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Request for Unpublished Data: Relationship Maintenance and Stability

My colleagues and I are conducting a meta-analysis on relationship maintenance cognitions/behaviors and their links with relationship stability and instability (i.e., breakup, dissolution).

We are requesting unpublished data (e.g., preprints, in-progress studies, file-drawer data) that may be eligible for inclusion.

Examples of relationship maintenance cognitions and behaviors of interest include:

Partner attributions, self-disclosure, derogation of alternatives, partner idealization, problem-solving communication, forgiveness, sacrifice, goal facilitation, responsiveness, giving and receiving support, relationship thinking, generosity, gratitude, prayer, relationship talk, household task sharing, social network approval, social network overlap, humor, and joint leisure activities.

Studies would be eligible if they:

1. Use a longitudinal design with at least two assessment points.
2. Include at least one relationship maintenance measure at an earlier time point.
3. Include a measure of relationship stability/instability or relationship status at follow-up (i.e., number of individuals or couples who experienced dissolution at later time point).

We are open to data from correlational and experimental studies. If you have data that may be relevant, please contact us at agnew@purdue.edu by December 20, 2026. We will work with you to make providing the needed data or statistics as simple and secure as possible.

On behalf of our research team (Ximena Arriaga, Yiwen Gu, Taylor Himes, Eleanor Junkins, and Brian Ogolsky), thank you for your help!