

How Couples Meet, Wave I, Main Survey Instrument

[SP; PROMPT ONCE]

[IF SKIPPED, TERMINATE]

S1. Are you married?

Answer "yes" even if the government may not recognize your marriage. If you are not married but have another form of union, such as civil union or domestic partnership, answer "no." We will ask about civil unions later in the survey.

Yes, I am Married.....1 [SKIP TO Q3]

No, I am not Married 2

[If S1=2, ask S2]

[SP; PROMPT TWICE]

[IF SKIPPED, TERMINATE]

S2. Do you have a boyfriend, a girlfriend, a sexual partner or a romantic partner? By sexual partner we mean someone you have intimate physical contact with, beyond kissing and holding hands.

Yes, I have a sexual partner (boyfriend or girlfriend) 1

I have a romantic partner who is not yet a sexual partner 2

No, I am single, with no boyfriend, no girlfriend and no romantic or sexual partner 3 [TERMINATE]

[TEXTBOX]

[PROMPT ONCE TO SAY "We would like to have the name of your ["spouse" if S1=1 OR "boyfriend/girlfriend" if S1≠1] so that we can make sure we are asking about the same person in the questions that follow. You may also enter his/her nickname or initials in place of a name."

SECOND PROMPT TO SAY: "We need the first name, or at least the nickname or initials of your spouse (if married) or partner (if unmarried). The name will not be reported to researchers. The name helps us make sure we are asking about the same person in the questions that follow."]

[NOTE TO PROGRAMMER: If Q3 is refused, TERMINATE.]

Q3. What is your [Insert "spouse's (that is, your husband's or wife's)" if S1=1 OR "boyfriend's/girlfriend's" if S1≠1] first name?

[NOTE TO PROGRAMMER: If S2=1 or 2, insert the following: "If you have several romantic or sexual partners, please name the partner who is most important to you."]

The name will not be reported to the researchers. The name helps us make sure we are asking about the same person in the questions that follow.

[NOTE TO PROGRAMMER: Please create data-only variable "Partner_Name" and insert in following questions. If Q3 is refused and S1=1, please insert "your spouse" for Q4.]

[SP]

Next are questions about [Partner_Name] and the family [Partner_Name] grew up with.

Q4. Is [Partner_Name] Male or Female?

- [Partner_Name] is Male 1
- [Partner_Name] is Female 2
- [Partner_Name] is Other, please specify
[TEXTBOX] 3

[if xLGB=1 OR Q4=PPGENDER, ask Q5]

[SP]

Q5. Is [Partner_Name] the same gender as you?

- Yes, we are a same-sex couple 1
- No, we are an opposite-sex couple 2

[SP]

Q6A. Is [Partner_Name] Latino or Hispanic? (Select one)

- No (Not Latino or Hispanic) 1
- Yes, Mexican, Mexican American,
Chicano 2
- Yes, Puerto Rican 3
- Yes, Cuban 4
- Yes, Other Latino/Hispanic 5

[SP]

Q6B. What is [Partner_Name]'s race? (Select one)

- White 1
- Black or African American 2
- American Indian, Aleut, or Eskimo 3
- Asian or Pacific Islander 4
- Other (please specify) [TEXTBOX] 5

[SP]

Q7A. Would [Partner_Name] describe [if Q4=1, insert "himself"; if Q4=2, insert "herself"; if Q4 is skipped, insert "themselves"] as a born-again or Evangelical Christian?

- Yes 1

No..... 2

[SP]

Q7B. What is [Partner_Name]'s religion?

Baptist - any denomination.....	1
Protestant (e.g. Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Episcopal).....	2
Catholic	3
Mormon	4
Jewish	5
Muslim.....	6
Hindu.....	7
Buddhist	8
Pentecostal	9
Eastern Orthodox	10
Other Christian	11
Other Non-Christian, please specify	12
None.....	13

[SP]

Q8A. Is [Partner_Name]'s religion today the same as [Partner_Name]'s religion when [If Q4=1, insert "he was"; if Q4=2, insert "she was"; if Q4 is skipped, insert "they were"] 16 years old?

- Yes, the same 1
- No, [Partner_Name] has changed religions 2

[If Q8A=2, ask Q8B]

[SP]

Q8B. What was [Partner_Name]'s religion when [If Q4=1, insert "he was"; if Q4=2, insert "she was"; if Q4 is skipped, insert "they were"] 16 years old?

