

Phase I Data Collection and Analysis

The Object Relations Inventory (“ORI”)¹ served as the instrument in Phase I with each participant being asked to speak for five minutes about himself and his partner in response to the following requests: “describe your partner” and “describe yourself.” Upon completing the ORI narratives, each participant was sent an explanatory email with a link to the online questionnaire at surveymoneky.com and a unique identification number that distinguished between the participant who first made contact with the researcher and his partner. ORI results were entered into an SPSS database for statistical analysis. Phase I ORI narratives, which had been digitally recorded, then transcribed—with no identifying information on them—were scored by a team of seven experts (including researcher).

¹ For a quick overview of the Object Relations Inventory, please click on the “About the ORI” link.