1. The term "xage" refers to a variable measuring partner's age. This variable was removed from the data because the data set already has a variable (ppage) that measures the ages of both respondents and their partners. The term "ppgender" refers to the gender of the respondent.

2. A dummy variable is created for each response category of question A2.

3. The verbatim summary of the answers to variable QA2_10.

4. Cohabiting couples were defined as those having a value of 2 on the variable S1.

5. Married couples were defined as those having a value of 1 on variable S1.

6. Respondents who cohabited before marriage were defined as those having a value of 1 on questions S1 and MC2.

7. Respondents who did not cohabit before marriage were defined as those having a value of 1 on variable S1 and a value of 2 on question MC2.

8. Respondents who have a durable power of attorney for health care are defined as those having a value of 1 on question D1.

9. A dummy variable is created for each response category of question D2.

10. The verbatim summary of the answers to variable QD2_23.

11. Respondents who did not have a durable power of attorney for health care are defined as those with a value of 2 on question D1.

12. A dummy variable is created for each response category of question D3.

13. The verbatim summary of the answers to variable QD3_9.

14. Respondents who had a living will or advance directive were defined as those having a value of 1 on question D4.

15. A dummy variable is created for each response category of question D5.

16. The verbatim summary of the answers to variable QD5_23.

17. Respondents who did not have a living will or advance directive were defined as those having a value of 2 on question D4.

18. A dummy variable is created for each response category of question D6

19. The verbatim summary of the answers to variable QD6_9.

20. These respondents are defined as those having a value of 1 on question D7.

21. A dummy variable is created for each response category of question D8.

22. The verbatim summary of the answers to variable QD8_23.

23. These respondents are defined by having a value of 2 on question D7.
A dummy variable is created for each response category of question D9.

The verbatim summary of the answers to variable QD9_9.

Two types of missing cases are in the data. Those with a value of 99 on a demographic variable were in the Knowledge Networks panel, while those without any value were not from the panel.

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