Transition to Marriage Study - Follow-Up Survey #3

Please complete the survey on your own.

Do not discuss the survey with your partner until both of you have already completed it (if you discuss it at all).

When you are ready to begin, please click on the arrow below.

	upID What is your Couple ID number? This is a randomly assigned number that you received in an e-mail from us.**
Par	rtID What is your Partner ID?
O	X - I am the male partner (1)
O	Y - I am the female partner (2)
RR:	Stat What is your current romantic relationship status (check all that apply)?
	Dating casually (2)
	Dating seriously (3)
	Cohabiting (living with an unmarried partner) (4)
	Engaged (5)
	Married (or civil union) (6)
	Separated (7)
	Divorced (8)
	Other, please specify: (9)

PANAS (Watson, Lee, & Tellegen, 1988)

PANAS The following scale consists of a number of words that describe different feelings and emotions. Please indicate to what extent you feel this way right now, that is, at the present moment.

	Very slightly or not at all (1)	A little (2)	Moderately (3)	Quite a bit (4)	Extremely (5)
Interested (1)	0	О	0	О	0
Distressed (2)	0	0	0	0	О
Excited (3)	0	0	0	0	0
Upset (4)	0	0	0	0	0
Strong (5)	0	0	0	0	0
Guilty (6)	0	0	0	0	О
Scared (7)	0	0	0	0	0
Hostile (8)	0	0	0	0	0
Enthusiastic (9)	0	0	0	0	0
Proud (10)	0	0	0	0	0
Irritable (11)	0	0	0	0	0
Alert (12)	0	0	0	0	0
Ashamed (13)	0	0	0	0	О
Inspired (14)	0	0	0	0	О
Nervous (15)	0	0	0	0	0
Determined (16)	0	0	0	0	0
Attentive (17)	О	0	0	0	0
Jittery (18)	О	0	О	0	0
Active (19)	О	0	0	0	0
Afraid (20)	О	О	0	О	О

Instruction Probe

Follow A few months ago, you received instructions from us on how to manage your finances for the duration of the study. Thus far, have you been able to follow the instructions we provided?

- O Yes (1)
- O No (2)

Display This Question:

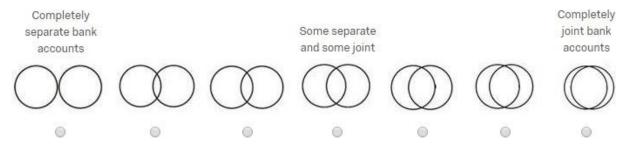
If Thus far, have you been able to follow the instructions we provided? No Is Selected

Q96 Can you tell us more about why you have not been able to follow the instructions we provided? Is there anything we can do to help you follow those instructions?

CAccount Which of the following statements best describe how you and your partner CURRENTLY manage your money?

- O We have merged our cash finances. Any checking and savings accounts we use are joint accounts. (1)
- O We have partially merged our cash finances. We use at least one joint checking or savings account, but at least one of us uses our own personal checking and/or savings account. (2)
- O We have not merged our cash finances. We have no joint checking or savings accounts. (3)

CAccount2 Stated differently, what type of money management system(s) do you and your partner CURRENTLY use?



AcctSatis How satisfied are you with the money management system you and your spouse CURRENTLY use?

- O Very Dissatisfied (1)
- O Dissatisfied (2)
- O Somewhat Dissatisfied (3)
- O Neutral (4)
- O Somewhat Satisfied (5)
- O Satisfied (6)
- O Very Satisfied (7)

SubFin Relative to where you were three months ago, would you say the state of your finances is worse, about the same, or better?

