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<b>Table 5a. Marital History</b>						
<i>Status of original marriage</i>						
<i>Two-category classification (married vs. divorced)</i>	MAR2STT (4)	1	married	discrete	Married or divorced at time of phase 4	4
		2	divorced			
<i>Four-category (happily married, distressed, short-term marriages, later divorce)</i>	MAR4STT (4)	1	happy married	discrete	Happily married: both spouses were satisfied, i.e., both spouses had each a value above 4. Distressed: at least one spouse was dissatisfied, i.e., had a value below 4. Short-term (early) divorce: married less than 7 years. Long-term (later) divorce: married 7 or more years.	4
		2	unhappy married			
		3	early divorce			
		4	later divorce			
<i>Five-category (includes the 4 categories above, and brief marriages)</i>	MAR5STT (4)	1	happy married	discrete	See MAR4STT for happily married, distressed, long-term divorce. Brief marriages: married less than 2.5 years. Short-term marriages: married more than 2.5 years and less than 7.	4
		2	unhappy married			
		3	early divorce			
		4	later divorce			
		5	brief marriages			
<i>Length of marriage</i>	MARLENG (4)			interval	breakup defined as time (in months) until last separation	4
<i>Number of separations</i>	(H,W) NUMSEP (4)			interval		4
<i>Length of time separated (totaled across separations)</i>	(H,W) TIMSPD (4)			interval		4
<i>Average report of sep time</i>	MNSEPED (4)			interval		4

**Table 5b. Marital Satisfaction**

<i>Overall marital satisfaction</i>	(H,W) ALLSAT (1-4)	1 7	low marital satisfaction high marital satisfaction	interval	Mean of: (MARENJ, MARMOP, MARFUL, MARINR, MARREW, MARBES, MARFRN, MARWOR) + MARSAT / 2	1 2 3 4
<i>Average daily satisfaction rating</i>	(H,W) DAYSAT (4)	1 7	very satisfied very dissatisfied	interval	Average daily marital satisfaction (SATMAR4) across the phone interviews.	4

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<b><i>Satisfaction with domains of marriage</i></b>						All "satisfaction with domain" variables: phase 1 was collected retrospectively during phase 2.
<i>Own leisure time</i>	(H,W) LEIS (1-4)	1	very dissatisfied	interval		1 2 3 4
		5	neither satisfied nor dissatisfied			
		9	very satisfied			
<i>Division of household work</i>	(H,W) DIVHT (1-4)	1	very dissatisfied	interval		1 2 3 4
		5	neither satisfied nor dissatisfied			
		9	very satisfied			
<i>Communication</i>	(H,W) COMM (1-4)	1	very dissatisfied	interval		1 2 3 4
		5	neither satisfied nor dissatisfied			
		9	very satisfied			
<i>Amount of influence</i>	(H,W) INFL (1-4)	1	Very dissatisfied	interval		1 2 3 4
		5	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied			
		9	Very satisfied			
<i>Sexual relationship</i>	(H,W) SEX (1-4)	1	Very dissatisfied	interval		1 2 3 4
		5	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied			
		9	Very satisfied			
<i>Time with spouse</i>	(H,W) TOG (1-4)	1	Very dissatisfied	interval		1 2 3 4
		5	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied			
		9	Very satisfied			
<i>Time with network</i>	(H,W) NETWK (1-4)	1	Very dissatisfied	interval		1 2 3 4
		5	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied			
		9	Very satisfied			
<i>Finances</i>	(H,W) FINAN (1-4)	1	Very dissatisfied	interval		1 2 3 4
		5	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied			
		9	Very satisfied			

**Table 5c. Beliefs about Similarity and Compatibility**

<b><i>Beliefs about similarity in:</i></b>						
<i>Preferred daily patterns (when to go to sleep, etc.)</i>	(H,W) DAYPAT (4)	1	very different	interval		4
		7	very similar			
<i>How often to have sex</i>	(H,W) OFTSEX (4)	1	very different	interval		4
		7	very similar			
<i>What kind of sex each prefers</i>	(H,W) TYPSEX (4)	1	very different	interval		4
		7	very similar			

