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### Measures

All respondents and their partners provided social and demographic information about themselves and each of their sexual partners, including their age when the relationship began, educational attainment and ethnicity. Participants were also asked about relationship characteristics, including the duration of the relationship and whether one partner had given gifts or money to the other. In addition, they indicated whether, in the last month, each partner was a spouse, fiancé(e), serious girlfriend or boyfriend, dating partner, casual partner, one-night stand or commercial sex worker, or other type of partner (mainly separated or divorced partners).

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Survey questions did not specify the type of intercourse, but in the few cases in which respondents asked for clarification, interviewers specified vaginal intercourse. Because anal sex remains a taboo topic among the sampled population, interviewers felt that all reports of intercourse referred to vaginal sex.

When “don’t know” responses were excluded from analyses, similar results were found. However, because we were interested in assessing how well participants’ beliefs that their partners had had other partners matched reported behaviors, we focused on clear statements of partner infidelity.