- O Our finances are worse-3 (1)
- O -2 (2)
- O -1 (3)
- O Our finances are about the same 0(4)
- O 1 (5)
- O 2 (6)
- O Our finances are better3 (7)

	reSpend In the past three months, did you and your partner together spend too much money or save much money?
	Spent WAY too much (1)
	Spent too much (2)
	Spent a tiny bit too much (3)
	Spent and saved an ideal amount (4)
	Saved a tiny bit too much (5)
	Saved too much (6)
	Saved WAY too much (7)
	ppySave Are you happy with the amount of money that you and your partner together are saving for effuture?
О	Very unhappy (1)
\circ	Unhappy (2)
O	Somewhat unhappy (3)
\circ	Neither happy nor unhappy (4)
O	Somewhat happy (5)
О	Happy (6)
О	Very happy (7)
	ppySpend Are you happy with the amount of money that you and your partner together are routinely ending?
0	Very unhappy (1)
	Unhappy (2)
O	Somewhat unhappy (3)
\circ	Neither happy nor unhappy (4)
\circ	Somewhat happy (5)
\circ	Happy (6)
О	Very happy (7)
Fee	elDebt To what extent do you currently feel "in debt"?
\circ	Not at all in debt0 (1)
О	1 (2)
О	2 (3)
О	3 (4)
	4 (5)
О	5 (6)
О	6 (7)
0	7 (8)
0	8 (9)
0	9 (10)
\circ	Completely drowning in debt10 (11)

WorryDebt How worried are you about your debt?								
O Not at all in worried0 (1)								
O 1(2)								
O 2 (3)								
O 3 (4)								
O 4 (5)								
O 5 (6)								
O 6 (7)								
O 7(8)								
O 8 (9)								
O 9 (10)								
O Extremely worried10 (11)								
Household Practices and Financial Variables								
We'll now ask you some questions about your household practices and finances.								
We realize that some of the questions may feel repetitive, but each item is important, as they help us to better understand you and your relationship. Thank you for your cooperation and patience!								
When you are ready to continue, please click the arrow below.								
Bills Who is primarily in charge of managing and paying household bills? Note = 0 (my spouse is completely responsible) to 100 (I am completely responsible) Percent that I am responsible for (1)								
HHShop Who is primarily responsible for household shopping (for example, groceries, furniture)? Note = 0 (my spouse is completely responsible) to 100 (I am completely responsible) Percent that I am responsible for (1)								
HHBudget Who is primarily responsible for household budgeting decisions (for example, how much to spend on rent/mortgage, vacations; how much to save)? Note = 0 (my spouse is completely responsible) to 100 (I am completely responsible) Percent that I am responsible for (1)								
HHMeals Who is primarily in charge of performing non-financial household tasks, such as preparing meals, performing home repairs, or, if applicable, caring for children? Note = 0 (my spouse is completely responsible) to 100 (I am completely responsible) Percent that I am responsible for (1)								

PurchAmt When buying something for myself (for example, new clothes), I would want to talk with my partner before making a purchase of \$or more. Dollar Amount (1)
Q102 If more than \$500, please indicate a dollar amount here:
PPurchAmt My partner would probably prefer that I consult with him or her before making a personal purchase (something only I would use) of \$or moreDollar Amount (1)
Q104 If more than \$500, please indicate a dollar amount here:
HHAmt When buying something for the household (for example, a piece of furniture), I would want to talk with my partner before making a purchase of \$or more. Dollar Amount (1)
Q105 If more than \$500, please indicate a dollar amount here:
PHHAmt My partner would probably prefer that I consult with him or her before making a household purchase of \$or more. Enter a dollar amount here:Dollar Amount (1)
Q106 If more than \$500, please indicate a dollar amount here:
WorkStat What 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 specify: (10)
OwnIncome What is your approximate individual annual income, before taxes?
Hillingoma What is your approximate household annual income, hefere taxe?

HHIncome What is your approximate household annual income, before taxes?

CCDebt What is the approximate total balance on all credit cards that you and your partner carried over from last month to this month?

