

Phone: Reciprocal Friend

During the 1975 interview, the respondents were asked to name three of their best high school friends. If respondents named each other as friends and they were both in the 1/3 sample they were coded as "reciprocal" friends for the 1992-1993 interview. Respondents who were reciprocal friends were asked the questions below. All other respondents skipped this section.

rm001re	Does respondent have reciprocal friend in 1/3 sample?
rm002rer	Is reciprocal friend living now?
rm003rer-rm007re	Frequency of contact with reciprocal friend.
rm008re	How close is respondent to reciprocal friend?
rm009re-rm011re	Comparison of education, work and finances between respondent and reciprocal friend.
rm012re-rm013re	Year and state of reciprocal friend's death.
rm014re	Reciprocal friend's idpriv.

rm001re: Does a reciprocal friendship exist where respondent named a same-sex best high school friend during the 1975 survey who is also in the 1/3 WLS sample and the friend named respondent as one of his/her best friends?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 1992-93 Mode: phone
Source variables: RCFR

		Frequencies		
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1011	813	1824
1	NO	3327	3494	6821
2	YES, Questions 460-465k WERE Asked	649	1005	1654
3	YES, Questions 460-465k Were NOT Asked	4	14	18

Note: For 18 respondents who had a reciprocal friend there was a data error so that questions 460-465k were not asked. These cases are coded 3 for RM001RE and inappropriate for variables RM002RER - RM013RE.

See RM014RE for the IDPRIV of R's reciprocal friend.

rm002rer: Is your reciprocal friend alive?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 1992-93 Mode: phone
Source variables: 460
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Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1011	813	1824
-3	REFUSED, NOT ASCERTAINED	8	12	20
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAPPROPRIATE, NO RECIPROCAL FRIEND (RM001RE=0) OR QUESTIONS NOT ASKED (RM001RE=2)	3331	3508	6839
-1	DON'T KNOW	90	110	200
1	YES	541	875	1416
2	NO	6	5	11
3	Respondent Answered No, However Friend Was Alive At Time Of Interview	3	3	6
4	Respondent Answered Yes, However Friend Was Deceased At Time Of Interview	1	0	1

Note: See Appendix M - COR614, Friend's Death Reports for more information about codes 3 and 4.

rm003rer: In the last 12 months, how often did you have contact with your reciprocal friend by letter, or by phone?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 1992-93 Mode: phone
Source variables: 460c

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1011	813	1824
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAPPROPRIATE, NO RECIPROCAL FRIEND (RM001RE=0) OR QUESTIONS NOT ASKED (RM001RE=2) OR FRIEND NOT KNOWN TO BE ALIVE (RM002RER ^=1 OR 4)	3438	3638	7076
-1	DON'T KNOW	1	2	3
0	NEVER	230	331	561
1		131	223	354
2		65	110	175
3 - 4		58	116	174
5 - 180		57	93	150

rm004rer: Unit of contact in last 12 months with reciprocal friend by letter, or by phone.

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 1992-93 Mode: phone
Source variables: 460f

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1011	813	1824
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE, NO CONTACT (RM003RER > 366 OR RM003RER = 0)	3669	3971	7640
1	DAY	5	3	8
2	WEEK	14	10	24
3	MONTH	21	45	66
4	YEAR	271	484	755

rm005re: Summary of frequency of contact with reciprocal friend during the last 12 months by letter, or by phone.

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 1992-93 Mode: phone
Source variables: 460c, 460f

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1011	813	1824
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAPPROPRIATE, NO RECIPROCAL FRIEND (RM001RE=0) OR QUESTIONS NOT ASKED (RM001RE=2) OR FRIEND NOT KNOWN TO BE ALIVE (RM002RER ^=1 OR 4)	3438	3638	7076
-1	DON'T KNOW	1	2	3
0	NEVER	230	331	561
1	ONCE PER YEAR	101	183	284
2	SEVERAL TIMES PER YEAR	170	301	471
3	ONCE PER MONTH	17	31	48
4	SEVERAL TIMES PER MONTH	4	14	18
5	ONCE PER WEEK	10	7	17
6	SEVERAL TIMES PER WEEK	4	3	7
7	ONCE PER DAY	3	2	5
8	SEVERAL TIMES PER DAY	2	1	3

Note: See rm003rer, rm004rer.

This is a very crude summary. All numbers greater than one are counted as "several". The unit given in RM004RER is then used to determine the category for RM005RE.

rm006re: If you have not had any contact with your reciprocal friend in the past 12 months, what year did you last see your reciprocal friend?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 1992-93 Mode: phone
Source variables: 460m, 460c

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1011	813	1824
-3	REFUSED, NOT ASCERTAINED	0	1	1
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE, NO RECIPROCAL FRIEND (RM001RE=0) OR QUESTIONS NOT ASKED (RM001RE=2) OR NUMBER GIVEN FOR RM003RER (RM003RER > 0 & < 997)	3749	4180	7929
-1	DON'T KNOW	10	39	49
57	1957	6	7	13
58	1958	0	4	4
59	1959	1	9	10
60	1960	1	9	10
61	1961	4	5	9
62	1962	1	6	7
63	1963	2	5	7
64	1964	1	1	2
65	1965	4	3	7
66	1966	1	0	1
67	1967	1	2	3
68	1968	0	2	2
69	1969	1	1	2
70	1970	7	4	11
71	1971	1	1	2
72	1972	2	6	8
73	1973	5	6	11
74	1974	0	4	4
75	1975	9	11	20
76	1976	0	3	3

