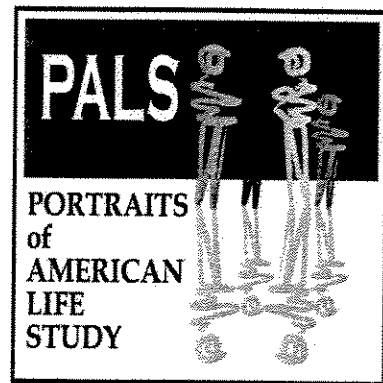


Portraits of American Life Study (PALS) – Spouse or Partner Questionnaire



Your spouse/partner has been randomly selected to participate in an important research study called the Portraits of American Life Study. This study is being conducted by RTI International for the University of Notre Dame. The study is funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. In addition to your spouse/partner's participation in the personal interview portion of the survey, we would also like to have you answer questions about your social and family activities, and your views on religion. As a token of appreciation after returning this completed questionnaire, you will receive \$15. It should take you about 20 minutes to complete.

The PALS questionnaire will help us to better understand everyday life for people in the United States. Your participation is completely voluntary. You have the right to refuse to answer any questions or to stop at any time. Feel free to skip any question you do not want to answer. All information collected will be kept strictly confidential. The confidentiality of your study information will be protected to the fullest extent of the law. The information collected will only be used for research and analysis and will not be used of any other purpose.

Please return completed questionnaire in the self-addressed envelope to:

**The Portraits of American Life Study (PALS)
810 Flanner Hall
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, IN 46556**

If you have any questions about the study or your involvement in it, you may call the study office at RTI International toll free 1-800-844-8959.

If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, you may call RTI International's Office of Human Research Protection toll free 1-866-214-2043.

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A2. In the last 12 months, about how often, if at all, did you spend time emailing friends or family, in chat rooms or in an on-line discussion over the internet?

Never → (SKIP TO A4)

A few times

Once a month

2-3 times a month

Once a week

2-3 days a week

4-5 days a week

Every day or nearly every day

A3. How many hours in an average day do you spend e-mailing friends or family, in chat rooms or in an on-line discussion over the Internet?

A4. About how many times in the past 12 months have you or your spouse/partner done each of the following?

a. attended a play or concert?

Write in number of times

b. visited a library or museum?

Write in number of times

A5. About how many times in the past 3 years have you or your spouse/partner traveled to a foreign country (not including Canada)?

Write in number of times

Segment A: Social Activities

A1. About how many times in the past 12 months have you done each of the following?

a. visited family in person or had them visit you?

Write in number of times (in past 12 months)

b. spent time with friends at a park, shopping mall, or other public place?

Write in number of (in past 12 months)

c. attended any public meeting in which there was discussion of local government issues, or school or other community affairs?

Write in number of times (in past 12 months)

d. attended a small group that meets regularly and provides support or caring for those who participate in it?

Write in number of times (in past 12 months)

e. volunteered for a project that helps people in the local community?

Write in number of times (in past 12 months)

f. gone on a family vacation or a day trip with your family or spouse/partner?

Write in number of times (in past 12 months)

A6. Did you have children in the household who were in school this past academic year?
(Check one)

Yes
 No → (IF NO, SKIP TO B0 on Page 4)

A7. About how many times in the past 12 months have you or your spouse/partner done each of the following?

a. attended a general school meeting, for example, an open house, a back-to-school night or a meeting of a parent-teacher organization?

Write in number of times

b. attended a school or class event, such as a play, sports event, or science fair?

Write in number of times

c. acted as a volunteer at the school or in your child's classroom, or served on a committee?

Write in number of times

A8. How often do you or your spouse/partner do each of the following?

Activities		How often? <i>(Circle one in each row)</i>
a.	monitor your child/children's television and movie watching?	
b.	check that your child/children have completed all his/her homework?	
c.	discuss your child/children's report card with him/her?	
d.	Know where child/children is/are when he/she is not at home or in school?	
e.	make and enforce curfews for your child/children on school nights?	
f.	Monitor your child/children's internet use?	