VRetire Do you and/or your partner hold any tax-advantaged retirement accounts (for example, 401(k) plans, 403(b) plans)? If so, what is the approximate total value of all the financial assets you and your partner hold in these accounts?

market funds, cash, CDs, bonds, stocks, mutual funds, or other types of financial assets.
ShareRes Do you and your partner share a primary residence? O Yes (1) O No (2)
Display This Question: If Do you and your partner share a primary residence? No Is Selected
LDistance Are you and your romantic partner in a long distance relationship? O Yes (1) O No (2)
Display This Question: If Are you and your romantic partner in a long distance rela Yes Is Selected
LDistance2 Please explain the nature of your long-distance relationship (for example, how far apart do you live? Is it a temporary arrangement?).
OwnRes Do you and/or your partner own your primary residence? O Yes (1) O No (2)
VHomeWorth If you own your primary residence, what would it be worth if sold today (approximately)? (please skip if not applicable)
VMortgage What is the approximate total balance owed on any mortgages or home equity lines of credit you have on your primary residence, if applicable? (please skip if not applicable)
Debt Aside from mortgages, other home equity lines of credit, and credit card balances, do you and your partner have other debts, including vehicle loans, student loans, overdue taxes, or debt for medical expenses? O Yes (1) O No (2)

DebtAmt What is the total outstanding balance on all of these loans or debts?

Display This Question: If Yes is Selected

VAssets What is the approximate total value of all the financial assets you and your partner hold outside of tax-advantaged retirement accounts? These could include checking and savings accounts, money

Cre	ditRate How do you think banks or credit card companies would rate your credit?
О	Very poor1 (1)
\circ	2 (2)
\circ	3 (3)
\circ	4 (4)
\circ	5 (5)
\circ	6 (6)
\circ	7 (7)
\circ	8 (8)
\circ	9 (9)
О	Excellent10 (10)
PCr	redRate How do you think banks or credit card companies would rate your partner's credit?
\circ	Very poor1 (1)
О	2 (2)
\circ	3 (3)
\circ	4 (4)
\circ	5 (5)
\circ	6 (6)
\circ	7 (7)
\circ	8 (8)
\circ	9 (9)
\circ	Excellent10 (10)
	fMoney In terms of money habits, how would you describe yourself?
\circ	Definitely a spender1 (1)
\circ	2 (2)
\circ	3 (3)
О	4 (4)
О	5 (5)
\circ	6 (6)
\circ	Definitely a saver7 (7)
Par	tnerMon In terms of money habits, how would you describe your partner?
\circ	Definitely a spender1 (1)
О	2 (2)
	3 (3)
О	4 (4)
	5 (5)
О	6 (6)
О	Definitely a saver7 (7)

The next 8 scales/measures were presented in a randomized order

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Thank you for your cooperation and patience!

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(1) Conflict Scales (Straus, Hamby, Boney-McCoy, and Sugarman 1996).

Conflict RELATIONSHIP BEHAVIORS No matter how well a couple gets along, there are times when they disagree, get annoyed with the other person, want different things from each other, or just have spats or fights because they are in a bad mood, are tired, or for some other reason. Couples also have many different ways of trying to settle their differences. This is a list of things that might happen when you have differences. Please indicate how many times you did these things in the past three months, and how many times your partner did them in the past three months. *Please note, your responses will remain completely confidential.*

How often did this happen?

	This never happened (1)	Not in the past three months, but it has happened before (2)	Once (3)	Twice (4)	3-5 times (5)	6-10 times (6)	11- 20 times (7)	More than 20 times (8)
I insulted or swore at my partner. (1)	О	0	О	О	О	О	О	О
I shouted or yelled at my partner. (2)	О	0	О	О	О	О	О	0
I stomped out of the room or house or yard during a disagreement. (3)	0	О	О	О	0	0	О	0
I said something to spite my partner. (4)	О	0	О	0	О	О	О	0
I purposely lied to my partner. (5)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

PConflict How often did this happen?

	This never happened (1)	Not in the past three months, but it has happened before (2)	Once (3)	Twice (4)	3-5 times (5)	6-10 times (6)	11- 20 times (7)	More than 20 times (8)
My partner insulted or swore at me. (1)	О	О	О	О	О	О	0	О
My partner shouted or yelled at me. (2)	О	0	О	0	О	О	О	0
My partner stomped out of the room or house or yard during a disagreement. (3)	О	О	О	О	0	0	О	0
My partner said something to spite me. (4)	О	0	О	0	О	О	О	0
My partner purposely lied to me. (5)	О	0	О	О	О	О	О	0

(2) Financial Harmony (Rick, Small, & Finkel 2011)

FinHarmony Please rate your agreement with the following statements:

