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| <b>Table 2a. Living Situation During Courtship</b>                  |               |         |                |                  |   |       |
| <i>Living situation prior to living with partner</i>                | (H,W) PRELIVE | 1       | alone          | discrete         |   | 1     |
|   |               | 2       | with parents   |                  |   |       |
|   |               | 3       | with roommates |                  |   |       |
|   |               | 6       | other          |                  |   |       |
| <i>Happiness with living situation prior to living with partner</i> | (H,W) PREHAP  | 1       | very happy     | interval         |   | 1     |
|   |               | 2       | happy          |                  |   |       |
|   |               | 3       | half and half  |                  |   |       |
|   |               | 4       | unhappy        |                  |   |       |
|   |               | 5       | very unhappy   |                  |   |       |
| <b>Table 2b. Structural Features of the Courtship</b>               |               |         |                |                  |   |       |
| <i>Length of courtship in months</i>                                | LENGTH        | 0 - 999 |                | interval         |   | 1     |
| <i>Length of time in courtship stages (in months)</i>               |               |         |                |                  |   |       |
| <i>Casually dated</i>   | MNCDLL        | 0 - 99  |                | interval         | Length of time at casual dating level. Level does not necessarily mean consecutive months. It is the total number of months on that level. (r = .77)  | 1     |
| <i>Regularly dated</i>  | MNRDLL        | 00-99   |                | interval         | Length of time of regular dating level. Level does not necessarily mean consecutive months. It is the total number of months on that level. (r = .48) | 1     |
| <i>Casually + regularly dated</i>                                   | MNDTLL        | 00-99   |                | interval         | MNCDLL + MNRDLL (r = .78)   | 1     |
| <i>Couple</i>   | MNCPLL        | 00-99   |                | interval         | Length of time at couple level. Level does not necessarily mean consecutive months. It is the total number of months on that level. (r = .72)         | 1     |
| <i>Committed</i>  | MNCMLL        | 00-99   |                | interval         | Length of time at committed level. Level does not necessarily mean consecutive months. It is the total number of months on that level. (r = .72)      | 1     |

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| <b><i>Change in Rate of Progress Variables</i></b>   |               |       |             |                  |  |       |
| <i>Rate of commitment (no. of mos. to move from a 25% chance to a 75% chance of marriage)</i>                            | (H,W) 2575    |       |             | interval         | This was scored for the first time 25% was hit and the first time 75% was hit. | 1     |
| <i>Number of downturns</i>   | (H,W) DNTURN  |       |             | interval         | Number of downturns in the premarital relationship                             | 1     |
| <i>Consensus about development of commitment (ave. difference between spouses' estimates of probability of marriage)</i> | MCOMDIF       |       |             | interval         |  | 1     |

**Table 2c. Timing of Courtship Events and Experiences**

|  |               |                  |  |          |  |   |
|--|---------------|------------------|--|----------|--|---|
| <b><i>Cohabiting</i></b>                                 |               |                  |  |          |  |   |
| <i>Did the couple cohabit?</i>                           | ACOH0         | 0<br>1           | no<br>yes  | discrete | yes = at least one partner reports yes | 1 |
| <i>For cohabiting couples:</i>                           |               |                  |  |          |  |   |
| Number of months into relationship when cohabiting began | MTOGMONB      | 00-<br>99        |  | interval | avg H&W report (r = .98)               | 1 |
| Stage of relationship when cohabiting began              | (H,W) TOGLEVB | 1<br>2<br>3<br>4 | Casually Dating<br>Regularly Dating<br>Couple<br>Committed | discrete |  | 1 |
| Probability of marriage when cohabiting began            | (H,W) TOGPBMB | 0<br>100         | no chance<br>certain                                       | interval |  | 1 |

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| Number of months couple cohabited prior to marriage            | (H,W) MTOGLENG | 00-99            |  | interval         | avg H&W report (r = .94)               | 1     |
| <b><i>Premarital intercourse</i></b>                           |                |                  |  |                  |  |       |
| <i>Did the couple have premarital intercourse?</i>             | AFINO          | 0<br>1           | no<br>yes  | discrete         | yes = at least one partner reports yes | 1     |
| <i>For sexually active couples:</i>                            |                |                  |  |                  |  |       |
| Number of months before couple began having intercourse        | (H,W) FINMON   | 00-99            |  | interval         |  | 1     |
| Stage of relationship when couple began having intercourse     | (H,W) FINLEV   | 1<br>2<br>3<br>4 | Casually Dating<br>Regularly Dating<br>Couple<br>Committed | discrete         |  | 1     |
| Probability of marriage when couple began having intercourse   | (H,W) FINPBM   | 0<br>100         | no chance<br>certain                                       | interval         |  | 1     |
| <b><i>Pregnancy (for sexually active couples)</i></b>          |                |                  |  |                  |  |       |
| <i>Was the female reported to be pregnant?</i>                 | AAPGO          | 0<br>1           | no<br>yes  | discrete         | yes = at least one partner reports yes | 1     |
| <i>For couples in which premarital pregnancy was reported:</i> |                |                  |  |                  |  |       |
| Number of months into relationship when pregnancy discovered   | MAPGMON        | 00-99            |  | interval         | avg H&W report (r = .96)               | 1     |
| Stage of relationship when pregnancy discovered                | (H,W) APGLEV   | 1<br>2<br>3<br>4 | Casually Dating<br>Regularly Dating<br>Couple<br>Committed | discrete         |  | 1     |

