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# Preface

## Interview mode for wave 12

Due to challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown measures in Germany, CAPI interview fieldwork was interrupted in March 2020 and recommenced with CATI interviews in April 2020. The questions posed in the standard CASI section of the interview were transferred to a PAPI questionnaire sent to respondents' home address following the telephone interview.

Interview mode is documented in the new variable *intmode* with the following values:

- 1: CAPI with CASI section
- 2: CATI with completed PAPI
- 3: CATI (PAPI missing)

All deviations from the CAPI version are marked in **blue**. All text blocks included in the CAPI version but excluded in the PAPI version are ~~struck through~~.

## Codebook identifiers

*Official year of interview* oij=2019

### Respondent groups

Three groups of respondents are posed further questions beyond the standard question program:

*Former CAPI children* are the children of other anchor respondents who previously participated in the children's CAPI survey and are now interviewed every year as anchor respondents themselves.

*First-time respondents* are former CAPI children who are participating in the current wave for the first time as anchor respondents, designated by the preload variable d0=2.

*Refreshment sample respondents* belong to the group of respondents part of a new sampling who were interviewed for the first time in Wave 11 of the pairfam panel. They can be identified by household number (hhid≥930000).

## Notation key

Notation in filter	Meaning
&	AND
	OR
x=1,2	x=1 OR x=2
x≠1,2	x≠1 AND x≠2
x=1,...,3	x=1 OR x=2 OR x=3
Variable v10x with x=1	Variable v101

### In the filter and question text:

*Previous wave:* Reference to the wave of the previous year (if d0=1) or to the last wave that an interview took place (if no interview took place in the previous year, i.e. d0=0).

**Variables for dependent interviewing** always contain the most recent value (i.e., the value from the previous year, if d0=1) or the value from the last wave that an interview took place (if d0=0).

# Respondent identification

Text 1

Thank you very much for your willingness to fill out this questionnaire. You are already used to answering sections of our survey on your own - this time, due to the current situation, we ask you to fill out these sections on paper.  
Enjoy the questionnaire!

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# Personality / Mental state

## Self-esteem

Frage 1

Variable  
per1\_

Now I would like to learn a bit about how you see yourself. To what extent do the following traits apply to you?

per1i2	Sometimes I believe that I'm worthless.						
per1i7	I like myself just the way I am.						
per1i13	All in all, I am pleased with myself.						
per1i6	I feel lonely.						
Not at all		1	2	3	4	5	Absolutely
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Don't know .....					<input type="checkbox"/> -1	
	I don't want to answer that .....					<input type="checkbox"/> -2	

## Anger / activity / anxiety / stress

Frage 2

Variable  
per4\_

How have you been feeling, for the most part, during the past four weeks?

per4i5	Stressed						
per4i10	Active						
per4i1	Energetic						
per4i6	Overburdened						
per4i4	Full of energy						
per4i7	Under pressure						
Not at all		1	2	3	4	5	Absolutely
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Don't know .....					<input type="checkbox"/> -1	
	I don't want to answer that .....					<input type="checkbox"/> -2	

# Depressiveness

Frage 3

Variable  
per2\_

In the following list you see a number of statements that people can use to describe themselves. Please read each statement and select from among the four answers the one that corresponds to the way you feel in general.

- per2i1

My mood is melancholic.
- per2i2

I am happy.
- per2i3

I am depressed.
- per2i4

I am sad.
- per2i5

I am in desperation.
- per2i6

My mood is gloomy.
- per2i7

I feel good.
- per2i8

I feel secure.
- per2i9

I am calm and composed.
- per2i10

I enjoy life.
- Almost never

.....

☐ 1
- Sometimes

.....

☐ 2
- Often

.....

☐ 3
- Almost always

.....

☐ 4
- Don't know

.....

☐ -1
- I don't want to answer that

.....

☐ -2
-

## Self and developmental regulation

Frage 4

Variable  
per6\_

Let's change directions. Time and again, there are occasions and changes in various areas of life that are particularly challenging – both in a positive and negative way. To what extent do you feel that you can influence these changes and their consequences?