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77	1977	9	5	14
78	1978	3	8	11
79	1979	0	3	3
80	1980	11	4	15
81	1981	1	2	3
82	1982	17	26	43
83	1983	12	13	25
84	1984	6	1	7
85	1985	10	4	14
86	1986	6	7	13
87	1987	24	45	69
88	1988	18	16	34
89	1989	12	10	22
90	1990	23	34	57
91	1991	16	18	34
92	1992	6	8	14

rm007re: Have you had any contact with your reciprocal friend in last 5 years?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 1992-93 Mode: phone
Source variables: 462d, 460c, 460m

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1011	813	1824
-3	REFUSED/NOT ASCERTAINED	8	12	20
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAPPROPRIATE, NO RECIPROCAL FRIEND (RM001RE=0) OR QUESTIONS NOT ASKED (RM001RE=2) OR FRIEND NOT KNOWN TO BE ALIVE (RM002RER ^=1 OR 4)	3340	3516	6856
-1	DON'T KNOW	0	5	5
1	YES	416	681	1097
2	NO	216	299	515

rm008re: If you have had any contact with your reciprocal friend in the past 5 years, how close are you to your reciprocal friend?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 1992-93 Mode: phone
Source variables: 462f

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1011	813	1824
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE, NO CONTACT WITH FRIEND DURING PAST 5 YEARS (RM007RE > 1)	3564	3832	7396
-1	DON'T KNOW	0	1	1
1	VERY CLOSE	47	98	145
2	SOMEWHAT CLOSE	142	209	351
3	NOT VERY CLOSE	143	232	375
4	NOT AT ALL CLOSE	84	141	225

rm009re: If you have had any contact with your reciprocal friend in the past 5 years, are you doing better or worse than your reciprocal friend in education?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 1992-93 Mode: phone
Source variables: 462m

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1011	813	1824
-3	REFUSED, NOT ASCERTAINED	0	1	1
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE, NO CONTACT WITH FRIEND DURING PAST 5 YEARS (RM007RE > 1)	3564	3832	7396
-1	DON'T KNOW	8	24	32
1	MUCH BETTER	42	79	121
2	BETTER	78	135	213
3	SAME	208	317	525
4	WORSE	64	118	182
5	MUCH WORSE	16	7	23

rm010re: If you have had any contact with your reciprocal friend in the past 5 years, are you doing better or worse than your reciprocal friend in work?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 1992-93 Mode: phone
Source variables: 462s

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1011	813	1824
-3	REFUSED, NOT ASCERTAINED	0	2	2
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE, NO CONTACT WITH FRIEND DURING PAST 5 YEARS (RM007RE > 1)	3564	3832	7396
-1	DON'T KNOW	26	70	96
1	MUCH BETTER	44	81	125
2	BETTER	79	159	238
3	SAME	197	272	469
4	WORSE	62	82	144
5	MUCH WORSE	8	15	23

rm011re: If you have had any contact with your reciprocal friend in the past 5 years, are you doing better or worse than your reciprocal friend financially?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 1992-93 Mode: phone
Source variables: 464

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1011	813	1824
-3	REFUSED, NOT ASCERTAINED	0	3	3
-2	Inappropriate INAPPROPRIATE, NO CONTACT WITH FRIEND DURING PAST 5 YEARS (RM007RE > 1)	3564	3832	7396
-1	DON'T KNOW	60	128	188
1	MUCH BETTER	45	66	111
2	BETTER	78	148	226
3	SAME	142	220	362
4	WORSE	76	110	186
5	MUCH WORSE	15	6	21

rm012re: In what year did your reciprocal friend die?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 1992-93 Mode: phone

Source variables: 465

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Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1011	813	1824
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAPPROPRIATE, NO RECIPROCAL FRIEND (RM001RE=0) OR QUESTIONS NOT ASKED (RM001RE=2) OR FRIEND STILL ALIVE (RM002RER = 1,4,7,9)	3971	4505	8476
-1	DON'T KNOW	3	2	5
78		0	1	1
80		2	0	2
81		1	0	1
83		1	0	1
87		0	1	1
90		1	0	1
91		0	1	1
92		1	3	4

rm013re: In what state did your reciprocal friend die?

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 1992-93 Mode: phone

Source variables: 465k

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Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1011	813	1824
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAPPROPRIATE, NO RECIPROCAL FRIEND (RM001RE=0) OR QUESTIONS NOT ASKED (RM001RE=2) OR FRIEND STILL ALIVE (RM002RER = 1,4,7,9)	3971	4505	8476
-1	DON'T KNOW	1	0	1
5	California	1	0	1
8	Delaware	0	1	1
9	Washington, D.C.	1	0	1
14	Illinois	1	1	2
24	Minnesota	0	1	1
50	Wisconsin	5	5	10

rm014re: Reciprocal friend's IDPRIV.

Data source: Graduate Respondent Collected in: 1992-93 Mode: phone

Source variables: RCFR

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Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	1011	813	1824
-2	INAPPROPRIATE NO RECIPROCAL FRIEND (RM001RE=0)	3327	3494	6821
800014 - 806874		144	190	334
806875 - 813376		118	216	334
813378 - 820274		132	202	334
820280 - 827008		129	205	334
827038 - 833933		130	206	336

Note: Prior to release 13.02, 999999 was assigned to those without a reciprocal friend in the WLS dataset. From release 13.02 on, these cases are coded to -2 (inappropriate).

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