Transition to Marriage Study - Intake Survey

To begin, please tell us your current relationship status: O I am currently engaged to be married. (1) O I have been married for less than a year. (2) O I have been married for a year or more. (3) O I am not engaged, and I am not married. (4) If I am currently engaged to b Is Selected, Then Skip To Have you decided on a wedding date? If I have been married for les Is Selected, Then Skip To Is this your first marriage?
Thank you for your interest in this study. At this time, we are only seeking participants that are currently engaged or were recently married.
If Thank you for your intere Is Displayed, Then Skip To End of Survey
Have you decided an a wedding date?
Have you decided on a wedding date? O We HAVE NOT decided on a wedding date (1)
O We HAVE decided on a wedding date (please indicate date below): (2)
we have decided on a wedding date (please indicate date below). (2)
Is this your first marriage?
O Yes (1)
O No, I have been married previously. (2)
Is this your partner's first marriage?
O Yes (1)
O No, my partner has been married previously. (2)
What is your gender?
O Male (1)
O Female (2)
What is your partner's gender?
O Male (1)
O Female (2)
What is your partner's age?
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Do	you live in the U.S. or Canada?
О	I live in the U.S. (1)
О	I live in Canada (2)
0	I live somewhere else (3)
If y	ou live in the U.S., what is your zip code?
Wh	at is your current employment situation? Please check all that apply.
	Working full-time (1)
	Working part-time (2)
	Unemployed and looking for work (3)
	Temporarily laid off (4)
	On sick leave or other leave (5)
	Disabled (6)
	Student (7)
	Homemaker (8)
	Retired (9)
	Other (please indicate) (10)
Wh	at is your partner's current employment situation? Please check all that apply.
	Working full-time (1)
	Working part-time (2)
	Unemployed and looking for work (3)
	Temporarily laid off (4)
	On sick leave or other leave (5)
	Disabled (6)
	Student (7)
	Homemaker (8)
	Retired (9)
	Other (please indicate) (10)

Но	w many children do you have?	
О	0 (1)	
O	1 (2)	
О	2 (3)	
O	3 (4)	
O	4 (5)	
О	5 (6)	
О	More than 5 (7)	
Now we would like to ask you about how you and your partner manage your money. Specifically, we are interested in how you manage your income and any other cash that might be stored in checking or savings accounts. We are not referring to less liquid assets, such as stocks, bonds, real estate, and money in retirement accounts.		
Но	w do you and your partner currently manage your money?	
0	We have completely merged our cash finances. Any checking and savings accounts we have are joint accounts. (1)	
0	We have partially merged our cash finances. We have at least one joint checking or savings account, but at least one of us has our own checking and/or savings account. (2)	
О	We have not merged our finances. We have no joint checking or savings accounts. (3)	
If V	Ve have partially merged ou Is Not Selected, Then Skip To Have you and your partner decided h	
	no has their own checking or savings account? Please check all that apply.	
	I have a checking or savings account that my partner has no control over. (1)	
Ц	My partner has a checking or savings account that I have no control over. (2)	
	ve you and your partner decided how you will manage your money once you are married?	
0	Yes, we have decided (1)	
О	No, we have not decided (2)	
We	will now ask about your own preferences, and then your partner's.	
YO	UR PREFERENCES:	
0	I strongly prefer to maintain our current financial arrangement once we are married. (1)	
О	I strongly prefer to change from our current arrangement once we are married. (2)	
О	I do not have a strong preference. (3)	
If I	strongly prefer to change Is Not Selected, Then Skip To Next, we ask about YOUR PARTNER'S PRE	

Wh	at would your ideal financial arrangement be?
O	I would like us to completely merge our finances. (1)
O	I would like us to partially merge our finances. (2)
О	I would like us not to merge our finances. (3)
Nex	xt, we ask about YOUR PARTNER'S PREFERENCES:
О	To the best of my knowledge, my partner would strongly prefer to maintain our current financial arrangement once we are married. (1)
О	To the best of my knowledge, my partner would strongly prefer to change from our current arrangement once we are married. (2)
О	To the best of my knowledge, my partner does not have a strong preference. (3)
О	I do not know how my partner feels about this. (4)
If T	o the best of my knowledge Is Not Selected, Then Skip To Study Information
Wh	nat would your partner's ideal financial arrangement be?
O	My partner would like us to completely merge our finances. (1)
О	My partner would like us to partially merge our finances. (2)
O	My partner would like us not to merge our finances. (3)
О	I do not know my partner's ideal financial arrangement. (4)
 Stu	dy Information

Thank you for completing our initial survey. We'd now like to give you some more information about our study.

Our study is broadly concerned with how couples communicate with one another about important household matters. As part of the study, couples who participate need to be open to new ways of managing their finances for the duration of the two-year study. For example, we might ask you to merge your finances completely (that is, open a joint checking and/or savings account, and stop using any existing separate checking and/or savings accounts), or we might ask you to maintain completely separate finances (that is, refrain from opening or using a joint checking or savings account for the duration of the study), or we might not ask you to manage your money differently.

Couples will periodically be asked to fill out 20-minute online surveys about the state of their marriage (one 20-minute survey every three months for the first year, and then one 20-minute survey a year later). The duration of the study would be two years, and, if applicable, you may begin the study while still engaged. Couples will earn \$250 (\$125 per spouse) for completing all aspects of the study.

would you be open to participating in such a study!		
O Yes (1)		
O No (2)		
Would your partner be open to participating in such a study?		
O Yes (1)		
O No (2)		
If you would like to participate in this study, please enter your email address below:		
*Please note that if you provide your email address, we may base our decision of whether to contact		
you on the responses you gave earlier in this survey.		
you on the responses you gave earner in this survey.		
If we determine that you and your partner are not eligible for this specific research project, would you		
be interested in participating in other research opportunities for couples?		
O Yes (1)		
O Maybe (please explain): (2)		
O No (3)		
Is there anything else you'd like us to know?		