- Baptist - any denomination..... 1
- Protestant (e.g. Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Episcopal)..... 2
- Catholic 3
- Mormon 4
- Jewish 5
- Muslim..... 6
- Hindu..... 7
- Buddhist 8
- Pentecostal 9
- Eastern Orthodox 10
- Other Christian 11
- Other Non-Christian, please specify 12
- None..... 13

[NUMBER BOX, 10-99]

Q9. How old is [Partner_Name]?

[SP]

Q10. What is the highest level of schooling [Partner_Name] has completed?

- No formal education 1
- 1st-4th grade 2
- 5th or 6th grade 3
- 7th or 8th grade 4
- 9th grade 5
- 10th grade 6
- 11th grade 7
- 12th grade no diploma 8
- HS graduate or GED 9
- Some college, no degree 10
- Associate degree 11
- Bachelor's degree 12
- Master's degree 13
- Professional or Doctorate degree 14

[SP]

Q11. What is the highest level of schooling [Partner_Name]'s MOTHER has completed?
If you are not sure, make your best guess.

- No formal education 1
- 1st-4th grade 2
- 5th or 6th grade 3
- 7th or 8th grade 4
- 9th grade 5
- 10th grade 6
- 11th grade 7
- 12th grade no diploma 8
- HS graduate or GED 9
- Some college, no degree 10
- Associate degree 11
- Bachelor's degree 12
- Master's degree 13
- Professional or Doctorate degree 14

[SP]

Q12. Generally speaking, does [Partner_Name] think of [if Q4=1, insert "himself"; if Q4=2, insert "herself"; if Q4 is skipped, insert "themselves"] as:

- Republican 1
- Democrat 2
- Independent 3
- Another party, please specify 4
- No preference 5

[SP]

Next are a few questions about you, and the family you grew up with.

Q13A. Is your religion today the same as your religion when you were 16 years old?

- Yes, the same 1
- No, I have changed religions..... 2

[If Q13A=2, ask Q13B]

[SP]

Q13B. What was your religion when you were 16 years old?

- Baptist - any denomination..... 1
- Protestant (e.g. Methodist, Lutheran,
Presbyterian, Episcopal)..... 2
- Catholic 3
- Mormon 4
- Jewish 5
- Muslim..... 6
- Hindu..... 7
- Buddhist 8
- Pentecostal 9
- Eastern Orthodox 10
- Other Christian 11
- Other Non-Christian, please specify 12
- None..... 13

[SP]

Q14. What is the highest level of schooling YOUR MOTHER has completed?

- No formal education 1
- 1st-4th grade 2
- 5th or 6th grade 3
- 7th or 8th grade 4
- 9th grade 5
- 10th grade 6
- 11th grade 7
- 12th grade no diploma 8
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[SP]

Between the time you were born and when you were 16 years old, where did you spend the most time living?

Q15A1. Country (list USA first)

United States.....	1
Cambodia.....	2
Canada.....	3
China.....	4
Colombia.....	5
Cuba.....	6
Dominican Republic.....	7
Ecuador.....	8
El Salvador.....	9
Former Yugoslavia.....	10
France.....	11
Germany.....	12
Great Britain.....	13
Greece.....	14
Guatemala.....	15
Guyana.....	16
Haiti.....	17
Honduras.....	18
Hungary.....	19
India.....	20
Iran.....	21
Ireland.....	22
Italy.....	23
Jamaica.....	24
Japan.....	25
Korea.....	26
Laos.....	27
Mexico.....	28
Nicaragua.....	29
Peru.....	30
Philippines.....	31
Poland.....	32
Portugal.....	33
Russia.....	34
Taiwan.....	35
Thailand.....	36
Trinidad and Tobago.....	37
Vietnam.....	38
Another country, please specify [TEXTBOX].....	39

[If Country=USA, ask Q15A2]

Q15A2. Between the time you were born and when you were 16 years old, in what state or U.S. territory did you spend the most time living?