Segment B: Close Relationships

B0. Now think about the persons outside your home that you feel closest to. These may be friends, co-workers, neighbors, or anyone else who does not live here.

B1. Not including people living in your home, about how many people, if any, would you say you feel close to?

Write in number of people

B2. Please write down the first names or initials of the people you feel closest to outside the home. Please name up to 4 people. Then for each person you named, answer the questions below (i.e., B2a through B2g).

Person 1	Person 2	Person 3	Person 4
First Name or Initials:	First Name or Initials:	First Name or Initials:	First Name or Initials:
a. Is this person your family member?			
b. Do you interact with him or her in person once a week or more?			
c. Has this person volunteered his or her time to help you in times of need in the past 3 years?			
d. Has this person ever helped you by giving you money or a loan?			
<input type="checkbox"/>			
e. Is this person involved in your religious congregation? <i>(Write N/A if you are not a member of a congregation)</i>			
f. Does this person hold beliefs about religious faith or spirituality that are very similar to yours?			
g. Is this person of a different race than you?			

Segment C: Employment

C0. The next questions ask about your job or employment.

C1. Are you working... *(Check one)*

Full time }
Part time } → (GO TO C3)

Retired

Homemaker

In school

Other *(please specify)*:

C2. Do you do any work for pay?

Yes → (GO TO C3)

No → (SKIP TO C4)

C3. About how many total hours a week do you usually work for pay, counting all jobs?

Write in number of hours

C4. In the past 3 years, have you become unemployed or were you seeking work unsuccessfully for more than one month? *(Check one)*

Yes

No

C5. In the past 3 years, have you had problems with the police or had to make a court appearance, not including for traffic violations? *(Check one)*

Yes

No

Segment D: Volunteering

D1. In the past 12 months, have you done any volunteer work, that is, work for a nonprofit, charitable organization, school or group for which you did not receive pay? (Check one)

Yes

No

D2. In a typical month, do your volunteering activities take up more than one hour of your time?

Yes

No

D3. About how many hours in a typical week do your volunteering activities take up?

Write in hours

D4. About what percent of your volunteering in the past 12 months was for a religious organization or group?

%

Segment E: Political Views

E1. When it comes to politics, do you usually think of yourself as... (Check one)

Very liberal,

Somewhat liberal,

Middle of the road,

Somewhat conservative,

Very conservative,

Or you haven't thought much about this?

E2. In politics, which of the following do you usually think of yourself? (Check one)

Strong Democrat

Strong Republican

Not so strong Democrat

Not so strong Republican

Independent

Not sure

→ (SKIP TO NEXT PAGE (F0 ON PAGE 8))



E3. Do you lean more toward the Democrats, or toward the Republicans? (Check one)

Lean toward the Democrats

Lean toward the Republicans

Segment F: Family Relationships

F0. Think about your relationship with your spouse or partner.

F1. In the past year, how often would you say that your spouse or partner did the following: Never, rarely, once or twice a month, once a week, a few times a week, or everyday?

	Behaviors	How often? <i>(Circle one in each row)</i>
a.	expresses affection or love for you?	
b.	compliments you for the work you do around the house or as a parent?	
c.	performs small acts of kindness for you (for example, making you coffee in the morning)?	
d.	insults or harshly criticizes you?	
e.	Hits or slaps you?	

F2. In the past year, how often would you say that you and your spouse or partner did the following: Never, rarely, once or twice a month, once a week, a few times a week, or everyday?

	Behaviors	How often? <i>(Circle one in each row)</i>
a.	pray together, not including before meals and at religious services?	
b.	talk or read about religion, God, or spirituality together?	

F3. All things considered, how would you describe your marriage or relationship? Would you say it is... *(Check one)*

- Completely unhappy
- Mostly unhappy
- Somewhat unhappy
- Neither happy nor unhappy
- Somewhat happy
- Mostly happy
- Completely happy

F4. How satisfied are you with the following: Completely dissatisfied, mostly dissatisfied, neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, somewhat satisfied, or completely satisfied?

