**Interview Questions**

**A. General Relationship Questions**

1. What is your gender?

2. What is the gender of your partner?

3. What are your ages?

4. What are your occupations?

5. Please describe your relationship with your partner:

relationship length

time spent collocated

time spent apart

how they met

If you’re not living together full time, please explain why.

When and how often do you see your partner in person?

How satisfied are you with your relationship?

How satisfied are you with the following aspects of your relationship?

e.g.,

communication

your influence in the relationship

sexual relations

the way you and your partner spend leisure time

division of household tasks

amount of time spent with other family/friends

finances

**B. Video Calling**

**1. General**

1. What video calling system do you primarily use to connect with your partner?

2. Why do you use this/these video calling system(s)?

3. When did you start video calling your partner? Have you ever stopped?

4. Why did you start video calling your partner?

5. What device / computer do you use to video call and why?

e.g., desktop computer, laptop, iPod, iPhone, video phone

**2. Video Phone Call**

This survey is predominantly interested in understanding how you use video calling beyond what would be considered the equivalent of a phone call. First, we will ask about video phoning though.

1. How often do you video call your partner where you talk in a similar manner to a phone call?

2. Beyond simply seeing the other person, is there any reason why you choose to use a video calling system as opposed to just a phone?

3. What do you normally talk about?

4. How would you describe the tone of conversation?

Positivity (acting cheerful, making interactions enjoyable)

Openness (encourage each other to disclose thoughts and feelings)

Assurances (stress commitment to one another)

Humour

Small talk and routine trivial everyday talk (about day to day matters)

Present overly positive image of self

Focus on plans for when together

Ruminate about positive relational memories

Hold back on negative aspects

Discuss conflicts

Avoid negative interactions

Argue

**3. Hanging Out**

We will now ask you questions specifically about activities you do with your partner when video calling that go beyond simply talking to them akin to a phone. This is the focus of our survey so please provide as much detail as possible.

1. Describe a typical time “hanging out" with your partner over a video call.

Where were you? Your partner? Public vs. private?

Where did you position our computer / laptop / device / camera?

Did you have any privacy concerns?

Did you face any technical challenges?

2. Are there any instances of “hanging out” over video that stand out in your mind as being different than the norm? Tell me about it.

3. Do you ever do shared tasks when hanging out? e.g., dishes, finances

4. Are there any specific routines or rituals you have?

**4. Intimate Acts**

We will now ask you questions specifically about intimate activities that you might do with your partner when video calling. I recognize this might be sensitive a sensitive topic so please share what you are comfortable talking about.

1. Tell me about the last time you performed intimate acts with your partner over a video call. e.g., ‘virtual kissing’, ‘virtual hugging’, seeing the other person naked, ‘virtual sex’ or masturbation, kissing hi/bye, blowing kisses.

Where were you? Your partner? Public vs. private?

Where did you position our computer / laptop / device / camera?

Did you have any privacy concerns?

Did you face any technical challenges?

2. Are there any instances of performing intimate acts over video that stand out in your mind as being different than the norm? Tell me about it.

3. Are there any specific routines or rituals you have?

**5. Additional Uses**

1. Are there other activities you do while video calling that we haven’t touched upon? If so, please describe them.

2. Are there activities you’d like to do with your partner while video calling but it is simply too difficult? If so, why?

3. Do you ever use additional technologies in conjunction with your video calling system to perform the above activities?

4. Do you ever use other technologies instead of video calling? How does your activity differ on these from when you use video?