard with a fist, hitting with an object, or other types of violence. With this in mind:

	<u>Never</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Often</u>	<u>Very Often</u>
How often is YOUR CURRENT PARTNER violent toward you?					
How often are YOU violent in any of the ways mentioned above toward your current partner?					

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: Segment H
Study: The Relationship Evaluation Study (RELATE)

Below are descriptions of four different ways couples handle conflict in their relationships. We would like to see how often each way describes how you and your partner deal with conflict in your relationship.

	<u>Never</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Often</u>	<u>Very Often</u>
In our relationship, conflicts may be fought on a grand scale, and that is okay, since our making up is even grander. We have volcanic arguments, but they are just a small part of a warm and loving relationship. Although we argue, we are still able to resolve our differences. In fact, our passion and zest for fighting actually leads to a better relationship with a lot of making up, laughing, and affection.					
In our relationship, conflict is minimized. We think it is better to "agree to disagree" rather than end up in discussions that will result in a deadlock. We don't think there is much to be gained from getting openly angry with each other. In fact, a lot of talking about disagreements seems to make matters worse. We feel that if you just relax about problems, they will have a way of working themselves out.					
In our relationship, when we are having conflict, we let each other know the other's opinions are valued and their emotions valid, even if we disagree with each other. Even when discussing a hot topic, we display a lot of self-control and are calm. When fighting, we spend a lot of time validating each other as well as trying to persuade our partner or trying to find a compromise.					
We argue often and hotly. There are a lot of insults back and forth, name calling, put-downs, and sarcasm. We don't really listen to what the other is saying, nor do we look at each other very much. One of the other of us can be quite detached and emotionally uninvolved, even though there may be brief episodes of attack and defensiveness. There are clearly more negatives than positives in our way of handling conflicts.					

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: Segment G
Study: The Relationship Evaluation Study (RELATE)

How are YOU when the two of you have a conflict?

	<u>Never</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Often</u>	<u>Very Often</u>
I don't censor my complaints at all. I really let my partner have it full force.					
I have no respect for my partner when we are discussing an issue.					
I think, "It's best to withdraw to avoid a big fight."					
Whenever I have a conflict with my partner, I feel physically tense and anxious, and I don't think clearly.					
When I am in an argument, I recognize when I am overwhelmed and then make a deliberate effort to calm myself down.					
I use a tactless choice of words when I complain.					
When I get upset I can see glaring faults in my partner's personality.					
I think that withdrawing is the best solution.					
I feel physically tired or drained after I have an argument with my partner.					
While in an argument, I recognize when my partner is overwhelmed and then make a deliberate effort to calm him/her down.					
There's no stopping me once I get started complaining.					
When my partner complains, I feel that I have to "ward off" these attacks.					
I don't want to fan the flames of conflict, so I just sit back and wait.					
Whenever we have a conflict, the feelings I have are overwhelming.					
I've found that during an intense argument it is better to take a break, calm down, then return to discuss it later.					
I feel unfairly attacked when my partner is being negative.					
I withdraw to try to calm down.					

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: Segment H
Study: The Relationship Evaluation Study (RELATE)

How is YOUR PARTNER when the two of you have a conflict?

	<u>Never</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Often</u>	<u>Very Often</u>
My partner doesn't censor his or her complaints at all. She or he really lets me have it full force.					
My partner shows no respect for me when we are discussing an issue.					
My partner seems to think, "It's best to withdraw to avoid a big fight."					
Whenever my partner has a conflict with me, she/he acts physically tense and anxious and can't seem to think clearly.					
While in an argument, my partner recognizes when she/he is overwhelmed and then makes a deliberate effort to calm down.					
My partner uses a tactless choice of words when she or he complains.					
When my partner gets upset, my partner acts like there are glaring faults in my personality.					
My partner appears to think that withdrawing is the best solution.					
My partner feels physically tired or drained after he/she has an argument with me.					
While in an argument, my partner recognizes when I am overwhelmed and then makes a deliberate effort to calm me down.					
There's no stopping my partner once he/she gets started complaining.					
When I complain, my partner acts like he or she has to "ward off" my attacks.					
My partner doesn't want to fan the flames of conflict, so he or she just sits back and waits.					
Whenever we have a conflict, my partner seems overwhelmed.					
During an intense argument my partner takes a break, calms down, then returns and discusses it later.					
My partner acts like he/she is being unfairly attacked when I am being negative.					
My partner withdraws to try to calm down.					