Alabama	1
Alaska	2
Arizona	3
Arkansas	4
California	5
Colorado.....	6
Connecticut	7
Delaware	8
Washington, D.C.	9
Florida	10
Georgia	11
Hawaii	12
Idaho	13
Illinois	14
Indiana	15
Iowa.....	16
Kansas	17
Kentucky	18
Louisiana.....	19
Maine	20
Maryland	21
Massachusetts	22
Michigan.....	23
Minnesota.....	24
Mississippi.....	25
Missouri.....	26
Montana	27
Nebraska.....	28
Nevada.....	29
New Hampshire.....	30
New Jersey	31
New Mexico.....	32
New York.....	33
North Carolina	34
North Dakota.....	35
Ohio.....	36
Oklahoma.....	37
Oregon	
Pennsylvania.....	38
Rhode Island.....	39
South Carolina	40
South Dakota	41
Tennessee	42
Texas	43
Utah.....	44
Vermont.....	45
Virginia	46
Washington State.....	47
West Virginia	48
Wisconsin.....	49

Wyoming	50
Guam	51
Northern Mariana Islands.....	52
Puerto Rico	53
United States Virgin Islands.....	54

[TEXTBOX]

Q15A3. Between the time you were born and when you were 16 years old, in what city or town did you spend the most time living?

[NUMBER BOX, 0-50]

Q16. How many of your relatives do you see in person at least once a month? Include parents, brothers and sisters, uncles, aunts, cousins, grandparents, or others.

Do *not* include the people who live with you.

[If S1=1, ask Q17A]

[SP]

Q17A. Including your current marriage, how many times have you been married?

Once (this is my first marriage)	1
Twice.....	2
Three times	3
Four or more times.....	4

[If S1=2, ask Q17B]

[SP]

Q17B. How many times have you been married?

Never married	0
Once.....	1
Twice.....	2
Three times	3
Four or more times.....	4

[if ppgender=2, ask Q17C.]

[SP]

Q17C. What Gender are you most attracted to, sexually?

- I am sexually attracted only to men..... 1
- I am mostly sexually attracted to men, less often sexually attracted to women 2
- I am equally sexually attracted to men and women 3
- I am mostly sexually attracted to women, less often sexually attracted to men 4
- I am sexually attracted only to women 5

[if ppgender=1, ask Q17D.]

[SP]

Q17D. What Gender are you most attracted to, sexually?

- I am sexually attracted only to women 1
- I am mostly sexually attracted to women, less often sexually attracted to men 2
- I am equally sexually attracted to men and women 3
- I am mostly sexually attracted to men, less often sexually attracted to women 4
- I am sexually attracted only to men..... 5

[if (S1≠1) OR (S1=1 or 2 AND Q5=1), ask Q18A]

[MP]

Next are a few questions about you and [Partner_Name].

Some couples who are not married have formal legal agreements, such as Domestic Partnerships or Civil Unions, that recognize their commitment to each other as a couple.

Q18A. Do you and [Partner_Name] have:

- Domestic Partnership 1
- Civil Union 2
- No, we do not have a Domestic Partnership or Civil Union3[SP]

[If Q18A=1 or 2 or both, ask Q18B]

[TEXT BOX]

Q18B. Where (what city and state) does your civil union or domestic partnership with [Partner_Name] come from (include country if outside the US)?

[If S1=1 AND Q5=1, ask Q18C]

[TEXTBOX]

Q18C. Where (what city and state) did you marry [Partner_Name] (include country if outside the US)?

[SP]

Q19. Are you currently living with [Partner_Name]?

Yes 1
No..... 2

[If Q19=2, ask Q20]

[SP]

Q20. Have you ever lived together with [Partner_Name]?

Yes 1
No..... 2

[NUMBER BOX, 0 to ppage]

Q21A. How old were you when you first met [Partner_Name]?

[NUMBER BOX, Q21A answer to ppage]

Q21B. How old were you when your romantic relationship with [Partner_Name] began?

[If Q19=1 or Q20=1, ask Q21C]

[NUMBER BOX, Q21A answer to ppage]

Q21C. How old were you when you first lived together with [Partner_Name]?

[If S1=1, ask Q21D]

[NUMBER BOX, Q21B answer to ppage]

Q21D. How old were you when you married [Partner_Name]?

[If Q18A=1 or 2, ask Q21E]

[NUMBER BOX, Q21A answer to ppage]

Q21E. How old were you when you joined in domestic partnership or civil union with [Partner_Name]?

