

A note for reviewers: These data were collected at a large, southwestern university in the United States of America. Answers were anonymous and kept confidential. Participants were asked to identify a member of their own social network whom their partner had not met. Respondents were asked, “What uncertainties, if any, do you experience when you think about your partner and social network members interacting?” Next, participants were asked to describe “What uncertainties, if any, do you experience when you think about interacting with your partner’s social network members?”

During codebook construction, the themes from Study 1 were used to guide coders through their thematic analysis. During analysis, data were reviewed an initial time and separated by theme. Those themes are represented in he codebook(s) below. Once separated into themes, codes were reviewed by two individual reviewers. Coders were allowed to assign more than one category to each entry. Responses that had more than one code assigned were unitized, resulting in more expressed uncertainties than there were participants. After coding, the two coders met to compare answers and discuss discrepancies. Any disagreements were settled. Approximately two weeks later, coders met again to review the data in order to make sure a) that all categories were mutually exclusive and b) all categories were exhaustive. The data were then reviewed one final time by the PI to ensure that each response fit into the appropriate category.

## Codebook for Uncertainties created by the respondent's partner's social network members (i.e., network-to self uncertainties)

**Instructions for coders:** *As you read through the responses, please choose the code(s) that best categorize each response. A few notes. First, there may be respondents who begin with "I don't have any uncertainties..." followed by a list of uncertainties. In these cases, ignore that the respondent has indicated that they have no uncertainties, as their subsequent statements indicate that they do in fact have uncertainties. Second, there may be responses that seem to fit into multiple categories. For example, a respondent may say that they fear that their network members do not **like** their partner because they take **time** away from hanging out with their friend. This would certainly count as two answers. Third, do not force any answers. Some responses will seem as though they might possibly be about liking or approval but do not directly indicate it. It is okay to flag vague uncertainties and come back to them later.*

### 1- No Uncertainties

Any time that a respondent indicates that there are no uncertainties generated by their social network members. Additionally, this category pertains to people who explicitly indicate the supportiveness of their social networks WITHOUT listing any other uncertainties.

*"Absolutely none. My family loves [My partner] more than I do. [My partner] gets along great with my friend[sic] too.*

### 2- Acceptance

Acceptance concerns all "general" aspects of interaction. For example, issues of approval, liking, or getting along belong in this category. Additionally, discussions of potential first encounters are appropriate for this category. Typically, these uncertainties are a bit more ambiguous and the respondent often fails to explain exactly **why** there seems to be an issue. This category should not include specific personality traits or behaviors, although it is okay if it is alluded to or mentioned vaguely.

*"I would love to meet my boyfriend's family but every time they come into town, he never gives me the chance to. This makes me feel as though i [sic] am moving too fast and that he's not ready for me to meet his family. Sometimes I will get upset about the situation but I know I should just wait it out."*

*"My partner is more religious than I am and comes from a more religious family than my own. I am uncertain in the area that my partner's family will not accept me if I do not practice their religion more seriously."*

*"The first time I met my partner's close friend, I don't feel she likes me and the way she treated me made me feel awkward. I questioned my partner about his friend's attitude. He said she was this kind of person and she was treating everyone this way. I just didn't understand and got really unhappy at that day. Since then, every time he met his friends, I just don't want to show up."*

### **3- Judging**

This category represents responses that demonstrate a concern that the respondent is being judged in some way by his/her partner's network. Unlike acceptance, this involves instances where a specific behavior, or characteristic (age, gender, sexuality, personality, habits, etc.) influences the way in which the respondents seen by network members

*“My partner is slightly older than me and the friends they keep are more wild than me and my friends and that causes my partner to be that way as well. My partners friends have judged me off my social media and have said things to my partner about it, which could cause my partner to think differently about me. Most of the comments made to my partner have been about my body and the other people on my account, such as my friends that they are interested in or aren't interested in.*

*“[My partner's] social network cares more about the age difference between us (he is 11 years older), which probably makes him care more about it.”*

### **4- Third party threat**

This category involves a negative influence that network members may have on the relationship. This can range anywhere from encouraging irresponsible behavior, to encouraging breakups via specific actions. This category notes specific behaviors or communicative instances in which network members have encouraged the partner to engage in potentially relationship damaging activities. Additionally, all concerns regarding jealousy of the partner or their network member belong here. This includes instances where the respondent worries that wither a) their partner will not have enough time for them or b) the social network will get in the way of potential time spent together

*“She has single friends who haven't been in a serious relationship. They can influence her by being single and by making dumb decisions like smoking or going out all the time.”*

*“They may pressure my partner to become too serious before either of us is ready or on the same page”*

*“I would say who my partner talks to, or who she has a relationship outside of our linked social network. Sometimes she will say Hi to random guys and its like, okay who is that. But I don't put too much thought into it. It never bothered me until I noticed things getting serious.”*

### **5- Miscellaneous**

These are for answer that simply do not make any sense. Additionally, may participants are poor readers and thought that this survey was about social networking websites. As a result, any participants who seem to be talking about Facebook, Instagram, or other websites should be put here. The only exception to this rule would be a response that indicates that their partner's social network is USING social media to influence levels of uncertainty.