Construct: Marriage Preparation
Question #: Segment H
Study: The Relationship Evaluation (RELATE)

Have you been involved in a class, workshop, or counseling designed to help you prepare for marriage?

- No.
- Yes, I have been involved in such a class, workshop, or counseling in the past.
- Yes, I am currently involved in such a class, workshop, or counseling in the past.

Construct: Marriage Preparation
Question #: Segment H
Study: The Relationship Evaluation (RELATE)

How helpful was the class, workshop, or counseling in preparing you for marriage or your current relationship?

- Very unhelpful
- Unhelpful
- Not unhelpful or helpful
- Helpful
- Very helpful
- Does not apply

Construct: Sexual Intimacy
Question #: Segment H
Study: The Relationship Evaluation Study (RELATE)

Sometimes individuals feel pressured to participate in physically intimate behavior when they don't want to. Please answer the following questions about this issue.

	<u>Never</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Often</u>	<u>Very Often</u>
How often have you been pressured against your will to participate in intimate sexual activities (such as fondling, oral sex, or intercourse) BY YOUR CURRENT PARTNER?					
How often has your current partner been pressured against her/his will to participate in sexual behaviors (such as fondling, oral sex, or intercourse) BY YOU?					

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Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital History
- Relationship/Marital Status
- Living Arrangements
- Relationship Quality
- Relationship Violence

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: 20
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry -
Pre-Release Interview - Spring 2002

What was your marital status when you entered prison this time?

- Single, never married
- Never married, but lived with someone as married
- Married
- Widowed
- Separated
- Divorced
- Other

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: 101
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry -
Pre-Release Interview - Spring 2002

How long have you been married?

- I am not currently married
- Less than three months
- Three months to one year
- 13 months to five years
- More than ten years → Write how many years

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: 102
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry -
Pre-Release Interview - Spring 2002

How many times have you been married?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 or more → write how many times

Construct: Relationship/Marital History

Question #: 103

Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry -
Pre-Release Interview - Spring 2002

Did you get married while serving this prison term?

I am not married

Yes

No

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status

Question #: 100

Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry -
Pre-Release Interview - Spring 2002

What is your current marital status?

Single, never married

Never married, but lived with someone as married

Married

Widowed

Separated

Divorced

Other

Construct: Living Arrangements

Question #: 176, 178

Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry -
Pre-Release Interview - Spring 2002

Who do you expect to live with [upon release]?

I don't know where I'll be living.

Husband / wife

Boyfriend / girlfriend/fiancé

Mother / stepmother

Father / stepfather

Sister / stepsister

Brother / stepbrother

Aunt

Uncle

Cousin

Grandparent

Child / stepchild

Friend

Nobody

Other relative(s) → write which relative(s)

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 32 - 46
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry - Pre-Release Interview - Spring 2002

The following statements describe how you may have felt about your relationships with your family before being sent to prison this time. Family means blood or legal relatives, people you have a child in common with, and significant others or guardians you lived with before you entered prison this time.

	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
I felt close to my family.				
I wanted my family to be involved in my life.				
I considered myself a source of support for my family.				
My family was a source of support for me.				
I had someone in my family I could count on to listen to me when I needed to talk.				
I had someone in my family to have a good time with.				
I had someone in my family to talk to about myself or my problems.				
I had someone in my family whose advice I really wanted.				
I had someone in my family to share my most private worries and fears with.				
I had someone in my family to turn to for suggestions about how to deal with a personal problem.				
I had someone in my family who understood my problems.				
I had someone in my family to love me and make me feel wanted.				
I had someone in my family to get together with and relax.				
I had someone in my family to do something enjoyable with.				
I had someone in my family to spend time with to help me get my mind off things.				

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 113-116
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry - Pre-Release Interview - Spring 2002

	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>
I feel close to my family				
I want my family to be involved in my life				
I consider myself a source of support for my family				
My family is a source of support for me.				