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<i>Goals for own family</i>	(H,W) GOALFM (4)	1 7	very different very similar	interval		4
<i>Ideas about politics</i>	(H,W) POLITIC (4)	1 7	very different very similar	interval		4
<i>Ideas about how to spend and save money</i>	(H,W) SPDMON (4)	1 7	very different very similar	interval		4
<i>Kinds of people as friends</i>	(H,W) KNDFRD (4)	1 7	very different very similar	interval		4
<i>Kinds of preferred leisure</i>	(H,W) KNDLES (4)	1 7	very different very similar	interval		4
<i>Gender-role attitudes</i>	(H,W) IDEAS (4)	1 7	very different very similar	interval		4
<i>Importance placed on:</i>						
Family	(H,W) FAMIMP (4)	1 7	very different very similar	interval		4
Work	(H,W) WRKIMP (4)	1 7	very different very similar	interval		4
Having free time	(H,W) TIMIMP (4)	1 7	very different very similar	interval		4
Children	(H,W) CHNIMP (4)	1 7	very different very similar	interval		4
Having money	(H,W) MONIMP (4)	1 7	very different very similar	interval		4
<i>Ideas about:</i>						
Having children	(H,W) HAVCHN (4)	1 7	very different very similar	interval		4
Raising children	(H,W) RASCHN (4)	1 7	very different very similar	interval		4
Politics	(H,W) POLITIC (4)	1 7	very different very similar	interval		4

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<b>Belief about overall compatibility</b>	(H,W) COMPAT (4)	1	very different	interval		4
		7	very similar			

**Table 5d. Love and Ambivalence**

<b>Love</b>	(H,W) LOVE (1-4)	1	low love	interval	Source: Braiker & Kelley. Mean of: BELONG, GIVE, FFLOV, MUTUAL, UNIQUE, COMMIT, CLOSE, NEED, INTIM, ATTACH	1 2 3 4
		9	high love			
<b>Ambivalence</b>	(H,W) AMBIV (1-4)	1	low ambivalence	interval	Source: Braiker & Kelley. Mean of: CONFUS, DEPEND, UNSURE, DEMAND, TRAP	1 2 3 4
		9	high ambivalence			

**Table 5e. Dissatisfaction with Interaction**

<b>Dissatisfaction with affectional expression</b>	(H,W) DESAFF (1-3)	1	very much LESS often	interval	Mean of: APPROV, LAUGH, LOVEU, DONICE, TALK, AFFEC, SHFEEL	1 2 3
		7	very much MORE often			
<b>Dissatisfaction with level of negativity</b>	(H,W) DESNEG (1-3)	1	very much LESS often	interval	Mean of: BORED, DOMIN, ANGER, CRITCL, FAILDO, ANNOY	1 2 3
		7	very much MORE often			
<b>Dissatisfaction with partner's sexual interest</b>	(H,W) DESSEX (1-3)	1	very much LESS often	interval	Mean of: NTSEX, HAVSEX	1 2 3
		7	very much MORE often			
<b>Dissatisfaction with Leisure</b>						
<i>Time with wife's family</i>	(H,W) WTMFAM (4)	1	very much LESS often	interval		4
		7	very much MORE often			
<i>Time with husband's family</i>	(H,W) HTMFAM (4)	1	very much LESS often	interval		4
		7	very much MORE often			
<i>Wife's time in own leisure</i>	(H,W) WTMLES (4)	1	very much LESS often	interval		4
		7	very much MORE often			
<i>Husband's time in own leisure</i>	(H,W) HTMLES (4)	1	very much LESS often	interval		4
		7	very much MORE often			
<i>Wife spending time with her friends</i>	(H,W) WTMFRD (4)	1	very much LESS often	interval		4
		7	very much MORE often			

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<i>Husband spending time with his friends</i>	(H,W) HTMFRD (4)	1 7	very much LESS often very much MORE often	interval		4
<i>Doing recreational activities with spouse that wife suggests</i>	(H,W) WSGREC (4)	1 7	very much LESS often very much MORE often	interval		4
<i>Doing recreational activities with spouse that husband suggests</i>	(H,W) HSGREC (4)	1 7	very much LESS often very much MORE often	interval		4
<i>Wife spending time at home with family</i>	(H,W) WFAMHM (4)	1 7	very much LESS often very much MORE often	interval		4
<i>Husband spending time at home with family</i>	(H,W) HFAMHM (4)	1 7	very much LESS often very much MORE often	interval		4
<i>Husband and wife spending time together, just the two</i>	(H,W) TOGTIM (4)	1 7	very much LESS often very much MORE often	interval		4
<i>Doing exciting things together</i>	(H,W) EXITOG (4)	1 7	very much LESS often very much MORE often	interval		4
<b><i>Dissatisfaction with spouses' sensitivity about sex (Phase 4)</i></b>	(H,W) SEXSEN (4)	1 7	very much LESS often very much MORE often	interval		4
<b><i>Dissatisfaction with work and family roles</i></b>						
<i>Wife spending time at work or working</i>	(H,W) WTMWRK (4)	1 7	very much LESS often very much MORE often	interval		4
<i>Husband spending time at work or working</i>	(H,W) HTMWRK (4)	1 7	very much LESS often very much MORE often	interval		4

**Table 5f. Preferences Regarding Closeness / Independence**

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<i>Preferences regarding closeness / independence</i>	(H,W) AUTIND (4)	1	less preference for independence	interval	Mean of: TIMEWH, FEELWH, ACTWH, ACKWH, TALKWH, INDCLOWH	4
		7	more preference for independence			