*“My boyfriend's job is selling women handbags. So he always work with women.”*

*“Friends, Family, Distance”*

*“For the social networks (like Facebook or Instagram), sometimes when I see some comments or likes (for other persons) on my relational partner's images, this may make me feel like a jealous when my relational partner replies to them, but usually we don't talk about this.”*

*“Instagram and twitter are a big complication. Pictures one and other are favoriting [sic], commenting or whose we choose to follow.”*

**Note. In the final two examples example, there is no mention of specific network members, only that there is a disturbance regarding social media**

## **Codebook for Uncertainties created by the social network members of the respondent (i.e., network-to-partner uncertainties)**

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### **1 – No Uncertainties**

Any time that a respondent indicates that there are no uncertainties generated by their social network members. Additionally, this category pertains to people who explicitly indicate the supportiveness of their social networks WITHOUT listing any other uncertainties.

*“My friends are fairly supportive of this relationship. They do advise to keep my guard up since we are not an official boyfriend girlfriend relationship. We just have a basic understanding that were practically together.”*

*“I do not have any uncertainties. My friends and family love [my partner].”*

### **2 – Acceptance**

Acceptance concerns all “general” aspects of interaction. For example, issues of approval, liking, or getting along belong in this category. Additionally, discussions of potential first encounters are appropriate for this category. Typically, these uncertainties are a bit more ambiguous and the respondent often fails to explain exactly **why** there seems to be an issue. This category should not include specific personality traits or behaviors, although it is okay if it is alluded to or mentioned vaguely.

*“My social network mainly consists of a bunch of my sorority sisters and my roommate. For the most part my boyfriend seems to enjoy being around all my close girlfriends. Obviously, I’m sure he doesn’t want to be around them 24/7, but I don’t think he minds hanging out with them or feels uncomfortable around them. I feel like sometimes they can almost be too much for him to handle at once, they’re kind of crazy, and I feel like that sometimes they can get on his nerves. But other than that I don’t have any uncertainties.”*

*“Some uncertainties that I have include what I tell my friends about my boyfriend. If I tell them things that he does that are not positive then I believe it influences the way they feel about him. It is important to me that my social network likes my boyfriend and this would cause some uncertainty if they began to dislike him.”*

*“I am uncertain how my five sisters will react with my girlfriend. My sisters are loud and my girlfriend is relatively quiet. I am unsure how they will all get along if they are all together without me there.”*

### **3 – Jealousy**

This category represents responses that demonstrate a concern that a partner may feel jealous about an existing relationship that the respondent shares with a network member. These concerns are typically (but not necessarily) expressed as unjustified. This category could also be appropriate for those answers in which a respondent feels judged by the partner because of the relationship that they share with a network member.

*“My friends enjoy going out to the bars a lot. The guy I am dating used to drink a lot but now that he is concentrating on work he does not drink as much. He might feel weird about us drinking without him.”*

*“In my social network people are pretty conservative which is drastically different from my boyfriend's social network. I often wonder if this is something that may cause problems in the future.”*

*“My friends all are in relationships here in [the state that I live in]. My boyfriend is in the military and is stationed in [a different state]. They sometimes try to discourage my relationship since he is not here.”*

### **4- Time Split**

This category includes responses that indicate that the respondent is attempting to balance time shared between their partner and network (e.g., feeling as if they need to choose sides or neglect some for others). Importantly, this does not include answers that explain a partner's jealousy of specific people; however, jealousy from a lack of proper time management is appropriate for this category.

*“The amount of interaction that is given to your social network could possibly cause problems with your relationship because it questions how much trust each other have for one another and jealousy that could be interacted with the amount of time you spend with your partner or social network.”*

*“He sometimes thinks I put my friends first before him, and this causes problems in our relationship. Even though sometimes my friends are more important.”*

*“I think social network will influence my current relationships. Sometimes, my friends invited me to go party with them, but my boyfriend hopes I can stay at home with him. So I need to make a decision between him and friends. If I go party, he will be unhappy. Sometimes we will have conflict on this problem. I think it will influence my current relationship.”*

## 5- Miscellaneous

These are for answer that simply do not make any sense. Additionally, many participants are poor readers and thought that this survey was about social networking websites. As a result, any participants who seem to be talking about Facebook, Instagram, or other websites should be put here. The only exception to this rule would be a response that indicates that the social network is USING social media to influence levels of uncertainty.

“Social networks can influence fights in my relationship because sometimes I get very jealous and when I see my boyfriend liking other girls pictures I get mad. I get uncertain that he wants me to look like that or dress like that or be that skinny. “

“I think my social network does not affect my relationship because I do not post anything about us. I do not want people knowing about my relationship so since there is nothing on my social network or his, there is nothing to worry about.”

“My mom may bring me away from the city she live in, because she want me to work in another city”

“the way i [sic] do my business”