Behaviors		How satisfied are you? <i>(Circle one in each row)</i>
a.	the love and affection you receive from your spouse or partner?	
b.	your sex life with your spouse or partner?	
c.	the way that you and your spouse or partner make decisions in your relationship?	

F5. The next few questions are about your relationship with your child or children. Do you have any biological, adoptive, or step children? *(Check one)*

Yes

No → (SKIP TO G1 ON PAGE 11)

F6. How often would you say that you do the following with your child or children: Never, rarely, once or twice a month, once a week, a few times a week, or everyday?

Behaviors		How often? <i>(Circle one in each row)</i>
a.	communicate with your child or children, whether in person or through other means?	
b.	eat at the table with your child or children?	
c.	yell at your child or children?	
d.	Talk or read about religion, God, or spirituality with your child or children?	

F7. Overall, how close do you feel to your children? *(Check one)*

Not at all close

A little close

Fairly close

Very close

Extremely close

F8. In general, how much stress has your family been under in the last year?
(Check one)

Segment G: Health and Safety

G1. On average, how often have you felt unsafe, if ever, in your current neighborhood?
(Check one)

G2. Would you say that your health in general is... (Check one)

Excellent

Very good

Good

Fair

Poor

G3. In the past 12 months, have you ever had two weeks or longer when nearly every day you felt sad, empty, or depressed for most of the day? (Check one)

G4. Has a doctor ever told you that you have or had any emotional, nervous, or psychiatric problems? (Check one)

G5. Do you currently have any emotional, nervous, or psychiatric problems?
(Check one)

Segment H: Religious Faith and Spirituality

H0. The next questions are about religious practices and attitudes. We realize that religion is important for some people and not for other people. Even if some questions do not apply to you personally, we would like to hear your opinions about religion so that we can understand how all Americans think about religion.

H1. Which of the following do you consider yourself? (Check one)

Roman Catholic (Christian) → (GO TO H2)

Protestant (Christian) → (SKIP TO H3 ON PAGE 13)

Muslim

Jewish

Latter Day Saints or Mormon

Buddhist

Hindu

Agnostic (you are not sure if there is a God)

Atheist (you believe there is no God)

Don't give religious things much thought

Spiritual, but not committed to a particular religion

Other (Please specify):

→ (SKIP TO H5 ON PAGE 13)

H2. Would you say being Catholic is... (Check one)

Very central to who you are

Somewhat central to who you are

Not that central to who you are

→ (SKIP TO H4 ON PAGE 13)

H3. Which of these best describes your religious faith or spirituality? (Check one)

Pentecostal

Charismatic

Fundamentalist

Evangelical

Mainline Protestant

Liberal Protestant

Not familiar with these terms

Just a Christian

Something else (*please specify*):

H4. Have you had a born-again experience, that is, a turning point in your life when you committed yourself to Jesus Christ? (Check one)

H5. How often do you attend worship services, not including weddings or funerals? (Check one)

H6. If you personally had your choice, would you like to attend worship service...
(Check one)

H7. Are you currently involved in, affiliated with, or a member of a religious congregation, or other place of worship?

By congregation, I mean church, temple, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship.
(Check one)

H8. Please tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about your current primary congregation (i.e., the congregation you attend the most).

Service/Activity		How much do you agree or disagree? (Circle one in each row)
a.	My congregation feels like family to me	
b.	My congregation meets my spiritual needs	
c.	I feel like an outsider in my congregation	

H9. Please tell me how much you agree or disagree with the following statements about your current primary congregation.

If your congregation does not offer a service or activity, write "N/A."

Service/Activity		How satisfied or dissatisfied are you? <i>(Circle one in each row)</i>
a.	Sermons, preaching, or homilies?	
b.	The music at worship services?	
c.	Community outreach or service ministries?	
d.	Religious education classes for adults, such as Sunday, Church, or Sabbath school, Bible class, Quran class, etc...?	
e.	The children's programs or youth groups?	
f.	How money is handled or spent?	
g.	How major decisions are made?	