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 183, 185, 187, 188-195
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry - Pre-Release Interview - Spring 2002

	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>
I expect my family to be supportive after my release from prison.				
I will be able to count on someone in my family to listen to me when I need to talk.				
I will have someone in my family whose advice I will really want.				
I will have someone in my family to share my most private worries and fears with.				
I will have someone in my family to turn to for suggestions about how to deal with a personal problem.				
I will have someone in my family who understands my problems.				
I will have someone in my family to love me and make me feel wanted.				
I will have someone in my family to have a good time with.				
I will have someone in my family to get together with to relax.				
I will have someone in my family to do something enjoyable with.				
I will have someone in my family to spend time with to help me get my mind of things.				

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 196-198
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry - Pre-Release Interview - Spring 2002

	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Likely</u>	<u>Unlikely</u>	<u>Very unlikely</u>
How likely do you think it is that a family member or a person you plan to live with will threaten or harass you after you are released?				
How likely do you think it is that a family member or person that you plan to live with will physically hurt you after you are released?				
How easy or hard do you think it will be to renew relationships with your family?				

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 111
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry - Pre-Release Interview - Spring 2002

Who has been the closest family member to you while you've been in prison?

- No one
- Husband / wife
- Boyfriend / girlfriend/fiancé
- Mother / stepmother
- Father / stepfather
- Sister / stepsister
- Brother / stepbrother
- Aunt
- Uncle
- Cousin
- Grandparent
- Child / stepchild
- Other relative → write which relative

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 112
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry - Pre-Release Interview - Spring 2002

During your time in prison what things have made it difficult to keep in touch with your family?

- I did not find it difficult.
- I did not want to maintain close contact.
- Prison is located too far away for regular visits.
- Visitation rules are hard to work with.
- Lack of transportation
- Cost of visiting is too high.
- Cost of calling or receiving calls is too high.
- Family member did not want to maintain close contact.
- I am embarrassed for my family to see me here or receive mail from me here.
- Either my family members I have difficulty reading or writing.
- Other → write which reason

Construct: Relationship Violence
Question #: 47, 49, 51
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry - Pre-Release Interview - Spring 2002

In the year before you were sent to prison this time...

<u>Question</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
did any family member or person you lived with threaten or harass you?		
did any family member or person you lived with physically hurt you?		
did you physically hurt any family member or person you lived with?		

Construct: Relationship Violence

Question #: 52

Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry -
Pre-Release Interview - Spring 2002

Who did you physically hurt in the year prior to entering prison this time?

I didn't physically hurt anyone

Husband / wife

Boyfriend / girlfriend/fiancé

Mother / stepmother

Father / stepfather

Sister / stepsister

Brother / stepbrother

Aunt

Uncle

Cousin

Grandparent

Child / stepchild

Other relative → write which relative

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Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: 105 (1st Post-Release Interview), 17 (2nd Post-Release Interview)
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry
 1st Post-Release Interview – 30-45 Days from Release
 Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry
 2nd Post-Release Interview – 4-6 Months After Release

Is there someone in your life who you consider to be your partner, such as a husband, wife, boyfriend, girlfriend, or a fiancé?

- Yes
- No

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: 21 (2nd Post-Release Interview)
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry
 2nd Post-Release Interview – 4-6 Months After Release

Has your relationship or marital status changed since your release?

- No
- Yes

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: 22 (2nd Post-Release Interview)
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry
 2nd Post-Release Interview – 4-6 Months After Release

How has it changed?

1. Got married
2. Got divorced
3. Became separated
4. No longer living together
5. Started living together
6. Started new relationships

Looking at the calendar again, can you tell me when you had a change in relationship status?

Name of months after release	1	2	3	4	5	6
Type of relationship change						

Construct: Living Arrangements
Question #: 98 (1st Post-Release Interview), 10 (2nd Post-Release Interview)
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry
1st Post-Release Interview – 30-45 Days from Release
Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry
2nd Post-Release Interview – 4-6 Months After Release

Who do you currently live with?

