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UNDERSTANDING & STUDY

## FOCCUS© Pre-Marriage Inventory Couple Report

**Facilitator: Sample Report**

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**Wedding Date: 08/08/2014**

**Edition: Catholic**



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Wedding Date: 08/08/2014	Respondent 1	Respondent 2
Sex	Male	Female
Wedding Date	8/8/2014	8/8/2014
Age	27	27
What is your individual total annual income from all sources before taxes?	40,000 - 49,999	40,000 - 49,999
Education Completed	Bachelor's Degree	Bachelor's Degree
Religious Preference	Catholic	Methodist
Marital Status	Never Married	Never Married
Are you currently cohabiting	No	No
Predominant Race/Ethnic Origin	White	White
Length of Courtship in Months?	50	50
Is the woman pregnant?	No	No
Is one or both bringing children to this marriage?	No	No
Have you or your future spouse been previously married?	No	No
Frequency of church attendance on average.	More than once a month	More than once a month

### Interpreting the FOCCUS® Couple Report

- The FOCCUS® Couple Report is to be shared with a couple only by a trained FOCCUS Facilitator with the aid of a FOCCUS® FACILITATOR MANUAL. The report is not to be copied or given to the couple to keep. FOCCUS® Pre-Marriage Inventory is not a test. Couples cannot fail it. This report and the facilitation process are intended to help couples affirm their strengths and discuss issues that could be problems for them or that need more communication between them.
- Page 2 (the current page) presents the couple's demographic data. Please be mindful of the need to keep this information, as well as the responses contained in the report, confidential and private.
- Page 3 of this FOCCUS® Couple Report presents the couple's responses according to the categories outlined in the FOCCUS® Facilitator Manual (Life style Expectations, Friends and Interests, etc.). These categories are clustered under the areas in which they fall (Match, Skills, Bonders, etc.). Areas and categories are explained in detail in the Facilitator Manual.
  1. Couple Agreement by Area is presented in bar graphs that show the percentage of items in each category on which the couple agreed with each other AND the preferred inventory response (thus, no item marked "uncertain").
  2. The Special Sections portion of the report presents the percent agreement of couples with each other and the inventory's preferred responses regarding areas of higher risk: Interfaith Marriage, Remarriage, Cohabiting Couples, and Couples with Children. The designation "N/A" in any of these sections indicates the section did not apply for that couple.
  3. The Overview of Individuals' Response Patterns section shows 1) the percentage of time the couple's responses agreed with each other (excluding whether the response agreed with the inventory's preferred response), 2) the percentage of responses that agreed with the inventory's preferred response, and 3) the percentage of items the individual marked Unsure.
- Pages 4-12 constitute the Answer Detail by Area portion of the report. In this section, each area is displayed separately, grouping the FOCCUS items within a pattern. The following information is displayed in columns from left to right: 1) the item number, 2) the response of the first respondent, 3) the response of the second respondent, 4) the item's preferred response, 5) Areas for Discussion (items are printed in this column if either individual's response differed from the inventory's preferred response), and 6) Areas of Agreement (items on which the couple agreed with each other and the inventory's preferred response). The placement of items into one of the two latter two columns gives the facilitator a visual display of the couple's responses and their likely challenges and strengths. Critical items (as explained in the Facilitator Manual) are marked with an asterisk (\*).
- Pages 13 + presents couple's responses in the areas of Interfaith Marriage, Remarriage, Cohabiting Couples, and Couples with Children if these sections were answered by the couple. The section presents items that are unique to each category as well as relevant items PRINTED IN CAPS that are new and NOT duplicated from the main portion of the FOCCUS® Pre - Marriage Inventory.

#### FOCCUS® FACILITATORS, Please remember:

This report reflects the couple's thoughts and feelings at the time they took the inventory. Their responses may be different today or in the future, due to having thought or talked about their answers.

The FACILITATOR MANUAL provides explanations of each pattern within a category. Usually, discussion of a single key question within a pattern opens up the whole area. It is important, however, not to limit FOCCUS discussion to patterns or to turn patterns into labels. No pattern is intended to define a couple.

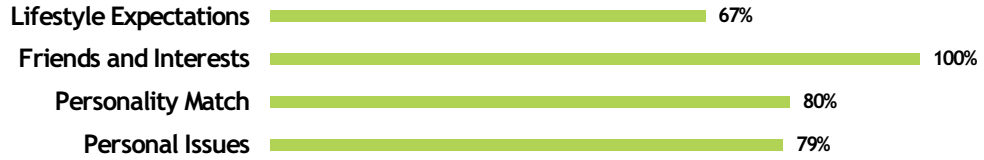
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### Percent Couple Agreement by Area

Note: This is the percentage of responses that agreed with each other and the preferred inventory response. An item answered "Uncertain" is scored as a disagreement; thus, a low score may simply mean some topics have not been discussed, rather than being cause for concern.