	Strongly disagree1 (1)	2 (2)	3 (3)	4 (4)	5 (5)	6 (6)	Strongly agree7 (7)
It is hard for me and my partner to discuss our finances without getting upset at each other. (1)	О	О	0	О	0	О	О
When it comes to our finances, my partner and I see eye to eye. (2)	0	0	О	О	0	0	О
Money is a constant source of conflict with my partner. (3)	О	О	0	О	0	0	0
I am satisfied with my partner's attitudes toward money (4)	О	О	О	О	0	0	0
My partner is satisfied with my attitudes toward money. (5)	О	О	О	О	0	0	0
I am dissatisfied with how frequently (or infrequently) my partner wants to spend money. (6)	О	0	0	О	0	О	0
The way my partner and I handle our finances is in serious need of improvement. (7)	О	0	0	0	0	О	0
I wish I could change my partner's attitudes toward money. (8)	0	О	О	О	0	0	0
My partner wishes (s)he could change my attitudes toward money. (9)	0	О	0	О	0	0	0
I have sought (or considered seeking) counseling for the financial problems in my relationship. (10)	О	0	0	О	0	О	O

(3) High Maintenance Interactions (Finkel, Campbell, Brunell, Dalton, Scarbeck, and Chartrand, 2006)

HMI In thinking about interactions you've had with your partner over the last three months, please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with each statement:

	Strongly disagree1 (1)	2 (2)	3 (3)	4 (4)	5 (5)	6 (6)	Strongly agree7 (7)
Maintaining efficient, well-coordinated							
interaction with my partner requires a lot of energy. (1)	O	0	О	O	O	O	O
Interactions with my partner generally go smoothly. (2)	0	О	0	О	0	О	О
For some reason, interacting with my partner always seems to be more complicated than it should be. (3)	0	О	0	0	0	О	0
I feel like I have to work hard to communicate and coordinate with my partner. (4)	0	О	О	О	0	О	0

(4) Perceived Stress (Cohen, Kamarck, and Mermelstein 1983)

Q97 The questions in this scale ask you about your feelings and thoughts during the last three months. In each case, you will be asked to indicate how often you felt or thought a certain way. The best approach is to answer each question fairly quickly. That is, don't try to count up the number of times you felt a particular way, but rather indicate the alternative that seems like a reasonable estimate.

Stress1 In the last three months, how often have you felt that you were UNABLE to control the	ne
important things in your life?	

O	Never0 (1)
O	Almost never1 (2)
O	Sometimes2 (3)
О	Fairly often3 (4)
O	Very Often4 (5)

Stress2 In the last three months, how often have you felt confident about your ability to handle your personal problems?

·	h						
\circ	Never0 (1)						
\mathbf{O}	Almost never1 (2)						
\circ	Sometimes2 (3)						
\mathbf{O}	Fairly often3 (4)						
\mathbf{O}	Very Often4 (5)						

Str	ess3 In the last three months, how often have you felt that things were going your way?
\circ	Never0 (1)
\circ	Almost never1 (2)
\circ	Sometimes2 (3)
0	Fairly often3 (4)
О	Very Often4 (5)
	ess4 In the last three months, how often have you felt difficulties were piling up so high that you ald not overcome them?
0	Never0 (1)
\circ	Almost never1 (2)
0	Sometimes2 (3)
	Fairly often3 (4)
	Very Often4 (5)
(5)	Power in the Relationship (Felmlee, 1994; Sprecher, 1985; Sprecher and Felmlee 1997)
Pov	wer In your relationship, who has more power?
0	I have much more power than my partner1 (1)
\circ	2 (2)
\circ	3 (3)
\circ	We have equal power4 (4)
\circ	5 (5)
\circ	6 (6)
О	My partner has much more power than I do7 (7)
	1Power In your relationship, who makes more of the decisions about what the two of you do gether?
_	I make most of the decisions1 (1)
	2 (2)
	3 (3)
0	We make decisions equally4 (4)
	5 (5)
	6 (6)
	My partner makes most of the decisions7 (7)
EM	IPower Who would you say is more emotionally involved in the relationship?
	I am much more emotionally involved1 (1)
O	2 (2)
	3 (3)
	We are equally involved4 (4)
	5 (5)
	6 (6)
O	