Nobody
Husband / wife / ex-husband / ex-wife
Boyfriend / girlfriend/fiancé
Mother / stepmother
Father / stepfather
Sister / stepsister
Brother / stepbrother
Aunt
Uncle
Cousin
Grandparent
Child / step child
Friend
Other → specify

- Construct:** Relationship Quality
Question #: 104 (1st Post-Release Interview), 16 (2nd Post-Release Interview)
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry
1st Post-Release Interview – 30-45 Days from Release
Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry
2nd Post-Release Interview – 4-6 Months After Release

Of your close friends and family members, who have you had contact with in the last 30 days?

- Nobody
- Husband / wife / ex-husband / ex-wife
- Boyfriend / girlfriend / fiancé
- Mother / stepmother
- Father / stepfather
- Sister / stepsister
- Brother / stepbrother
- Aunt
- Uncle
- Cousin
- Grandparent
- Child / stepchild
- Friend
- Other relative(s) → write which relative(s)

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 129-153 (1st Post-Release Interview), 48-72 (2nd Post-Release Interview)
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry
 1st Post-Release Interview – 30-45 Days from Release
 Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry
 2nd Post-Release Interview – 4-6 Months After Release

I’m going to read you some statements that may describe how you feel about your family now. After I read each one, please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with the statement.

	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
You feel close to your family.				
You want your family to be involved in your life.				
You consider yourself a source of support for my family.				
Your family is a source of support for you.				
You enjoy spending time with your family.				
Your family has been supportive after your release from prison.				
You have someone in your family you can count on to listen to you when you need to talk.				
You have someone in your family to have a good time with.				
You have someone in your family to talk to about yourself or your problems.				
You have someone in your family whose advice you really want.				
You have someone in your family to share your most private worries and fears with.				
You often feel like you disappoint your family.				
You have someone in your family to turn to for suggestions about how to deal with a personal problem.				
You have someone in your family who understands your problems.				
You have someone in your family to love you and make you feel wanted.				
You are criticized a lot by your family.				
You have someone in your family to get together with and relax.				
You have someone in your family to do something enjoyable with.				
You have someone in your family to spend time with to help you get your mind off things.				
You have someone in your family who would provide help or advice on finding a place to live.				
You have someone in your family who would provide transportation to work or other appointments, if needed.				
You have someone in your family who would provide you with some financial support.				

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 106-118 (1st Post-Release Interview), 23-35 (2nd Post-Release Interview)
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry
 1st Post-Release Interview – 30-45 Days from Release
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Please respond to the following statements about your partner by telling me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree.

	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>
You could turn to your partner for advice about problems.				
You often need to work hard to avoid conflict with your partner.				
Your partner wants you to change a lot of things about yourself.				
You could count on your partner to help you if a family member close to you died.				
Your partner plays a positive role in your life.				
You would miss your partner if two of you could not see or talk with each other for a month.				
If you wanted to go out and do something, your partner would be willing to do something with you.				
Your relationship with your partner plays a significant role in your life.				
You feel responsible for your partner’s well-being.				
You want your partner to change a lot of things about him/herself.				
Your partner makes you angry a lot.				
You argue a lot with your partner.				
Your partner often tries to control or influence your life.				

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 63, 64 (1st Post-Release Interview)
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry 1st Post-Release Interview - 30-45 Days from Release

During your last six months in prison about how often did you make or receive calls from your...

	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Once or a few times</u>	<u>Never</u>		<u>Less calls</u>	<u>About the same</u>	<u>More calls</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Husband / wife / ex-husband / ex-wife						Is this more, less, or about the same amount of calls as the 6 months when you first entered prison this time?				
Girlfriend/ boyfriend / fiancé						Is this more, less, or about the same amount of calls as the 6 months when you first entered prison this time?				

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 71, 72 (1st Post-Release Interview)
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry 1st Post-Release Interview - 30-45 Days from Release

During your last six months in prison about how often did you send or receive mail from your...

	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Once or a few times</u>	<u>Never</u>		<u>Less mail</u>	<u>About the same</u>	<u>More mail</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Husband / wife / ex-husband / ex-wife						Is this more, less, or about the same amount of mail as the 6 months when you first entered prison this time?				
Girlfriend/ boyfriend / fiancé						Is this more, less, or about the same amount of mail as the 6 months when you first entered prison this time?				

