

In-depth Interview Guide

Rapport Building

1. Please tell me how the initial years were for you while you were growing up? (Can you share something about the places you and your family have been relocated to? How long did you reside in the mentioned places? Anything you would like to share about the neighborhood/cantonment where you stayed? Can you share how the transition process was for you after you would relocate to a different place? How did your connections with people get influenced due to multiple relocations?)
2. You had ticked on the form that you are currently in a romantic relationship. Could you share a bit about your romantic experiences so far? (How many relationships have you had in the past? For how long did each of them last? Please specify if the previous relationships were long-distance or geographically close. Would you like to share what led to the end of your previous relationships?)
3. For how long have you been romantically engaged with your current partner? (Can you please tell me more about your current relationship? How much time do you and your partner typically spend together? [could specify: offline or online])

Targeted Questions

1. Has your military background played a role in your approach to romantic relationships? (If yes, how? If no, how? Has your military affiliation played a role in how you feel about trust in romantic relationships? In what ways do you think relocation has shaped your relationship with building and maintaining trust? Has your military affiliation played a role in how you feel about intimacy in a romantic relationship? Has your military affiliation played a role in your views about infidelity in a romantic relationship? Have you experienced any unique challenges that make military

relationships more susceptible to infidelity? Does your background play a role in shaping views regarding same-sex versus opposite-sex romantic experiences? If yes, can you please share your views?)

2. Have you experienced any other challenges unique to the military lifestyle in your romantic life? (How do you cope with challenges related to romantic experiences? What has worked for you, and what has not worked for you?)
3. Does your background play a role in shaping views regarding same-sex versus heterosexual experiences? How so? (Do you believe there is any room for change or acceptance of same sex relationships within the military over time? What factors can play a role for the military to be more accepting of same sex relationships? How do you think your reaction to seeing a same sex couple would differ in a non-military setting compared to a military one? Do you think the views of senior military personnel significantly shape the attitudes of younger or lower- ranked members regarding same-sex relationships?)
4. Can you please describe any benefits your military lifestyle has had in your romantic life?
5. Has your parent's military rank played a role in your relationship dynamics and how you perceive relationships? (Has your parent's military rank influenced your expectations or preferences in romantic partners?)
6. Have you come across any misconceptions that people have about the military or individuals associated with the military?
7. If you were to compare your experiences with someone you know personally from a non-military family, how do you think the experiences would differ? (Would you like to share any differences in your experiences at the time when your parent was serving and now when they have retired? Is there anything you wish could have been different

or that you would have liked to change about your experiences of coming from a military family?)

8. Is there anything else you would like to share?