your partner puts in co	mpared t	o what he or sh	e gets out of i	t, how does y	our relationship	stack up"?		
O I am getting a much better deal than my partner1 (1)								
O 2 (2)								
O 3 (3)								
O We are both getting	g an equa	ally goodor ba	ıddeal4 (4)					
O 5 (5)								
O 6 (6)								
O My partner is getting	ng a much	h better deal th	an I7 (7)					
(6) Couples Satisfaction	ı Index (F	unk & Rogge, 2	007)					
CSIOverall Please indica	ate the de	egree of happin	ess, all things	considered, o	f your relations	nip.		
O Extremely unhappy	_' 0 (1)							
O Fairly unhappy1 (2)	l							
O A little unhappy2 (3	3)							
O Happy3 (4)								
O Very happy4 (5)								
O Extremely happy5 (6)							
O Perfect6 (7)								
CSIDisagre Most people have disagreements in their relationships. Please indicate below the approximate extent of agreement or disagreement between you and your partner for each item on the following list.								
	Always	Almost	Frequently	Occasionall	Almost	Always		
	disagre	always	disagree2	y disagree3	always	agree5		
	e0 (1)	disagree1 (2)	(3)	(4)	agree4 (5)	(6)		
Amount of time spent	О	(2) O	0	0	0	O		
together (1)								
Making major	0	О	0	0	О	0		
decisions (2) Demonstrations of								
affection (3)	0	О	О	О	О	0		
- \-1								
CSIWell In general, how	v often d	o you think tha	t things betwe	en you and yo	our partner are	going well?		
O Never0 (1)								

O Rarely1 (2)

O Occasionally2 (3)

O More often than not3 (4)O Most of the time4 (5)O All the time5 (6)

Equity Considering what you put into your relationship, compared to what you get out of it...and what

CSIa Please rate the following statements:

	Not at all true0 (1)	A little true1 (2)	Somewhat true2 (3)	Mostly true3 (4)	Almost completely true4 (5)	Completel y true5 (6)
I still feel a strong connection with my partner. (1)	О	О	0	О	0	0
If I had my life to live over, I would marry (or live with/date) the same person. (2)	О	О	О	О	О	О
Our relationship is strong. (3)	0	0	0	0	0	0
I sometimes wonder if there is						
someone else out there for me. (4)	О	О	0	О	0	0
My relationship with my partner makes me happy. (5)	О	0	О	О	0	0
I have a warm and comfortable relationship with my partner. (6)	О	О	О	0	0	О
I can't imagine ending my relationship with my partner. (7)	О	О	О	0	0	0
I feel that I can confide in my partner about virtually anything. (8)	О	0	О	О	O	О
I have had second thoughts about this relationship recently. (9)	О	О	0	О	O	0
For me, my partner is the perfect romantic partner. (10)	О	О	0	0	0	0
I really feel like part of a team with my partner. (11)	0	О	О	О	О	0
I cannot imagine another person making me as happy as my partner does. (12)	О	О	О	О	O	О

CSIb Please respond to the following questions:

	Not at all0 (1)	A little1 (2)	Somewhat2 (3)	Mostly3 (4)	Almost completely4 (5)	Compl etely5 (6)
How rewarding is your relationship with your partner? (1)	О	О	О	О	О	0
How well does your partner meet your needs? (2)	0	О	0	О	О	0
To what extent has your relationship met your original expectations? (3)	О	О	О	О	O	0
In general, how satisfied are you with your relationship? (4)	О	О	О	О	O	0

	(4)			
CSI	Compare How good is you	r rolationshin	compared to	o most?
_	Compare How good is you	•	•	J MOSE!
0	Worse than all others (Ext	remely bad)0	(1)	
О	1 (2)			
О	2 (3)			
О	3 (4)			
О	4 (5)			
0	Better than all others (Ext	remely good)5	5 (6)	
CSI	Comp Do you enjoy your p	artner's comp	anv?	
0	Never0 (1)		,	
0	Less than once a month1	(2)		
O				
0		-		
0	· ,			
О	More often5 (6)			
CSI	Fun How often do you and	your partner	have fun tog	gether?
О	Never0 (1)			
О	Less than once a month1	(2)		
O	Once or twice a month2 (3	3)		
O	Once or twice a week3 (4)			
O	Once a day4 (5)			
О	More often5 (6)			

CSIWords For each of the following items, select the answer that best describes how you feel about your relationship. Base your responses on your first impressions and immediate feelings about the item.