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: 79, 80 (1st Post-Release Interview)
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry
 1st Post-Release Interview – 30-45 Days from Release

During your last six months in prison about how often were you personally visited by your...

	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Once or a few times</u>	<u>Never</u>		<u>Less visits</u>	<u>About the same</u>	<u>More visits</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
Husband / wife / ex-husband / ex-wife						Is this more, less, or about the same amount of visits as the 6 months when you first entered prison this time?				
Girlfriend/ boyfriend / fiancé						Is this more, less, or about the same amount of visits as the 6 months when you first entered prison this time?				

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: 157 (1st Post-Release Interview), 83 (2nd Post-Release Interview)
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry
 1st Post-Release Interview – 30-45 Days from Release
 Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry
 2nd Post-Release Interview – 4-6 Months After Release

Who has threatened or harassed you since your release?

- Husband / wife / ex-husband / ex-wife
- Boyfriend / girlfriend / fiancé
- Mother / stepmother
- Father / stepfather
- Sister / stepsister
- Brother / stepbrother
- Aunt
- Uncle
- Cousin
- Grandparent
- Child / stepchild
- Friend
- Other
- Refuse

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: 158 (1st Post-Release Interview) 84 (2nd Post-Release Interview)
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry
1st Post-Release Interview – 30-45 Days from Release
Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry
2nd Post-Release Interview – 4-6 Months After Release

Since your release from prison, has a family member or person you have lived with physically hurt you?

- No
- Yes
- Refuse

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: 159 (1st Post-Release Interview), 85 (2nd Post-Release Interview)
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry
1st Post-Release Interview – 30-45 Days from Release
Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry
2nd Post-Release Interview – 4-6 Months After Release

Who has physically hurt you since your release?

- Husband / wife / ex-husband / ex-wife
- Boyfriend / girlfriend / fiancé
- Mother / stepmother
- Father / stepfather
- Sister / stepsister
- Brother / stepbrother
- Aunt
- Uncle
- Cousin
- Grandparent
- Child / stepchild
- Friend
- Other
- Refuse

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: 160 (1st Post-Release Interview), 86 (2nd Post-Release Interview)
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry
1st Post-Release Interview – 30-45 Days from Release
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2nd Post-Release Interview – 4-6 Months After Release

Since your release from prison, have you physically hurt any family member or person you have lived with?

- No
- Yes
- Refuse

Construct: Relationship/Marital Conflict
Question #: 161 (1st Post-Release Interview), 87 (2nd Post-Release Interview)
Study: Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry
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Who have you physically hurt?

- Husband / wife / ex-husband / ex-wife
- Boyfriend / girlfriend / fiancé
- Mother / stepmother
- Father / stepfather
- Sister / stepsister
- Brother / stepbrother
- Aunt
- Uncle
- Cousin
- Grandparent
- Child / stepchild
- Friend
- Other
- Refuse

1994 Study of American Families (SAF)

The 1994 Study of American Families (SAF) is a telephone survey that interviewed 1,155 randomly selected siblings of respondents to the 1994 General Social Survey (GSS). Many of the GSS items were replicated in the SAF survey and new items were also added. SAF contains questions on topics such as educational attainment, socioeconomic status, employment, marital status, and cognitive ability. When combined with the data from the 1994 GSS, SAF can allow researchers to study sibling similarities in socioeconomic, attitudinal, family, cognitive ability, and other outcomes. SAF was supported by the Sociology Program of the National Science Foundation and was conducted at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

<http://dpls.dacc.wisc.edu/SAF/>

Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital History
- Relationship/Marital Status
- Marriage and Pregnancy
- Relationship Quality
- Separation/Divorce
- Gender Roles
- Interracial Marriage

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: E15
Study: 1994 Study of American Families

Have you ever been divorced or legally separated?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Refused

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: E25
Study: 1994 Study of American Families

Have you ever been widowed?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Refused

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: E30
Study: 1994 Study of American Families

How old were you when you first married?

