

Homogamy Self-Assessment

In this questionnaire, answer each question about yourself, your point of view, or circumstances. Have your partner take the partner version (a close friend or family member may take the partner version if you don't currently have a partner). Don't discuss any of the items with the person taking the partner version until both of you have completed your version.

Race: African American Hispanic Native American Asian Caucasian Other

Marital Status: Married Never Married Divorced Widowed Separated

Age In Years: yrs

Years in current relationship yrs

Number of times ever divorced: 0 1 2 3 4+

How many children do you have: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6+

How old is your youngest child: 0-5 6-12 13-19 + none

Did you ever cohabit with anyone? Yes No

Were your parents ever divorced? Yes No

Your highest level of education: <HS HS Some College BS Graduate Degree

Did you suffer from unemployment in the last year Yes No

How many hours per week do you work for pay: 0 1-15 16-29 30-39 40+

Estimated total household income: 0-20K 21-40K 41-60K 61-80K 81K+

Which is your religious affiliation _____ or *None*

ANSWER THE TRUE/FALSE QUESTIONS BELOW:

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| 1 .T/F I'm not very involved in the community | 23 .T/F I want this relationship to succeed |
| 2 .T/F I have close friends | 24 .T/F All things considered, we agree on our aims and goals |
| 3 .T/F I'm not close to my extended family | 25 .T/F We often fail to meet each other's needs |
| 4 .T/F I moved too often in the past 5 years | 26 .T/F We have little in common |
| 5 .T/F I get adequate support from my extended family | 27 .T/F For the most part sex should be avoided before serious commitment |
| 6 .T/F I will succeed in life | 28 .T/F We agree when it comes to parenting |
| 7 .T/F Overall, I am healthy | 29 .T/F We experience a great deal of stress from parenting |
| 8 .T/F Stress sometimes overwhelms me | 30 .T/F We are equally skilled in parenting |
| 9 .T/F I am an adequate breadwinner | 31 .T/F We are equally committed to our sex life |
| 10 .T/F Religiously, I am not very active | 32 .T/F We tend to pull apart during stress |
| 11 .T/F I often donate money to religion | 33 .T/F It's not safe to share our feelings in this relationship |
| 12 .T/F I rarely pray at home | 34 .T/F We trust each other |
| 13 .T/F I often study sacred writings at home | 35 .T/F We tend to listen well to each other |
| 14 .T/F Religion is a great source of strength in our relationship | 36 .T/F We communicate equally well |
| 15 .T/F I am satisfied with my level of income | |
| 16 .T/F Overall, I am satisfied with my life | |
| 17 .T/F I am not satisfied with my current relationship | |
| 18 .T/F I am not satisfied as a parent | |
| 19 .T/F I am satisfied with our sexual relationship | |
| 20 .T/F My parents aren't happily married | |
| 21 .T/F My current relationship has changed my life for the better | |
| 22 .T/F Good relationships are long-term commitments | |

Homogamy Partner-Assessment

In this questionnaire, answer each question about yourself, your point of view, or circumstances. Your partner or another person should have taken the self version. Don't discuss any of the items with the person taking the self version until both of you have completed your version.

Race: ___African American___Hispanic___Native American___Asian___Caucasian___Other

Marital Status: ___Married___Never Married___Divorced___Widowed___Separated

Age In Years: ___yrs

Years in current relationship ___yrs

Number of times ever divorced: ___0 ___1 ___2 ___3 ___4+

How many children do you have: ___0 ___1 ___2 ___3 ___4 ___5 ___6+

How old is your youngest child: ___0-5 ___6-12 ___13-19 + ___ none

Did you ever cohabit with anyone? ___Yes ___No

Were your parents ever divorced? ___Yes ___No

Your highest level of education: ___<HS ___HS ___Some College ___BS ___Graduate Degree

Did you suffer from unemployment in the last year ___Yes ___No

How many hours per week do you work for pay: ___0 ___1-15 ___16-29 ___30-39 ___40+

Estimated total household income: ___0-20K ___21-40K ___41-60K ___61-80K ___81K+

Which is your religious affiliation _____ or *None*

ANSWER THE TRUE/FALSE QUESTIONS BELOW:

- 1 .T/F I'm not very involved in the community
- 2 .T/F I have close friends
- 3 .T/F I'm not close to my extended family
- 4 .T/F I moved too often in the past 5 years
- 5 .T/F I get adequate support from my extended family
- 6 .T/F I will succeed in life
- 7 .T/F Overall, I am healthy
- 8 .T/F Stress sometimes overwhelms me
- 9 .T/F I am an adequate breadwinner
- 10 .T/F Religiously, I am not very active
- 11 .T/F I often donate money to religion
- 12 .T/F I rarely pray at home
- 13 .T/F I often study sacred writings at home
- 14 .T/F Religion is a great source of strength in our relationship
- 15 .T/F I am satisfied with my level of income
- 16 .T/F Overall, I am satisfied with my life
- 17 .T/F I am not satisfied with my current relationship
- 18 .T/F I am not satisfied as a parent
- 19 .T/F I am satisfied with our sexual relationship
- 20 .T/F My parents aren't happily married
- 21 .T/F My current relationship has changed my life for the better
- 22 .T/F Good relationships are long-term commitments
- 23 .T/F I want this relationship to succeed
- 24 .T/F All things considered, we agree on our aims and goals
- 25 .T/F We often fail to meet each other's needs
- 26 .T/F We have little in common
- 27 .T/F For the most part sex should be avoided before serious commitment
- 28 .T/F We agree when it comes to parenting
- 29 .T/F We experience a great deal of stress from parenting
- 30 .T/F We are equally skilled in parenting
- 31 .T/F We are equally committed to our sex life
- 32 .T/F We tend to pull apart during stress
- 33 .T/F It's not safe to share our feelings in this relationship
- 34 .T/F We trust each other
- 35 .T/F We tend to listen well to each other
- 36 .T/F We communicate equally well

Processing the Homogamy Assessments

This part of the Homogamy Assessment requires you to look at the answers to both the Self and Partner Homogamy Assessments. There are three columns in the tables below. Put the answers beside each item for self and partner. Count up the number of items you both answered the same. If you scored **0** the same, then it would imply no homogamy (very unlikely). If **50**, then it would be perfect homogamy (also very unlikely). The score is one indicator, but discussing each item and its importance to you both may be more useful.

Self	Item	Partner
	Race	
	Marital Status	
	Age	
	Years in relationship	
	Times ever divorced	
	How many children	
	Age of youngest child	
	Cohabit	
	Parents ever divorced	
	Level of education	
	Unemployed in last year	
	Work hours per week	
	Income level	
	Religion	
	Involved in community	
	Have close friends	
	Close to extended family	
	Moved too often	
	Support from ext. family	
	Will succeed in life	
	Healthy overall	
	Stress overwhelms	
	Adequate breadwinner	
	Religiously not active	
	Donate money to religion	

Self	Item	Partner
	Rarely pray at home	
	Sacred study at home	
	Rel. source of strength	
	Satisfied with income	
	Satisfied with life	
	Satisfied with relationship	
	Satisfied as parent	
	Satisfied with sex	
	Happily married parents	
	Relationship changed life	
	Long-term commitments	
	Want relationship success	
	Agreement on aims/ goals	
	Fail to meet other's needs	
	We have little in common	
	Avoid sex before	
	Agree on parenting	
	Parenting stress	
	Equally skilled as parents	
	Equally committed to sex	
	Pull apart during stress	
	Unsafe to share feelings	
	Trust each other	
	Listen well to each other	
	Communicate equally	