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| Probability of marriage when pregnancy discovered       | (H,W) APGPBM  | 0<br>1           | no chance<br>certain                                   | interval         |             | 1     |
| <b><i>Met parents</i></b>                               |               |                  |  |                  |             |       |
| <i>Husband meeting wife's parents</i>                   |               |                  |  |                  |             |       |
| Did husband meet wife's parents?                        | HHMTPARO      | 0<br>1           | no<br>yes  | discrete         |             | 1     |
| Month husband met wife's parents                        | HHMTMON       | 00-<br>99        |  | interval         |             | 1     |
| Stage of relationship when husband met wife's parents   | WWMTLEV       | 1<br>2<br>3<br>4 | Casual Dating<br>Regular Dating<br>Couple<br>Committed | discrete         |             | 1     |
| Probability of marriage when husband met wife's parents | HHMTPBM       | 0<br>100         | no chance<br>certain                                   | interval         |             | 1     |
| <i>Wife meeting husband's parents</i>                   |               |                  |  |                  |             |       |
| Did wife meet husband's parents?                        | WWMTPARO      | 0<br>1           | no<br>yes  | discrete         |             | 1     |
| Month wife met husband's parents                        | WWMTMON       | 00-<br>99        |  | interval         |             | 1     |
| Stage of relationship when wife met husband's parents   | WWMTLEV       | 1<br>2<br>3<br>4 | Casual Dating<br>Regular Dating<br>Couple<br>Committed | discrete         |             | 1     |
| Probability of marriage when wife met husband's parents | WWMTPBM       | 0<br>100         | no chance<br>certain                                   | interval         |             | 1     |
| <b><i>Timing of falling in love</i></b>                 |               |                  |  |                  |             |       |
| <i>Respondent</i>                                       |               |                  |  |                  |             |       |

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| Number of months into relationship when first loved partner                  | (H,W) LOVMON  | 00-99            |   | interval         |   | 1     |
| State of relationship when respondent first loved partner                    | (H,W) LOVLEV  | 1<br>2<br>3<br>4 | Casual Dating<br>Regular Dating<br>Couple<br>Committed  | discrete         |   | 1     |
| <i>Partner</i>   |               |                  |   |                  |   |       |
| Number of months into relationship when respondent felt loved                | (H,W) PLVMON  | 00-99            |   | interval         | PLV = partner loves you   | 1     |
| Stage of relationship when respondent felt loved                             | (H,W) PLVLEV  | 1<br>2<br>3<br>4 | Casual Dating<br>Regular Dating<br>Couple<br>Committed  | discrete         |   | 1     |
| <i>Sequence of love feelings</i>   |               |                  |   |                  |   |       |
| Husband felt love earlier or later than wife                                 | LOVEADV       | -1<br>0<br>1     | w fell in love 1 month earlier than h<br>fell in love at same time<br>h fell in love 1 month earlier than w | interval         | Month into relationship when husband fell in love minus month wife fell in love | 1     |
| Each partner's sense of whether husband felt love earlier or later than wife | (H,W) LOVSYMA | -1<br>0<br>1     | w fell in love 1 month earlier than h<br>fell in love at same time<br>h fell in love 1 month earlier than w | interval         | When respondent fell in love minus when he/she felt that partner loved him/her  | 1     |

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| <b><i>Timing of commitment</i></b>                            |               |                  |  |                  |  |       |
| <i>Months into relationship when engaged</i>                  | (H,W) ENGMON  |                  |  | interval         | ENG = public engagement  | 1     |
| <b><i>Respondent felt certain of marriage</i></b>             |               |                  |  |                  |  |       |
| Number of months into relationship                            | (H,W) CERMON  |                  |  | interval         |  | 1     |
| Stage of relationship   | (H,W) CERLEV  | 1<br>2<br>3<br>4 | Casual Dating<br>Regular Dating<br>Couple<br>Committed           | discrete         |  | 1     |
| <b><i>Respondent felt partner was certain of marriage</i></b> |               |                  |  |                  |  |       |
| Number of months into relationship                            | (H,W) PCRMON  |                  |  | interval         |  | 1     |
| Stage of relationship   | (H,W) PCRLEV  | 1<br>2<br>3<br>4 | Casual Dating<br>Regular Dating<br>Couple<br>Committed           | discrete         |  | 1     |
| <b>Table 2d. Subjective Evaluation of Courtship</b>           |               |                  |  |                  |  |       |
| <b><i>Love</i></b>  | (H,W) LOVEP   | 1<br>9           | very little love<br>very much love                               | interval         | Average of 10 items from Braiker & Kelley Relationship Questionnaire | 1     |
| <b><i>Ambivalence</i></b>                                     | (H,W) AMBIVP  | 1<br>9           | very little ambivalence<br>very much ambivalence                 | interval         | Average of 5 items from Braiker & Kelley Relationship Questionnaire  | 1     |
| <b><i>Conflict and negativity</i></b>                         | (H,W) CONNEGP | 1<br>9           | very little conflict/negativity<br>very much conflict/negativity | interval         | Average of 5 items from Braiker & Kelley Relationship Questionnaire  | 1     |
| <b><i>Maintenance</i></b>                                     | (H,W) MAINP   | 1<br>9           | very little maintenance<br>very much maintenance                 | interval         | Average of 5 items from Braiker & Kelley Relationship Questionnaire  | 1     |