H10. How close do you feel to your primary religious leader (such as a pastor, imam, rabbi, or priest) at your congregation? (Check one)

H11. How much respect do you have for the head primary religious leader as a religious leader? (Check one)

H12. In the past 3 years, have you been involved in any of the following activities or positions at your congregation? (Check all that apply)

Held a leadership position (teacher, elder, deacon, small group or youth group leader, worship leader, etc.)

Served on committees or boards

Organized events or groups

H13. In a typical month, does your work at your congregation in leadership positions, including organizing events or serving on committees, take up more than one hour of your time? (Check one)

H14. About how many hours per week on average does your work at your congregation take up?

Write in number of hours

H15. In the past 3 years, have you participated in any other activities, groups, or organizations of this congregation, such as social gatherings, choir, small groups or prayer meetings, outreach or social service groups, etc.? (Check one)

H16. Do you, personally, believe the following about the holy scriptures of your religion?

The holy scriptures are...		Do you believe the statement?			
		<i>(Circle one in each row)</i>			
a.	fully inspired by God?	Yes	No	Don't Know	No Religion
b.	contain errors regarding science or history?	Yes	No	Don't Know	No Religion
c.	contain errors on moral, spiritual, or religious matters?	Yes	No	Don't Know	No Religion

H17. How often, if at all, have you typically read the holy scriptures of your religion in the past 12 months? (Check one)

- N/A – No religion
- Once
- A few times
- Once a month
- 2 – 3 times a month
- Once a week
- A few times a week (but less than every day)
- Once a day
- More than once a day

H18. How do/would you feel about letting others outside of your close friends and family know that you are religious or have a religious faith? (Check one)

- Definitely want people to know
- Probably want people to know
- Don't care if people know or not
- Probably do not want people to know
- Definitely do not want people to know

H19. In general, how would you describe your views on religious or spiritual matters? (Check one)

- Very conservative
 - Very liberal
 - Somewhat conservative
 - Somewhat liberal
 - Moderate
 - Not sure
- } → (SKIP TO H21 ON PAGE 18)

H20. In general, would you say that you lean toward conservative or liberal? (Check one)

- Conservative
- Liberal

H21. How important is religion or religious faith to you personally?
(Check one)

H22. How important is God or spirituality in your life? (Check one)

Not at all important

Somewhat important

Very important

Extremely important

By far the most important part of my life

H23. In the past 12 months how often have you typically prayed, not including before meals and at religious services?
(Check one)

Never

A few times a year

Once a month

2 – 3 times a month

Once a week

A few times a week (but less than every day)

Once a day

Two or three times a day

More than three times a day

H24. How often do you attend worship services with your spouse or partner?
(Check one)

H25. How often does your spouse or partner attend worship services, not including weddings and funerals? (Check one)

H26. Thinking about your spouse or partner, how important would you say religion or religious faith is to him or her personally? (Check one)

Segment I: Demographics

11. What year were you born?

Write in year (YYYY)

12. Are you a United States citizen? (Check one)

13. What is the highest level of schooling you have completed, or what is the highest degree that you have earned? (Check one)

14. What is/was your occupation?

15. What do/did you actually do in your job? What are/were your main duties?

The last questions are about your personal income from all jobs that you worked at in 2005. Please DO NOT include your spouse or partner's income.

16. Before taxes and other deductions, was your total personal income from all jobs that you worked at during 2005 more or less than 40,000 dollars? (Check one)

More than \$40,000 → (SKIP TO I8 ON PAGE 22)

Less than \$40,000

No personal income from any job in 2005 → (END OF SURVEY)

17. Please check the number that is your best estimate of your total income in 2005. (Check one)

18. Please check the number that is your best estimate of your total income in 2005.
(Check one)

End of Survey

Thank you for your participation in this important study!