	1 (1)	2 (2)	3 (3)	4 (4)	5 (5)	6 (6)
Interesting:Boring (1)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bad:Good (2)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Full:Empty (3)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lonely:Friendly (4)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sturdy:Fragile (5)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Discouraging:Hopeful (6)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enjoyable:Miserable (7)	0	0	0	0	0	0

(7) Satisfaction with Life (Diener, Emmons, Larsen, & Griffin 1985)

SWLS Instructions: Below are five statements with which you may agree or disagree. Using the scale below, indicate your agreement with each item by selecting the appropriate number. Please be open and honest in your responding.

	Stron gly disag ree (1)	Disagree (2)	Slightly disagree (3)	Neither agree nor disagree (4)	Slightly agree (5)	Agree (6)	Strongly agree (7)
In most ways my life is close to my ideal. (1)	0	О	О	0	О	О	0
The conditions of my life are excellent. (2)	0	О	О	0	О	0	0
I am satisfied with my life. (3)	0	О	О	0	О	О	0
So far I have gotten the important things I want in life. (4)	0	О	О	О	О	О	0
If I could live life over, I would change almost nothing. (5)	О	0	О	О	О	О	О

(8) Sexual Satisfaction (Meston & Trapnell, 2005)

O Excellent7 (7)

SexSat This questionnaire is designed to measure the degree of satisfaction you have in the sexual relationship with your partner. It is not a test, so there are no right or wrong answers. Answer each item as carefully and accurately as you can.

	Strongly disagree1 (1)	2 (2)	3 (3)	4 (4)	5 (5)	6 (6)	Strongly agree7 (7)
I feel content with the way my present sex life is. (1)	О	0	О	О	О	О	0
I often feel something is missing from my present sex life. (2)	О	0	О	О	О	О	0
I often feel I don't have enough emotional closeness in my sex life. (3)	О	О	О	О	О	О	0
I feel content with how often I presently have sexual intimacy (kissing, intercourse, etc.) in my life. (4)	О	0	0	0	0	О	0
I don't have any important problems or concerns about sex (arousal, orgasm, frequency, etc.). (5)	О	О	О	О	О	О	О

frequency, etc.). (5)							
SexSatO Overall, how satisfactory or unsa	tisfactory is	your pre	sent sex	life?			
O Not at all satisfactory1 (1)							
O 2 (2)							
O 3 (3)							
O 4 (4)							
O 5 (5)							
O 6 (6)							
O Completely satisfactory7 (7)							
Thank you for your continued a	ttention - we	e're almo	ost done	with too	ay's quo	estions!	
Other Items							
Health Over the past three months, how v	vould you ra	te your c	verall p	hysical h	ealth?		
O Poor1 (1)	•	·	·				
O 2 (2)							
O 3 (3)							
O 4 (4)							
O 5 (5)							
O 6 (6)							

Mental Over the past three months, how would you rate your overall mental health?
O Poor1 (1)
O 2 (2)
O 3 (3)
O 4 (4)
O 5 (5)
O 6 (6)
O Excellent7 (7)
Current Please briefly tell us, overall, how you would describe the state of your relationship at this point.
MajorEv Have you (and/or your partner) experienced any major life events in the past three months (fo example, bought a new home, started a new job, pregnancy, vacation, had a death in the family)? These can be either positive or negative. If "yes," please write about it here:
ResSatis How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your participation in our research thus far?
O Very Dissatisfied (1)
O Dissatisfied (2)
O Somewhat Dissatisfied (3)
O Neutral (4)
O Somewhat Satisfied (5)
O Satisfied (6)
O Very Satisfied (7)
Comments Any comments or thoughts about this research?
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