

Questions regarding Quality of Romantic Relationships

Instructions and Items

Based on the calendar, it looks like you spent more of the past N months involved with [Name] than anyone else. It also looks like you are [still/not presently] involved with him/her. Is that true?

Still/not presently with partner [Do not analyze]

NOTE: The phrasing of this question depends on whether or not the subject is still with the main partner. A '1-Yes' response to RQChek can therefore have two different meanings, depending on whether or not the main partner is mentioned in the final month of the recall period in the Romance Calendar.

(1) Yes

(5) No

Relationship time frame (past/present) [Do not analyze]

NOTE: This is a calculated variable in the computerized interview. It is NOT a question asked in the interview. This variable is calculated by looking at the last month of the recall period in the Romance Calendar and the value of "RqCheck" described above.

(1) Past

(2) Present

Describe relationship to subject

(1) boyfriend

(2) ex-boyfriend

(3) husband

(4) ex-husband

(5) girlfriend

(6) ex-girlfriend

(7) wife

(8) ex-wife

(9) partner

(10) ex-partner

Live with BF/GF [Do not analyze]

NOTE: The phrasing of this question is dependent on whether or not the subject is still with the main partner at the time of the interview (i.e. time frame is 'past' or 'present') If time frame is 'present', then this question is phrased as "Do you live with [Name of Main partner]?" and they get the interviewer instruction: "A 'yes' here means the subject currently (at the time of the interview) lives with the partner. This is NOT asking if they lived together at some point in the calendar period". But if time frame is 'past', this question is phrased as "Did you live with [Name of Main partner] during your relationship?".

(1) Yes

(5) No

How old is [Name] now?

Quality of Relationship

Interviewer: If relationship has ended, time frame is "during the relationship".

How often is [Name] there for you when you need him/her? [Reverse coded]

If timeframe=past How often was [Name] there for you when you needed him/her?
[Reverse coded]

(1) All of the time

(2) Most of the time

(3) Sometimes

(4) Not very often

(5) Never

In general, how happy are you with your relationship? [Reverse coded]

If timeframe=past In general, how happy were you with your relationship?
[Reverse coded]

(1) Very happy

(2) Happy

(3) Neither happy nor unhappy

(4) Unhappy

(5) Very unhappy

Compared to your friends' relationships, how good is yours? [Reverse coded]

If timeframe=past Compared to your friends' relationships, how good was yours?
[Reverse coded]

(1) Much better

(2) Better

(3) About as good

(4) Worse

(5) Much worse

How often do you wish you hadn't gotten into this relationship?

If timeframe=past How often did you wish you hadn't gotten into this relationship?

(1) All of the time

(2) Most of the time

(3) Sometimes

(4) Not very often

(5) Never

How is your relationship with [Name] compared to what you thought it would be? [Reverse coded]

If timeframe=past How was your relationship with [Name] compared to what you
thought it would be? [Reverse coded]

(1) Much better

(2) Better

(3) About as good

(4) Worse

(5) Much worse

How much do you love [Name]? [Reverse coded]

If timeframe=past How much did you love [Name]? [Reverse coded]

(1) Very often

(2) A lot

(3) Somewhat

(4) Not very much

(5) Not at all

How many problems are there in your relationship?

If timeframe=past How many problems were there in your relationship?

(1) Very many

(2) Many

(3) Some

(4) A few

(5) None

Monitoring

How much does [Name] know who you spend time with?

If timeframe=past How much did [Name] know who you spent time with?

(1) Doesn't know at all

(2) Knows a little bit

(3) Knows a lot

(4) Knows everything

How much does [Name] know how you spend your free time?

If timeframe=past How much did [Name] know how you spent your free time?

(1) Doesn't know at all

(2) Knows a little bit

(3) Knows a lot

(4) Knows everything

How much does [Name] know how you spend your money?

If timeframe=past How much did [Name] know how you spent your money?

(1) Doesn't know at all

(2) Knows a little bit

(3) Knows a lot

(4) Knows everything

How much does [Name] know about where you go right after school or work is over for the day?

If timeframe=past How much did [Name] know about where you went right after school or work was over for the day?

(1) Doesn't know at all

(2) Knows a little bit

(3) Knows a lot

(4) Knows everything

How much does [Name] know about where you go at night?

If timeframe=past How much did [Name] know about where you went at night?

(1) Doesn't know at all

(2) Knows a little bit

(3) Knows a lot

(4) Knows everything

Tolerance of Deviance

If you used drugs, what would [Name]'s reaction be?

If timeframe=past If you used drugs, what would [Name]'s reaction have been?

(1) Would not care at all

- (2) Would be bothered, but would not say anything to me about it
- (3) Would be bothered and would talk to me about it
- (4) Would get very upset with me

If you were involved in an illegal activity, what would [Name]'s reaction be?

If timeframe=past If you were involved in an illegal activity, what would [Name]'s reaction have been?

- (1) Would not care at all
- (2) Would be bothered, but would not say anything to me about it
- (3) Would be bothered and would talk to me about it
- (4) Would get very upset with me

Antisocial Influence - Romantic partner

Items used to compute this score are part of the Peer Delinquency measure. Please refer to the Peer Delinquency codebook for descriptive information about the variables used to compute antisocial influence of the adolescent's romantic partner

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