

Supporting Information

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Table S1. Items of the Partner Bonding Scale

Item	Assessment	Type of scale	First principal component
I find it rather easy to get close contact with other people.	S5G	5 point likert-type	0.42
I like it when other people are dependent on me.	—	—	0.09
I seldom worry about being abandoned by other people.	—	—	−0.21
I don't like it when I have to be dependent on other people.	—	—	0.14
I don't like when other people come too close to me.	—	—	0.48
I feel ill at ease when I'm too close to other people.	—	—	0.52
I find it difficult to trust other people completely.	—	—	0.50
I feel anxious when someone gets to close.	—	—	0.56
I often desire more closeness and intimacy than others.	—	—	−0.23
The thought of being abandoned rarely crosses my mind.	—	—	0.24
Have you discussed a divorce or separation with a close friend?	MIS	6 point likert-type	0.41
You and your partner are involved in common interests outside the family.	DAS	6 point likert-type	0.54
You and your partner have a stimulating exchange of thoughts.	—	—	0.68
You and your partner calmly discuss something.	—	—	0.62
Have you ever regretted getting married /moving in?	—	—	0.43
Do you kiss your partner?	—	—	0.57
Which of the following statements best describes how you feel about the future of your relationship?	—	—	0.67
5 I want desperately for my relationship to succeed, and would go to almost any length to see that it does.			
4 I want very much for my relationship to succeed, and will do all I can to see that it does.			
3 I want very much for my relationship to succeed, and will do my fair share to see that it does.			
2 It would be nice if my relationship succeeded, but I can't do much more than I am doing now to help it succeed.			
1 It would be nice if it succeeded, but I refuse to do any more than I am doing now to keep the relationship going.			
0 My relationship can never succeed, and there is no more that I can do to keep the relationship going.			
The dots on the following line represent different degrees of happiness in your relationship. The middle point, —happy,— Represents the degree of happiness of most relationships. Please circle the dot which best describes the degree of happiness, all things considered, of your relationship.	—	7 point likert-type	0.49
1 Extremely unhappy			
2 Fairly unhappy			
3 A little unhappy			
4 Happy			
5 Very happy			
6 Extremely happy			
7 Perfect			

Items with loadings >0.40 on the first principal component are the ones included in the Partner Bonding Scale.