- per6i1      When I encounter problems, I don't give up until I solve them.
- per6i2      When I am no longer able to pursue a goal, I tell myself that there are still other important goals out there.
- per6i5      When I am pursuing a goal, I tell myself that I will surely achieve it.
- per6i6      If I cannot attain a goal, I put effort into other meaningful goals.
- per6i7      When faced with a bad situation, I do what I can to change it for the better.
- per6i8      When I really cannot achieve a goal, I find it easy to stop thinking about it and give up.
- per6i10      I stop thinking about a goal that has become unattainable and let it go.
- per6i12      If I cannot attain a goal, I think about other new goals to pursue.

Not at all	1	2	3	4	5	Absolutely
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2



**Frage 5**Variable  
aid1\_

The following questions focus on your own use of professional psychological, social, or legal assistance due to personal problems, for example: mental and emotional strain or relationship issues within the past two years **(not problems with your children or parenting)** ~~[Respondents with children (at least one  $x=1, \dots, 15$  with  $ehc11kx=0$ ): we do NOT mean problems with your~~

Please mark whether you have used any of the following services in the past two years. You can mark more than one option.

- aid1i2      Individual counseling
- aid1i3      Coaching
- aid1i6      Psychological therapy
- aid1i7      Medicinal therapy for psychosocial problems and mental or emotional illness
- aid1i8      Other offers or assistance

aid1i9      ~~None of the above~~

Not mentioned ..... ☐ 0

Mentioned ..... ☐ 1

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

**Note:** The option "None of the above" was erroneously excluded from the PAPI questionnaire. For respondents who did not respond to this question, all items were assigned the value -4 as it is not clear whether they refused to answer or did not use any of the listed services.

## Subjective assessment of attractiveness

**Frage 6**Variable  
per7\_

We would like to know how you assess your own **and, if applicable, your partner's** attractiveness ~~[respondents with a partner ( $hp=1$ ): and your partner's attractiveness]~~ based on the following questions.

- per7i1      How attractive do you find yourself?
- per7i2      ~~[Respondents with a partner ( $hp=1$ )]~~ How attractive do you find your partner?
- per7i3      ~~[Respondents with a partner ( $hp=1$ )]~~ How attractive do you think your partner finds you?

Very unattractive	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Very attractive
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Items 2/3: I don't have a partner** ..... ☐ -3

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

# Subjective social status

Frage 7

Variable  
inc32

Let's focus on another topic: There are certain groups of our society that are more at the "top", and others that are more at the "bottom".  
Here you see a scale that runs from top to bottom.  
If you think about yourself: Where would you place yourself on this scale?

at the very	
top .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 10
.. .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 9
.. .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
.. .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
.. .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 6
.. .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
.. .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
.. .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
.. .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 2
.. .....	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
at the very	
bottom ...	<input type="checkbox"/> 0

Don't know .....	<input type="checkbox"/> -1
I don't want to answer that .....	<input type="checkbox"/> -2

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# Sexuality and contraception

## Sexuality

Text 2

The following questions are about intimacy and sexuality.

Frage 8

Variable  
sex8

~~{Respondents with a partner (hp=1)}~~ How often have you had sexual intercourse with ~~your partner~~ on average during the past three months (if you have a partner: with your partner)?

- I have never had sexual intercourse ..... ☐ 0  
Not in the last 3 months ..... ☐ 1  
Once a month or less frequently ..... ☐ 2  
Two to three times a month ..... ☐ 3  
Once a week ..... ☐ 4  
Two to three times a week ..... ☐ 5  
More than three times a week ..... ☐ 6  
Daily ..... ☐ 7
- Don't know ..... ☐ -1  
I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Frage 9

Variable  
sat5

How satisfied are you with your sex life?

- Very dissatisfied      0   1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10      Very satisfied  
☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐
- Don't know ..... ☐ -1  
I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Frage  
10

Variable  
sex13

If it were your choice alone, would you prefer to have sex (if you have a partner: with your partner) ~~{respondents with a partner (hp=1): with your partner}~~ less often or more often than during the past three months?

- Much less often ..... ☐ 1  
Somewhat less often ..... ☐ 2  
Exactly as often ..... ☐ 3  
Somewhat more often ..... ☐ 4  
Much more often ..... ☐ 5
- Don't know ..... ☐ -1  
I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

## Use of pornography

Frage  
11

Variable  
sex14

Have you watched pornographic films or looked at pornographic pictures online, in videos, on television, or on your mobile phone in the past three months?  
Pornography includes any display whose main goal is to depict persons engaging in sexual activities.

Yes ..... ☐ 1

No ..... ☐ 2

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Frage  
12

Variable  
sex15

How often have you watched pornographic films or looked at pornographic pictures in the past three months?

Once a month or less frequently ..... ☐ 1

Two to three times a month ..... ☐ 2

Once a week ..... ☐ 3

Two to three times a week ..... ☐ 4

More than three times a week ..... ☐ 5

Daily ..... ☐ 6

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents who reported pornographic use in the past 3 months (sex14=1)

Frage  
13

Variable  
sex16

**If you have a partner:** How often have you watched pornographic films or looked at pornographic pictures together with your partner in the past three months?

Always together with my partner ..... ☐ 1

Predominantly with my partner ..... ☐ 2

Approximately 50/50 ..... ☐ 3

Predominantly without my partner ..... ☐ 4

Always without my partner ..... ☐ 5

**I don't have a partner** ..... ☐ -3

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents with a partner who reported pornographic use in the past 3 months (hp=1 & sex14=1)

## Contraception

Frage  
14

Variable  
sex5

Did you (if you have a partner: or your partner)  
[respondents with a partner (hp=1): or [name of partner(hpn)]] use contraceptives during  
the past three months?

Yes ..... ☐ 1

No ..... ☐ 2

I have never had sexual intercourse ..... ☐ -3

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Frage  
15

Variable  
sex6\_

**If you used contraception:**

What method(s) did you [respondents with a partner (hp=1): or [name of partner(hpn)]] use  
primarily? Multiple responses are possible.

sex6i1 Birth control pill, mini-pill

sex6i2 Condom

sex6i3 Hormone preparations (implant, patch, NuvaRing)

sex6i4 Intrauterine device (IUD)

sex6i5 Diaphragm, foam, suppository, gel

sex6i6 Natural birth control (standard days method, rhythm method)

sex6i7 Female sterilization

sex6i8 Male sterilization

sex6i9 Withdrawal method, coitus interruptus

sex6i10 The "morning after" pill

sex6i11 Something else

Not mentioned ..... ☐ 0

Mentioned ..... ☐ 1

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents who used contraceptives during the past 3 months (sex5=1)

Frage  
16

Variable  
sex7

Please think about the last three months: How consistently did you ~~[respondents with a partner (hp=1): or [name of partner(hpn)]]~~ use contraception?

Very inconsistently                      1            2            3            4            5                      Very consistently  
   ☐            ☐            ☐            ☐            ☐

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents who used contraceptives during the past 3 months (sex5=1)

Frage  
17

Variable  
sex17

Have you **or your partner** ~~[respondents with a partner (hp=1): or your partner]~~ been sterilized?

Yes ..... ☐ 1

No ..... ☐ 2

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Frage  
18

Variable  
sex18\_

Please mark all that apply to you and/or your partner:

sex18i1            Female sterilization

sex18i2            Male sterilization

Not mentioned ..... ☐ 0

Mentioned ..... ☐ 1

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents with a partner who stated that they themselves and/or their partner have been sterilized (hp=1 & sex17=1)

## Conception of a child / inducing a pregnancy

Frage  
19

Variable  
frt3

Have you ~~{respondents with a partner; or your partner}~~ tried to conceive/sire a child since **the last interview (approx. one year ago)** ~~[interview month and year of previous wave (d5, d6)]~~?

Yes ..... ☐ 1

No ..... ☐ 2

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Frage  
20

Variable  
frt29\_

How long have you been trying to conceive or sire a child? By this we mean the time after you stopped using contraceptives and/or consciously began trying to conceive or sire a child.

frt29y      Year(s)      --

frt29m      and months      --

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents who have tried to conceive or sire a child since the previous wave (frt3=1)

Frage  
21

Variable  
frt4\_

Have you or your partner used any of the following methods to induce a ~~{respondents expecting a child (f1=1); this}~~ pregnancy since the last interview (**approx. one year ago**) in ~~[date of interview previous wave (d5, d6)]~~? Please indicate all methods used.

frt4i1      Medication

frt4i2      Methods to determine ovulation date

frt4i3      In-vitro fertilization (IVF) or micro-fertilization (ICSI)

frt4i4      Surgery

frt4i5      Intrauterine insemination

frt4i6      Other treatment

frt4i7      None of these

Not mentioned ..... ☐ 0

Mentioned ..... ☐ 1

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents who have tried to conceive or sire a child since the previous wave (frt3=1)

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## Abortion / miscarriage

Frage  
22

Variable  
frt14

Did you **or your partner** have an abortion since the last interview (**approx. one year ago**) in ~~[month and year of the interview of previous wave (d5, d6)]~~?

Yes ..... ☐ 1

No ..... ☐ 2

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

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Frage  
23

Variable  
frt15

Did you **or your partner** have a miscarriage since the last interview (**approx. one year ago**) in ~~[month and year of the interview of previous wave (d5, d6)]~~?

Yes ..... ☐ 1

No ..... ☐ 2

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

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# Regretting parenthood

Frage  
24

Variable  
frt33

If you were able to revise your decision to become a parent based on your current knowledge and experiences, would you decide again to have children?

Definitely yes ..... ☐ 1

Probably yes ..... ☐ 2

Probably not ..... ☐ 3

Definitely not ..... ☐ 4

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents with children ~~who are not expecting a child~~ (ehc7kxg=1,2,-1,-2 for at least one x=1,...,15)

Frage  
25

Variable  
frt34

Which of the following statements are the most important reasons that you would have decided to not have children again?

**If you have only one child, please refer to that child below.**

frt34i1 Having children conflicted/conflicts with my career goals.

frt34i2 My children restricted/restrict my personal freedom too much.

frt34i3 My children were/are too large a cost factor.

frt34i4 I worry about what kind of future my children will have.

frt34i5 My children were/are too heavy a burden on my relationship.

frt34i6 My children were/are too much work.

frt34i7 I don't think I was/am a good father/mother.

frt34i8 I actually never wanted to have children.

frt34i9 My children were/are too much of a responsibility.

frt34i10 I was not able to develop an intimate relationship with my children.

frt34i11 Having children was/is not fulfilling.

frt34i12 Other, namely: \_\_\_\_\_

Not mentioned ..... ☐ 0

Mentioned ..... ☐ 1

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents who would "probably not" or "definitely not" have decided to have a child again (frt33=3,4)

# Current partnership

## Partnership quality indicators

Text 3

Only answer the following questions if you currently have a partner.

Respondents with a partner (hp=1)

Frage 26

Variable pa17\_

How often do the following things happen in your partnership?

- |         |  |
|---------|--|
| pa17i1  | How often do you tell <b>your partner</b> <del>{name-of-partner(hpn)}</del> what you're thinking?                                    |
| pa17i2  | How often does <b>your partner</b> <del>{name-of-partner(hpn)}</del> express recognition for what you've done?                       |
| pa17i3  | How often does <b>your partner</b> <del>{name-of-partner(hpn)}</del> make you do things his/her way?                                 |
| pa17i4  | How often are you and <b>your partner</b> <del>{name-of-partner(hpn)}</del> annoyed at or angry with each other?                     |
| pa17i5  | How often does <b>your partner</b> <del>{name-of-partner(hpn)}</del> show that he/she appreciates you?                               |
| pa17i6  | How often do you and <b>your partner</b> <del>{name-of-partner(hpn)}</del> disagree and quarrel?                                     |
| pa17i7  | How often does <b>your partner</b> <del>{name-of-partner(hpn)}</del> get his/her way when you can't agree on something?              |
| pa17i8  | How often do you share your secrets and private feelings with <b>your partner</b> <del>{name-of-partner(hpn)}</del> ?                |
| pa17i9  | How often do you feel torn in two directions about <b>your partner</b> <del>{name-of-partner(hpn)}</del> at this point in your life? |
| pa17i10 | How often do you have mixed feelings about <b>your partner</b> <del>{name-of-partner(hpn)}</del> ?                                   |
- Never ..... ☐ 1

Rarely ..... ☐ 2

Sometimes ..... ☐ 3

Often ..... ☐ 4

Always ..... ☐ 5

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents with a partner (hp=1)

Frage  
27

Variable  
sat3

All in all, how satisfied are you with your relationship?

Very dissatisfied      0   1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10      Very satisfied  
☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents with a partner (hp=1)

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Frage  
28

Variable  
sat4

What do you think: How satisfied is **your partner** ~~{name of current partner (hpn)}~~ with your relationship?

Very dissatisfied      0   1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10      Very satisfied  
☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐   ☐

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents with a partner (hp=1)

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Frage  
29

Variable  
pa22\_

What happens when you have a disagreement with **your partner** ~~{name of current partner(hpn)}~~? Please indicate how often each of you engaged in the following behaviors. Please refer to the past six months.

How often did **your partner** ~~{name of current partner(hpn)}~~ engage in these behaviors?

- pa22pi1      Insult or verbally abuse you
- pa22pi2      Remain silent
- pa22pi3      Yell at you
- pa22pi4      Listen and ask questions in order to understand you better
- pa22pi5      Refuse to talk about the subject
- pa22pi8      Endeavor to clarify his/her position to you

**How about you: How often did you engage in these behaviors?**

- pa22ri1      Insult or verbally abuse your partner
- pa22ri2      Remain silent
- pa22ri3      Yell at your partner
- pa22ri4      Listen and ask questions in order to understand him/her better
- pa22ri5      Refuse to talk about the subject
- pa22ri8      Endeavor to clarify your position to him/her

Almost never or never	1	2	3	4	5	Very often
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Don't know ..... <input type="checkbox"/> -1					
	I don't want to answer that ..... <input type="checkbox"/> -2					

Respondents with a partner (hp=1)

Frage  
30

Variable  
pa29

If you have children: How often did your child(ren) witness arguments between you and your partner ~~[name current partner (hpn)] since the last interview (approx. one year ago) after [interview month and year of previous wave (d5, d6); if new partner since previous wave (hpmt=1): the start of your relationship]~~?

- Never ..... ☐ 1
- Rarely ..... ☐ 2
- Sometimes ..... ☐ 3
- Often ..... ☐ 4
- Very often ..... ☐ 5
- 
- I have no contact with my child(ren) ..... ☐ 7
- 
- Don't know ..... ☐ -1
- I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents with a partner and child(ren) (hp=1 & (sum ehc9kx =1,2,3,4 & ehc11kx ≠1)≥1 for x=0,...,14)

Frage  
31

Variable  
pa26

Since the last interview (approx. one year ago) ~~[date of interview previous wave (d5, d6); if new partner since previous wave (hpmt=1): the start of your relationship]~~, have you ever thought that your relationship or marriage was in trouble?

- Yes ..... ☐ 1
- No ..... ☐ 2
- 
- Don't know ..... ☐ -1
- I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents with a partner (hp=1)

Frage  
32

Variable  
pa27

Since the last interview (approx. one year ago) ~~[date of interview previous wave (d5, d6); if new partner since previous wave (hpmt=1): the start of your relationship]~~, have you seriously considered a separation or a divorce?

- Yes ..... ☐ 1
- No ..... ☐ 2
- 
- Don't know ..... ☐ -1
- I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents with a partner (hp=1)

Frage  
33

Variable  
pa28

Since **the last interview (approx. one year ago)** [~~date of interview previous wave (d5, d6); if new partner since previous wave (hpmt=1): the start of your relationship~~], have you seriously suggested a separation or divorce from **your partner** [~~name of current partner (hpn)~~], or has **he/she** [~~name of current partner (hpn)~~] suggested it to you?

Yes ..... ☐ 1

No ..... ☐ 2

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents with a partner (hp=1)

## Flirting

Frage  
34

Variable  
pa35\_

To what extent do the following statements apply to you?

pa35i1 I am open to flirting.

pa35i2 Somebody like me always finds a partner.

Not at all

1  
☐

2  
☐

3  
☐

4  
☐

5  
☐

Absolutely

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents with a partner (hp=1)

Frage  
35

Variable  
pa41

Do you currently use the internet (e.g., chat forums, social networks, online dating platforms, or mobile dating apps) to flirt or to find a new partner?

Yes ..... ☐ 1

No ..... ☐ 2

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents with a partner (hp=1)

Frage  
36

Variable  
pa42\_

Which online channels do you use to flirt or to find a new partner?  
You can mark multiple options.

- pa42i1      Chat forums
- pa42i2      Social networks (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- pa42i3      Online dating platforms (e.g., eDarling, LoveScout24, Parship)
- pa42i5      Mobile dating apps (e.g., Tinder, Lovoo, Grindr)
- pa42i4      Other, namely: \_\_\_\_\_ (pa42i4o)

Not mentioned ..... ☐ 0

Mentioned ..... ☐ 1

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents with a partner who use the internet to flirt (hp=1 & pa41=1)

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# Separation from ex-partner

Text 4

Only answer the following questions if you have separated from a partner since the last interview (approx. one year ago).

## Separation process

Frage 37

Variable sep1\_

Let's talk about your separation: ~~You indicated earlier that your partnership with {name-ex-partner (hp0n)} has ended.~~

sep1i1      How strongly did you take the initiative to end the partnership?

sep1i2      How strongly did your partner take the initiative to end the partnership?

Not strongly at all      1      2      3      4      5      Very strongly

☐      ☐      ☐      ☐      ☐

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents who, according to the EHC, were together with a partner in the previous wave, who are no longer together with that partner, and whose relationship did not end because of death (hpsep=1)

Frage 38

Variable sep2

Sometimes you anticipate a separation long before it happens, whereas sometimes it happens unexpectedly and suddenly. To what extent had you anticipated your separation from your partner {name-ex-partner (hp0n)}?

I did not anticipate it at all      1      2      3      4      5      I very strongly anticipated it

☐      ☐      ☐      ☐      ☐

Don't know ..... ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents who, according to the EHC, were together with a partner in the previous wave, who are no longer together with that partner, and whose relationship did not end because of death (hpsep=1)



## Effect on children / Children as witnesses of arguments

Frage  
39

Variable  
sep3

**If you have children together:** When was/were your child(ren) informed of the separation?

- At some time before I / my ex-partner moved out ..... ☐ 1  
Not until I / my ex-partner moved out ..... ☐ 2  
Has not been informed yet ..... ☐ 3  
  
Don't know ..... ☐ -1  
I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents who, according to the EHC, were together with a partner in the previous wave, who are no longer together with that partner, and whose relationship did not end because of death, and who lived together with child x in the previous wave, loop over all (living) cohabiting children (hpsep=1 & (d(x+103)=1 & ehc11kx≠1 & ehc10kx=1,...,8 for x=1,...,15))

Frage  
40

Variable  
sep15

**If you have children together:** How often did your child(ren) in the past year up to the point of your separation witness altercations and fights between you and your ex-partner?

- Never ..... ☐ 1  
Rarely ..... ☐ 2  
Sometimes ..... ☐ 3  
Often ..... ☐ 4  
Very often ..... ☐ 5  
  
I have no contact with my child(ren) ..... ☐ 7  
  
Don't know ..... ☐ -1  
I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents who, according to the EHC, were together with a partner in the previous wave, who are no longer together with that partner, and whose relationship did not end because of death, and who had at least one biological child together with that ex-partner or a child living together with them and that ex-partner in the previous wave (hpsep=1 & (d301=1,2|d285=1,2))

## Partnership quality before separation

Frage  
41

In your relationship with your ex-partner, did anyone have problems with alcohol, medication, or other drugs during the last year?

