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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!

Personality / Mental state

Self-esteem

Question 1	Now I would like to learn a bit about how you see yourself. To what extent do the following traits apply to you?						
Variable per1_	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

Question 2	How have you been feeling, for the most part, during the past four weeks?						
Variable per4_	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

Question
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

Question
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	<table><tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>Absolutely</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td><input type="checkbox"/></td><td></td></tr></table>	1	2	3	4	5	Absolutely	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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												

**Question
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 children] 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

**Question
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

Question
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

Sexuality and contraception

Sexuality

Text 2

The following questions are about intimacy and sexuality.

Question
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

Question
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

Question
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

Question
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

Question
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)

Question
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

Question
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

Question
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)

**Question
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)

**Question
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

**Question
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

Question 19	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)} ?
Variable frt3	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 1</p> <p>No <input type="checkbox"/> 2</p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> -1</p> <p>I don't want to answer that <input type="checkbox"/> -2</p>

Question 20	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.
Variable frt29_	<p>frt29y Year(s) --</p> <p>frt29m and months --</p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> -1</p> <p>I don't want to answer that <input type="checkbox"/> -2</p>

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

Question 21	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.
Variable frt4_	<p>frt4i1 Medication</p> <p>frt4i2 Methods to determine ovulation date</p> <p>frt4i3 In-vitro fertilization (IVF) or micro-fertilization (ICSI)</p> <p>frt4i4 Surgery</p> <p>frt4i5 Intrauterine insemination</p> <p>frt4i6 Other treatment</p> <p>frt4i7 None of these</p> <p>Not mentioned <input type="checkbox"/> 0</p> <p>Mentioned <input type="checkbox"/> 1</p> <p>Don't know <input type="checkbox"/> -1</p> <p>I don't want to answer that <input type="checkbox"/> -2</p>

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

Abortion / miscarriage

Question
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

Question
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

Regretting parenthood

Question
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)

Question
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)

Question 26
Variable pa17_

How often do the following things happen in your partnership?

- pa17i1 How often do you tell **your partner** {name-of-partner(hpn)} what you're thinking?
- pa17i2 How often does **your partner** {name-of-partner(hpn)} express recognition for what you've done?
- pa17i3 How often does **your partner** {name-of-partner(hpn)} make you do things his/her way?
- pa17i4 How often are you and **your partner** {name-of-partner(hpn)} annoyed at or angry with each other?
- pa17i5 How often does **your partner** {name-of-partner(hpn)} show that he/she appreciates you?
- pa17i6 How often do you and **your partner** {name-of-partner(hpn)} disagree and quarrel?
- pa17i7 How often does **your partner** {name-of-partner(hpn)} get his/her way when you can't agree on something?
- pa17i8 How often do you share your secrets and private feelings with **your partner** {name-of-partner(hpn)}?
- pa17i9 How often do you feel torn in two directions about **your partner** {name-of-partner(hpn)} at this point in your life?
- pa17i10 How often do you have mixed feelings about **your partner** {name-of-partner(hpn)}?

- 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)

Question
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)

Question
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)

Question
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)

Question
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)

Question
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)

Question
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)

Question
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

Question
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

☐

☐

☐

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☐

Absolutely

Don't know ☐ -1

I don't want to answer that ☐ -2

Respondents with a partner (hp=1)

Question
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)

**Question
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)

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

Question 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)

Question 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

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Effect on children / Children as witnesses of arguments

Question
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))

Question
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

Question
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
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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)

Question
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)

Question
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)

Question
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

Question
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)

Question
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

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Coping with the separation

Question
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

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Question
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

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Text 5

Thank you very much for participating in our survey!