- Enter exact age
- Don't know
- Refused

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: E45
Study: 1994 Study of American Families

Now, I have some questions about your first [husband/wife]. In what year was your [first/former] [husband/wife] born?

- Year of birth
- Don't know
- Refused

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: E95
Study: 1994 Study of American Families

How old were you when your marriage began?
Enter exact age
Don't know
Refused

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: E100
Study: 1994 Study of American Families

Now I have some questions about your [husband/wife]. In what year was your [husband/wife] born?
Year of birth
Don't know
Refused

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: E101
Study: 1994 Study of American Families

Has your [husband/wife] been married more than once?
Yes
No
Don't know
Refused

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: E10
Study: 1994 Study of American Families

Are you currently married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?
Married
Widowed
Divorced
Separated
Never married
Don't know
Refused

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: E35
Study: 1994 Study of American Families

Have you been married more than once?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Refused

Construct: Marriage and Pregnancy
Question #: M225
Study: 1994 Study of American Families

What do you think is the ideal number of children for a family to have?

- Zero Through Six
- Seven or More
- As Many as You Want
- Don't Know
- Refused

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: M215
Study: 1994 Study of American Families

Taking things all together, how would you describe your marriage? Would you say that your marriage is very happy, pretty happy, or not too happy?

- Very happy
- Pretty happy
- Not too happy
- Don't know
- Refused

Construct: Separation/ Divorce
Question #: M230
Study: 1994 Study of American Families

Should divorce in this country be easier or more difficult to obtain than it is now?

- Easier
- More difficult
- Stay as is (Volunteered)
- Don't know
- Refused

Construct: Gender Roles
Question #: M105
Study: 1994 Study of American Families

Tell me if you agree or disagree with the following statement: Women should take care of running their homes and leave running the country up to men.

Agree
Disagree
Not sure/Don't know
Refused

Construct: Gender Roles
Question #: M110
Study: 1994 Study of American Families

Do you approve or disapprove of a married woman earning money in business or industry if she has a husband capable of supporting her?

Approve
Disapprove
Don't know
Refused

Construct: Gender Roles
Question #: M120, M125, M130, M135
Study: 1994 Study of American Families

Now I'm going to read several more statements. As I read each one, please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with it. For example, here is the statement:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	DON'T KNOW	REFUSED
A working mother can establish just as warm and secure a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work.	1	2	3	4	8	9
It is more important for a wife to help her husband's career than to have one herself.	1	2	3	4	8	9
A preschool child is likely to suffer if his or her mother works.	1	2	3	4	8	9
It is much better for everyone involved if the man is the achiever outside the home and the woman takes care of the home and family.	1	2	3	4	8	9

Construct: Interracial Marriage
Question #: M510
Study: 1994 Study of American Families

Do you think there should be laws against marriages between African-Americans and Whites?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Refused

The Survey of Programs Dynamics (SPD)

SPD is a nationally representative longitudinal study intended to evaluate the effects of the 1996 welfare reforms on American people over time. SPD originally collected data from the 1992 and 1993 panels of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP), which provided data on households dating back to three years prior to major welfare reform. In 1997 the first phase of SPD gathered additional data from 38,000 households interviewed in the original sample. The second phase took place in 1998 and concentrated on approximately 18,500 households with children, with an over representation of households at or near the poverty threshold. Each household that takes place in the survey is contacted on a yearly basis until information is collected for a ten-year period.

<http://www.census.gov/apsd/www/spdabst.html>

Topics Covered:

- Relationship/Marital History
- Relationship/Marital Status
- Relationship Quality
- Separation/Divorce

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: EVERWID
Study: Survey of Programs Dynamics (SPD)

[Have/has] [name] EVER been widowed?
Yes
No

Construct: Relationship/Marital History
Question #: EVERDIV
Study: Survey of Programs Dynamics (SPD)

[Have/has] [name] EVER been divorced?
Yes
No

Construct: Relationship/Marital Status
Question #: MS
Study: Survey of Programs Dynamics (SPD)

What is [name] current marital status?
Married, SPOUSE ABSENT
Widowed
Divorced
Separated
Never married

Construct: Relationship Quality
Question #: CK1600A
Study: Survey of Programs Dynamics (SPD)

Taking things all together, how happy are you with your relationship with your (spouse/partner) - are you completely happy, mostly happy, somewhat happy, or not too happy?