[If Q21B is within 3 years of PPAGE (+/- 3 years), ask Q22]

Q22. How long have you been in a romantic relationship with [Partner_Name]? Consider the time from when your relationship first began, up to today.

- Less than one month..... 1
- 1-3 months 2
- 4-6months 3
- 7months – 1 year 4
- more than 1 year, less than 2 years..... 5
- more than 2 years, less than 3 years 6
- 3 years or more 7

[SP]

Q23. Between you and [Partner_Name], who earned more income in 2008:

- I earned more..... 1
- We earned about the same amount..... 2
- [Partner_Name] earned more 3

[TEXT BOX]

[PROMPT TWICE; first prompt should say, "Please add more details, we want to understand your story." SECOND PROMPT: If response is less than 100 characters, the second response will say: "Is there anything else you could add? Every detail helps us."]

Q24. Please write the story of how you and [Partner_Name] first met and got to know one another and be sure to describe "how" and "where" you first met.

[SP]

Q25. Did you and [Partner_Name] attend the same high school?

- Same High School 1
- Different High School 2

[If PPEDUC ≥ 10 AND Q10 ≥ 10, ask Q26]

[SP]

Q26. Did you and [Partner_Name] attend the same college or university?

- Attended same college or university 1
- Did not attend same college or university 2

[SP]

Q27. Did you and [Partner_Name] grow up in the same city or town?

- Yes 1
- No..... 2

[SP]

Q28. Did your parents know [Partner_Name]'s parents before you met [Partner_Name]?

- Yes 1
- No..... 2

[SP]

Q29. Which of your parents are alive today:

- Father and mother..... 1

Father only	2
Mother only	3
Neither father nor mother are alive	4

[If Q29=1-3, ask Q30]

[SP]

[Note to programmer: Please program so that if Q29=1, insert “They approve”, “They neither approve nor disapprove”, “They disapprove”, and “They do” in the answer options. If Q29=2, insert “He approves”, “He neither approves nor disapproves”, “He disapproves”, and “He does”. If Q29=3, insert “She approves”, “She neither approves nor disapproves”, “She disapproves”, and “She does”]

Q30. How does your [if Q29=1, “father and mother”/ if Q29=2, “father”/ if Q29=3, “mother”] feel about [Partner_Name]?

[They approve/He approves/She approves] of your relationship with [Partner_Name]	1
[They neither approve nor disapprove /He neither approves nor disapproves /She neither approves nor disapproves] of your relationship with [Partner_Name]	2
[They disapprove/He disapproves/She disapproves] of your relationship with [Partner_Name]	3
[They do/He does/She does] not know [Partner_Name]	4

[MP]

Q31. Where did you meet [Partner_Name]? Choose all that apply.

- Work..... 1
- School 2
- Church/Church Activity..... 3
- Personal Ads/Dating Service via the
Internet..... 4
- Vacation/Business Trip 5
- Bar/Nightclub/Dance club..... 6
- Social Organization/health
club/gym/volunteer-service activity 7
- Private Party..... 8
- Other (Specify) **[TEXTBOX]**..... 9

[SP]

[NOTE TO PROGRAMMER: (For answer option only) Please replace “your” with “my” for all inserts (your husband; your wife; your spouse)

Q32. Did you use an internet service to meet [Partner_Name]?

- No, I did not meet [Partner_Name] through the
internet..... 1
- Yes, a social networking site (like Facebook or
Myspace) 2
- Yes, an internet dating or matchmaking site (like
eHarmony or match.com) 3
- Yes, an internet classified advertising site (like
Craigslist)..... 4
- Yes, an internet chat room..... 5
- Yes, a different kind of internet service..... 6

[MP]

Q33. Who introduced you to [Partner_Name]? Choose all that apply.

- Family..... 1
- Mutual friends or acquaintances 2
- Co-workers..... 3
- Classmates 4
- Neighbors..... 5
- Introduced self or partner introduced self..... 6
- Other (please specify) **[TEXTBOX]**..... 7

[SP]

Q34. In general, how would you describe the quality of your relationship with [Partner_Name]?

- Excellent..... 1
- Good 2
- Fair 3
- Poor..... 4
- Very Poor 5

[TEXTBOX]

Q35. In your own words, explain why your relationship with [Partner_Name] is **[Enter selected response from Q34]**: