

## Topline questionnaire

**2019 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 56 OCTOBER  
FINAL TOPLINE  
OCT. 16-28, 2019  
TOTAL N=4,860**

**THE QUESTIONS PRESENTED BELOW ARE PART OF A LARGER SURVEY CONDUCTED ON THE AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL. OTHER QUESTIONS ON THIS SURVEY HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE.**

**NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN 0.5% ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (\*). ROWS/COLUMNS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING.**

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| U.S. adults | <b>Sample size</b><br>4,860 | <b>Margin of error at 95%<br/>confidence level</b><br>+/- 2.1 percentage points |
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**ASK ALL:**

TRACKPARTNER

Regardless of whether you would do it yourself, do you think it's ever acceptable for someone to look through their significant other's cellphone without their knowledge?

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|    |                      |
|----|----------------------|
| 8  | Always acceptable    |
| 21 | Sometimes acceptable |
| 28 | Rarely acceptable    |
| 42 | Never acceptable     |
| *  | No answer            |

**ASK IF SOCIAL MEDIA USER (SNSUSE=1) [n=3,660]:**

SNSPOST

How often, if ever, do you see people posting things about their romantic relationships on social media?

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|    |           |
|----|-----------|
| 46 | Often     |
| 36 | Sometimes |
| 15 | Rarely    |
| 3  | Never     |
| *  | No answer |

**ASK IF MARRIED, LIVING WITH PARTNER, OR IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP, AND OFTEN OR SOMETIMES SEES PEOPLE POSTING ABOUT THEIR ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS ON SOCIAL MEDIA ((MARITAL=1,2 OR MARITAL2=1) AND SNSPOST=1,2) [n=1,836]:**

SNSSEE1 In general, do the posts you see on social media about other people’s romantic relationships make you feel...

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|    |                                    |
|----|------------------------------------|
| 9  | Better about your own relationship |
| 9  | Worse about your own relationship  |
| 81 | Doesn’t make much difference       |
| 1  | No answer                          |

**ASK IF CASUALLY DATING SOMEONE AND/OR LOOKING FOR A RELATIONSHIP AND/OR DATES, AND OFTEN OR SOMETIMES SEES PEOPLE POSTING ABOUT THEIR ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS ON SOCIAL MEDIA ((CASUAL=1 OR SEEKING=1-3) AND SNSPOST=1,2) [n=763]:**

SNSSEE2 In general, do the posts you see on social media about other people’s romantic relationships make you feel...

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|    |                                   |
|----|-----------------------------------|
| 4  | Better about your own dating life |
| 33 | Worse about your own dating life  |
| 62 | Doesn’t make much difference      |
| 1  | No answer                         |

**ASK IF SOCIAL MEDIA USER (SNSUSE=1) [n=3,660]:**

SNSCHECK Have you ever used social media to do any of the following things?  
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

|  | Yes, have<br><u>done this</u> | No, have not<br><u>done this</u> | No<br><u>answer</u> |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| a. Check up on someone that you used to date or be in a relationship with<br>Oct 16-28, 2019 | 53                            | 47                               | *                   |
| b. Share or discuss things about your relationship or dating life<br>Oct 16-28, 2019         | 28                            | 71                               | *                   |

**ASK IF MARRIED, LIVING WITH PARTNER, OR IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP  
(MARITAL=1,2 OR MARITAL2=1) [n=2,932]:**

PARTNERDEVICE As far as you know, does your spouse or partner... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

|    |   | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>No answer</u> |
|----|---|------------|-----------|------------------|
| a. | Have a cellphone<br>Oct 16-28, 2019   | 96         | 4         | *                |
| b. | Use social media sites<br>Oct 16-28, 2019                                       | 73         | 27        | *                |
| c. | Play video games on a computer, game console or<br>cellphone<br>Oct 16-28, 2019 | 53         | 47        | *                |

**ASK IF MARRIED, LIVING WITH PARTNER, OR IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP AND USES  
SOCIAL MEDIA AND PARTNER USES SOCIAL MEDIA ((MARITAL=1,2 OR MARITAL2=1) AND  
SNSUSE=1 AND PARTNERDEVICEb=1) [n=1,845]:**