Construct: Separation/Divorce
Question #: CK1601
Study: Survey of Programs Dynamics Items

How often have you and your spouse/partner discussed or considered separating during the past few months - often, sometimes, hardly ever or never?

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

Marriage and couple relationships represent a long-term research focus and are measured in numerous national data bases. One of the goals of the Healthy Marriages study is to inform current discussions regarding marriage by addressing the *measurement* of aspects of the quality of healthy marital relationships. Attempts to measure aspects of the quality of marital relationships began more than 50 years ago, and measures continue to be developed and refined. This compendium represents a compilation of existing measures/tools used in many large scale and smaller scale studies designed to measure couple relationships across a broad range of categories. This compendium is just one of several products of the Healthy Marriages project.

This compendium is divided into two parts. This volume contains Part One. **Part One** contains measures of marriage from 24 nationally representative databases or small-scale studies, and from recent studies of marriage interventions. The measures identified cover a wide range of topics. We chose the databases that are the most current and relevant to healthy marriage and relationships. The list of studies from which measures have been identified is not an exhaustive list, but rather a representation of the type and quality of measures that have been previously used. It is intended to serve as a useful tool in the development of measures for future studies.

Data Sets Included in Part One of this Compendium

The following studies are the ones from which measures of marriage have been collected for Part One of this compendium:

- The Current Population Survey (CPS)
- Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort (ECLS-B)
- Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Kindergarten Cohort (ECLS-K)
- Early Head Start (EHS)
- The Fragile Families and Child Well-being Study (Fragile Families)
- The General Social Survey (GSS)
- The Marital Instability Over the Life Course Survey
- Monitoring the Future
- The National Family Violence Survey, 1985
- The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health)
- The National Longitudinal Survey of Labor Market Experience of Youth
- The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1979 (NLSY79)
- The National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1997 (NLSY97)
- The National Study of Black Americans (NSBA)
- The National Survey of Children (NSC)
- The National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG)
- National Survey of Families and Households (NSFH)
- The Oklahoma Marriage Initiative Baseline Survey (OMI)
- Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID)
- The Questionnaire for Couples in Stepfamilies (QCS)
- RELATE
- From Prison to Home: The Dimensions and Consequences of Prisoner Reentry (Returning Home)
- The Study of American Families, 1994 (SAF)
- The Survey of Program Dynamics (SPD)

Domains Covered in Part One of this Compendium

Part One of the compendium contains measures in the following domains:

- Relationship/Marital History
- Relationship/Marital Status
- Living Arrangements
- Plans for Marriage
- Attitudes to Marriage
- Marriage and Pregnancy
- Relationship Quality
- Shared Activities
- Relationship/Marital Conflict
- Relationship Violence
- Separation and Divorce
- Gender Roles
- Relationship Counseling
- Marriage Preparation
- Marriage and Family of Origin
- Marital Support
- Marriage and the Utilization of Government Services
- Sexual Intimacy
- Interracial Marriage
- Attitudes to Marriage and Schooling
- Attitudes to Marriage and Work
- Marriage and Religion

How to use Part One of this Compendium

Part One of the Healthy Marriages compendium might be considered a “one-stop shop” for information on measures and constructs of marriage derived from a variety of large and smaller scale surveys. The compendium includes a *grid* that summarizes the measures used in the identified studies (see accompanying *Table 1: Construct Grid on Measures of Marriage Used in Large and Smaller Scale Studies*). Section 1 of the compendium allows the user to quickly access information in a more detailed form on constructs of marriage.

The user can easily select a domain of interest and obtain information on the survey in which it has been used. The marriage domains are in the top row of the grid, and the specific study in which it has been used, identified below. The columns that correspond to each domain indicate the national study in which the construct has been used. The compendium is organized according to these national studies and their various domains. Users should refer to the grid relating to their domain of interest and this will guide them to particular studies. The Table of Contents reports where that database is described. The actual wording of the questions that were used in surveys is provided in the text.

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