**Table 5g. Spouses' Perceptions of Each Others' Traits**

<i>Responsiveness</i>	(H,W) RESPNV (1-4)	1	low responsiveness	interval	Responsive personality characteristics - mean of: GENER, CHEER, PLSANT, AMUSG, CONSID, FORGIV, FRNDLY, GPABL, SINCER, COOPTV	1 2 3 4
		7	high responsiveness			
<i>Contrariness</i>	(H,W) CONTRY (1-4)	1	low contrariness	interval	Contrary personality characteristics - mean of: JEALS, STUBBRN, HOTTEM, NOSEX, DOMNRG, FLTFND, MOODY, POSSVE, BOAST, QUARSM	1 2 3 4
		7	high contrariness			

**Table 5h. Perception of Each Spouse's Social Goals**

<i>Gregarious</i>	(H,W) GREGR (4)	1	low gregarious	interval	Goals associated with gregarious personality - adapted from Reed, Jones, & Miller (1990) Mean of: OOTHER, OFRNDS	4
		7	high gregarious			
<i>Aloof</i>	(H,W) ALOOF (4)	1	low aloof	interval	Goals associated with aloof personality - adapted from Reed, Jones, & Miller (1990) Mean of: OAVINT, OAVINV	4
		7	high aloof			
<i>Dominant</i>	(H,W) DOMNT (4)	1	low dominance	interval	Goals associated with dominant personality - adapted from Reed, Jones, & Miller (1990) Mean of: OOCNTRL, OOWNWY	4
		7	high dominance			
<i>Submissive</i>	(H,W) SUBMS (4)	1	low submissive	interval	Goals associated with submissive personality - adapted from Reed, Jones, & Miller (1990) Mean of: OAVREJ, OAVCON	4
		7	high submissive			
<i>Quarrelsome</i>	(H,W) QRRSM (1-4)	1	low quarrelsome	interval	Goals associated with quarrelsome personality - adapted from Reed, Jones, & Miller (1990) Mean of: OCONFR4, OWINAG	1 2 3 4
		7	high quarrelsome			
<i>Agreeable</i>	(H,W) AGRBL (4)	1	low agreeable	interval	Goals associated with agreeable personality - adapted from Reed, Jones, & Miller (1990) Mean of: OLIKE, OPLEAS	4
		7	high agreeable			

**Table 5i. Commitment**

<i>Personal commitment</i>
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<i>Personal commitment</i>	(H,W) COMLOV (4)	1 9	not at all very	interval	Source: Johnson. Mean of: FLLOVE, NEED	4
<i>Marital satisfaction (see 5b, 47)</i>						
<i>Couple identity</i>	(H,W) PIDENT (4)	1 9	less identification more identification	interval	Source: Johnson. Mean of: LIKERL, PERSON, CPLSNS	4
<i>Rusbult commitment</i>	(H,W) RUSBLT (4)	1 9	not at all very	interval	Source: Rusbult. Mean of: COMMIT, ATTACH	4
<b><i>Moral commitment</i></b>						
<i>Divorce attitudes</i>	(H,W) MREL (4)	1 9	less relationship type commitment more relationship type commitment	interval	Source: Johnson. Mean of: DIVREL, DIVOK, DIVBST, MORAL, SACVOW	4
<i>Contract with partner</i>	(H,W) MPART (4)			interval	Source: Johnson. Mean of: STAY, PNEEDS, TELDIV, GUILTY	4
<i>Consistency values</i>	(H,W) MCONS (4)	1 9	less consistency values more consistency values	interval	Source: Johnson. Mean of: PROMIS, STNDBY, FINISH, HRDPRM	4
<b><i>Structural Commitment</i></b>						
<i>Available alternatives</i>	(H,W) SALTAV (4)	1 9	more available alternatives (= more structural comm.) fewer available alternatives (=less structural comm.)	Interval	Source: Johnson. Mean of: MISINC, MISARD, MISHSE, MISHLP, MISCHN, NOTWRK	4
<i>Social pressures</i>	(H,W) SSOCV (4)	1 9	better anticipated social reaction worse anticipated social reaction	interval	Source: Johnson. Mean of: COMSTD, FAMUNC, INLAWS, FRDRSP, LOSCHL, FACFRD	4
<i>Termination procedures</i>	(H,W) STPAV (4)	1 9	less difficult procedures for termination more difficult procedures for termination	interval	Source: Johnson. Mean of: PRPRTV, NEWPLC, BURDEN, LEGAL, WORKCHN, STRUCT	4
<i>Investment</i>	(H,W) SINVAV (4)	1 9	smaller investments greater investments	interval	Source: Johnson. Mean of: LOSTIM, WASTED, LOSMON, BESTYR	4