Variable  
sep18

- Yes, me ..... ☐ 1  
Yes, my ex-partner ..... ☐ 2  
Yes, both my ex-partner and I ..... ☐ 3  
No ..... ☐ 4  
  
Don't know ..... ☐ -1  
I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents who, according to the EHC, were together with a partner in the previous wave, who are no longer together with that partner, and whose relationship did not end because of death (hpsep=1)

Frage  
42

Did you or your ex-partner have an extra-marital affair during the past year up to the point of your separation?

Variable  
sep12

- Yes, I did ..... ☐ 1  
Yes, my ex-partner did ..... ☐ 2  
Yes, both my ex-partner and I did ..... ☐ 3  
No ..... ☐ 4  
  
Don't know ..... ☐ -1  
I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents who, according to the EHC, were together with a partner in the previous wave, who are no longer together with that partner, and whose relationship did not end because of death (hpsep=1)

Frage  
43

In the past year up to the point of your separation, were there any arguments between you and your ex-partner during which either of you used physical force?

Variable  
sep13

- Yes, at my hand ..... ☐ 1  
Yes, at my ex-partner's hand ..... ☐ 2  
Yes, at both mine and my ex-partner's hand ..... ☐ 3  
No ..... ☐ 4  
  
Don't know ..... ☐ -1  
I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents who, according to the EHC, were together with a partner in the previous wave, who are no longer together with that partner, and whose relationship did not end because of death (hpsep=1)

Frage  
44

Variable  
sep14

In the past year up to the point of your separation, were there any other serious arguments or conflicts between you and your ex-partner?

- Yes, due to me ..... ☐ 1
- Yes, due to my ex-partner ..... ☐ 2
- Yes, due to my ex-partner and me ..... ☐ 3
- No ..... ☐ 4
- Don't know ..... ☐ -1
- I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents who, according to the EHC, were together with a partner in the previous wave, who are no longer together with that partner, and whose relationship did not end because of death (hpsep=1)

## Violence during or after the separation

Frage  
45

Variable  
sep19

Did any physical conflict take place between you and your ex-partner during or after the separation?

- Yes, at my hand ..... ☐ 1
- Yes, at my ex-partner's hand ..... ☐ 2
- Yes, at both mine and my ex-partner's hand ..... ☐ 3
- No ..... ☐ 4
- Don't know ..... ☐ -1
- I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents who, according to the EHC, were together with a partner in the previous wave, who are no longer together with that partner, and whose relationship did not end because of death (hpsep=1)

Frage  
46

Variable  
sep20

Did any cyber bullying take place between you and your ex-partner, e.g. posting intimate pictures online or slandering on social media, during or after the separation?

- Yes, at my hand ..... ☐ 1
- Yes, at my ex-partner's hand ..... ☐ 2
- Yes, at both mine and my ex-partner's hand ..... ☐ 3
- No ..... ☐ 4
- Don't know ..... ☐ -1
- I don't want to answer that ..... ☐ -2

Respondents who, according to the EHC, were together with a partner in the previous wave, who are no longer together with that partner, and whose relationship did not end because of death (hpsep=1)

Coping with the separation

Frage  
47

Variable  
sep17\_

When you think about your separation:

sep17i1	Are you sad because of your separation?
sep17i2	Are you relieved because of your separation?
sep17i3	Are you mad because of your separation?
sep17i4	Do you feel guilty because of your separation?

No, not at all

12345

Yes, very much

Don't know

-1

I don't want to answer that

-2

Respondents who, according to the EHC, were together with a partner in the previous wave, who are no longer together with that partner, and whose relationship did not end because of death (hpsep=1)

Frage  
48

Variable  
sep16

How do you feel now about your separation?

Very good	12345	Very bad
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Don't know

-1

I don't want to answer that

-2

Respondents who, according to the EHC, were together with a partner in the previous wave, who are no longer together with that partner, and whose relationship did not end because of death (hpsep=1)

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Thank you very much for participating in our survey!