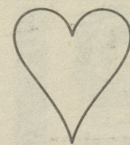




HOW'S YOUR LOVE LIFE?

A National Study of Collegiate Romance



This survey is being conducted on college campuses throughout the U.S. to learn about the meaning of love and relationships in the lives of America's young adults today. We hope you will take a few minutes to complete this questionnaire and mail it back to Dr. Egon Mayer, Dept. of Sociology, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY 11210.

1. Are you romantically involved with a "special someone" at present?
- a. YES
- b. NO

... IF "NO"—HAVE YOU BEEN SO INVOLVED IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS?

- a. YES
- b. NO

... IF "NO" GO TO Q. 24.

PLEASE ANSWER ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WITH RESPECT TO YOUR MOST RECENT OR CURRENT RELATIONSHIP. CHECK THE MOST APPROPRIATE RESPONSE.

2. Would you and/or your partner say that you are/were in love?
- a. YES, I would say so
- b. YES, my partner would say so
- c. YES, we would both say so
- d. NO, neither of us would say so

3. How long have you been/were you in this relationship?
- a. Less than a week
- b. 1 week - 3 months
- c. 3 months - a year
- d. 1 year - 3 years
- e. More than 3 years

4. For how long before the relationship began did you know each other?
- a. Less than a week
- b. 1 week - 3 months
- c. 3 months - a year
- d. 1 year - 3 years
- e. More than 3 years

5. How did you meet?
- a. Grew up in the same neighborhood
- b. Introduced by friends/family
- c. Met at job/school/party
- d. Other

6. How enduring do/did you expect this relationship to be?
- a. Very enduring
- b. Somewhat enduring
- c. Not at all enduring

7. On a scale of 1 to 7, how do the two of you compare in the following areas? If you don't know check "2"

ISSUES	Very Different			Very Similar				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Importance of career								
Sense of humor								
Tastes in food								
Saving & spending								
Politics								
Closeness to family								
Plans for children								
Religious belief								
Temperament								
Personal habits								
Importance of friends								
Dreams & ambitions								
Hobbies & interests								
Morality								
Community involvement								

8. On a scale of 1 to 7, how close is/was this relationship to your ideal?
- Very Far 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Very Close

9. On a scale of 1 to 7, how happy are/were you in this relationship?
- Very Unhappy 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Very Happy

10. How do your families compare with respect to the following:

	Very Different				Very Similar			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Parents' education								
Religion								
Race								
Income								
Geographic place of ancestry								

IF YOU HAVE DIFFERENCES ON ANY OF THE ABOVE ITEMS, PLEASE ANSWER Q. 11 TO 14 AS WELL. OTHERWISE PLEASE SKIP OVER THESE AND GO TO Q. 15.

11. How concerned are/were you that your differences in background might complicate your relationship?
- a. Very concerned
- b. Somewhat concerned
- c. Unconcerned
- d. The differences are actually good for the relationship

12. How concerned are/were your parents about the differences in background between you and your "special someone"?
- a. Very concerned
- b. Somewhat concerned
- c. Unconcerned
- d. They're not aware of them
- e. They think the differences are actually good for our relationship
- f. They are unaware of the relationship

13. If you and your "special someone" are of different religious background and you were considering a life-long relationship, which of the following would you want?
- a. For him/her to become like me
- b. To become like him/her
- c. To retain our differences and make a family that blends them
- d. I have no idea

14. If you and your "special someone" are of different religious background and you were considering a life-long relationship, which of the following would he/she want?
- a. To become like me
- b. For me to become like him/her
- c. To retain our differences and make a family that blends them
- d. I have no idea

15. What do you most like about your partner?

16. What do you least like about him/her?

17. How well do you and his/her family know each other?
- a. Very well
- b. Somewhat well
- c. Very little
- d. Not at all
- e. They don't know I exist

18. How well does he/she and your family know each other?
- a. Very well
- b. Somewhat well
- c. Very little
- d. Not at all
- e. They don't know he/she exists

19. How do/did your parents feel about your relationship?
- a. Very favorable
- b. Somewhat favorable
- c. Non-committal
- d. Somewhat unfavorable
- e. Very unfavorable
- f. I don't know

20. How do/did his/her parents feel about your relationship?
- a. Very favorable
- b. Somewhat favorable
- c. Non-committal
- d. Somewhat unfavorable
- e. Very unfavorable
- f. I don't know

21. Based on everything you feel/felt and know/knew about this relationship, to what extent do/did you wish it to result in marriage?
- a. Very strongly
- b. Somewhat
- c. Not at all

If you answered "C" please explain why.

22. IF IN FACT THE RELATIONSHIP HAS ENDED, Who chose to break up with whom?
- a. He/she broke up with me
- b. I broke up with him/her
- c. We ended the relationship more or less by mutual agreement

23. IF IN FACT THE RELATIONSHIP HAS ENDED, What role if any did your differences in background play in ending the relationship?

24. IF YOU ARE NOT NOW, AND HAVE NOT BEEN IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, INVOLVED IN A SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP WITH A SPECIAL SOMEONE,

Indicate briefly what you think is the reason that you have not been so involved.

- a. I am not interested in such a relationship
- b. I have not found the "right one"
- c. The "right one" has not been interested in me

Briefly explain:

25. How important is it to you that the person with whom you are or would be in a serious romantic relationship be of the same ... as you?

GROUP	Very Important				Not Important			
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Race								
Religion								
Cultural ancestry								
Socio-economic status								
Educational level								

26. How important is it to your parents that the person with whom you are or would be in a serious romantic relationship be of the same ... as you?

GROUP	Very Important				Not Important			
	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Race								
Religion								
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27. How important is it that your parents approve of your "special someone" before you would consider marrying the person?
- a. Very important
- b. Somewhat important
- c. Slightly important
- d. Of no importance
- e. Do not expect to marry

28. How important is/was it to you that you be married by the time you are thirty years old?
- a. Very important
- b. Somewhat important
- c. Slightly important
- d. Of no importance
- e. Do not expect to marry by that age

29. How old are you?

30. Are you a:
- Male
- Female

Is you "special someone" a:

- Male
- Female

32. Name of school:

33. How would you describe the religious background of each of the following: PLEASE CHECK OR WRITE IN DENOMINATION

	Protes	Cath	Jewish	Other*
Yourself				
Your mother				
Your father				
Your "special someone"				

*Please explain

34. How would you describe the ethnic background of each of the following: PLEASE CHECK OR WRITE IN DENOMINATION

	White	Black	Asian	Native Amer	Other*
Yourself					
Your mother					
Your father					
Your "special someone"					

*Please explain

35. What is the highest academic degree attained by:

YOUR MOTHER: _____

YOUR FATHER: _____

36. In approximately which of the following categories would you place your family's total household income last year?
- a. under \$20,000
- b. \$20,000-39,999
- c. \$40,000-59,999
- d. \$60,000-99,999
- e. \$100,000-149,999
- f. \$150,000 or over

37. What is your marital status?
- a. Never married
- b. Previously married
- c. Now married

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. PLEASE TAKE ANOTHER MINUTE TO PUT IT IN AN ENVELOPE AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY TO:

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