SNSPARTNER How important, if at all, is social media to you personally when it comes to the  
following things? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

|    |   | <u>Very<br/>important</u> | <u>Somewhat<br/>important</u> | <u>Not too<br/>important</u> | <u>Not at all<br/>important</u> | <u>No<br/>answer</u> |
|----|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| a. | Keeping up with what's<br>going on in your spouse's<br>or partner's life<br>Oct 16-28, 2019 | 14                        | 14                            | 27                           | 45                              | *                    |
| b. | Showing how much you<br>care about your spouse or<br>partner<br>Oct 16-28, 2019             | 15                        | 17                            | 27                           | 40                              | *                    |

**ASK IF MARRIED, LIVING WITH PARTNER, OR IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP AND  
PARTNER USES SOCIAL MEDIA ((MARITAL=1,2 OR MARITAL2=1) AND PARTNERDEVICEb=1)  
[n=2,187]:**

SNSFEEL Have you ever felt jealous or unsure about your relationship because of the way  
your current spouse or partner interacts with other people on social media?

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|    |                            |
|----|----------------------------|
| 23 | Yes, have felt this way    |
| 77 | No, have not felt this way |
| *  | No answer                  |

**ASK IF MARRIED, LIVING WITH PARTNER, OR IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP AND PARTNER HAS A CELLPHONE ((MARITAL=1,2 OR MARITAL2=1) AND PARTNERDEVICEa=1) [n=2,850]:**

PARTNERDISTRRACT How often, if ever, do you feel as if your spouse or partner is distracted by their cellphone when you are trying to have a conversation with them?

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|    |           |
|----|-----------|
| 16 | Often     |
| 36 | Sometimes |
| 31 | Rarely    |
| 16 | Never     |
| *  | No answer |

**ASK IF MARRIED, LIVING WITH PARTNER, OR IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP AND PARTNER HAS A CELLPHONE, USES SOCIAL MEDIA AND/OR PLAYS VIDEO GAMES ((MARITAL=1,2 OR MARITAL2=1) AND AT LEAST ONE OF PARTNERDEVICEa-c=1) [n=2,887]:**

PARTNERSCREEN How often, if ever, are you bothered by the amount of time your spouse or partner spends... [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

|  | <u>Often</u> | <u>Sometimes</u> | <u>Rarely</u> | <u>Never</u> | <u>No answer</u> |
|--|--------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| <b>ASK IF PARTNER HAS A CELLPHONE [n=2,850]:</b>   |              |                  |               |              |                  |
| a. On their cellphone                              |              |                  |               |              |                  |
| Oct 16-28, 2019                                    | 13           | 28               | 32            | 27           | *                |
| <b>ASK IF PARTNER USES SOCIAL MEDIA [n=2,187]:</b> |              |                  |               |              |                  |
| b. On social media sites                           |              |                  |               |              |                  |
| Oct 16-28, 2019                                    | 11           | 22               | 37            | 31           | *                |
| <b>ASK IF PARTNER PLAYS VIDEO GAMES [n=1,593]:</b> |              |                  |               |              |                  |
| c. Playing video games                             |              |                  |               |              |                  |
| Oct 16-28, 2019                                    | 10           | 19               | 33            | 38           | *                |

**ASK IF MARRIED, LIVING WITH PARTNER, OR IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP (MARITAL=1,2 OR MARITAL2=1) [n=2,932]:**

PARTNERPASS Have you ever given your spouse or partner the password or passcode to... [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

|  | <u>Yes, have done this</u> | <u>No, have not done this</u> | <u>No answer</u> |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>ASK IF INTERNET USER [n=2,877]:</b>     |                            |                               |                  |
| a. Your email account                      |                            |                               |                  |
| Oct 16-28, 2019                            | 64                         | 36                            | *                |
| <b>ASK IF SOCIAL MEDIA USER [n=2,250]:</b> |                            |                               |                  |
| b. Any of your social media accounts       |                            |                               |                  |
| Oct 16-28, 2019                            | 56                         | 43                            | *                |
| <b>ASK ALL [n=2,932]:</b>                  |                            |                               |                  |
| c. Your cellphone                          |                            |                               |                  |
| Oct 16-28, 2019                            | 75                         | 24                            | 1                |

**ASK IF MARRIED, LIVING WITH PARTNER, OR IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP AND PARTNER HAS A CELLPHONE ((MARITAL=1,2 OR MARITAL2=1) AND PARTNERDEVICEa=1)  
[n=2,850]:**

PARTNERTRACK      Have you ever looked through your current spouse's or partner's cellphone without their knowledge?

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|    |                        |
|----|------------------------|
| 36 | Yes, have done this    |
| 64 | No, have not done this |
| 1  | No answer              |