#### Match

This couple's Match overall agreement = 80%



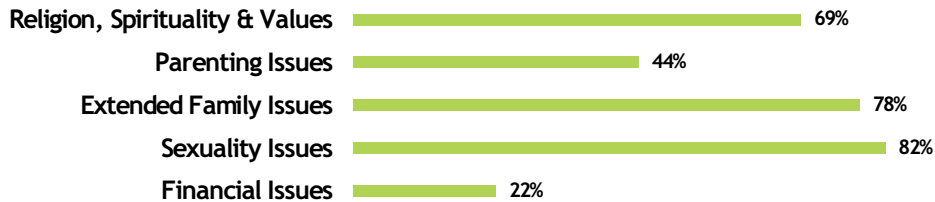
#### Skills

This couple's Skills overall agreement = 78%



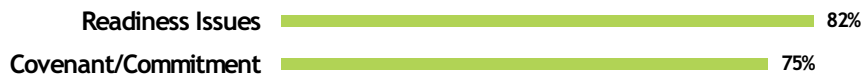
#### Bonders

This couple's Bonders overall agreement = 62%



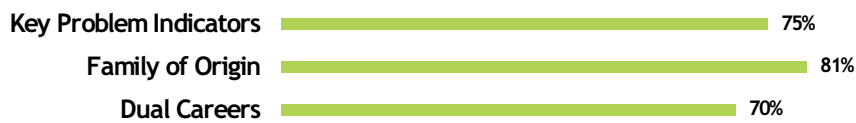
#### Integrators

This couple's Integrators overall agreement = 77%



#### Summary Categories

This couple's Summary Categories overall agreement = 75%



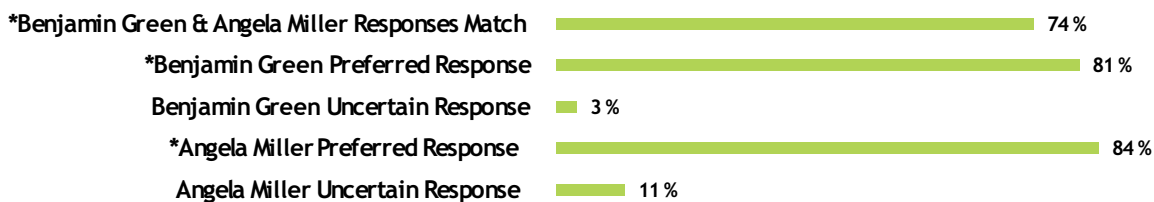
#### Special Issues

Note: N/A indicates the section did not apply to this couple and/or one or both members of the couple did not complete it



#### Overview of Individuals' Response Patterns

\*Note: low agreement with the inventory's preferred responses may be due to marking "Uncertain"



Legend: A=Agree D=Disagree U=Uncertain P=Preferred B=Blank No Answer Given \*=Key Problem Indicator

1=Benjamin 2=Angela

### LIFESTYLE EXPECTATIONS

67% agreement

#	1	2	P	Areas for Discussion	Areas for Agreement
<b>Goals and Career</b>					
80	A	A	A		We have identified the goals and ambitions that we share for our future.
104	A		A	* I fully support my future spouse's occupation or career plans.	
82	A	A	A		We agree about how we will balance careers and raising children.
17	A	A	A		My future spouse and I have talked about future career goals.
126	D	D	D		I am concerned that my future spouse will become too involved in career/work.
37	A	D	D	I am concerned that some aspect of our lives (work, children, social life, personal goals) may dominate our life together.	

### Role Expectations

6	D	U	A	* We have discussed the expectations each of us has as to our role as husband and wife.	
57	D	D	D		I am concerned that what I observed about marriage as I was growing up will affect my role as husband/wife in a negative way.

### Household Tasks

21	A	U	A	I am content with the responsibilities each of us has agreed to accept in the way we will manage our home.	
51	D	D	D		I am concerned that my future spouse and I have different ideas regarding the importance of pets.
75	D	D	D		My future spouse and I disagree about having pets.
91	A	A	A		We agree on how we will support our household financially.

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### FRIENDS AND INTERESTS

100% agreement

#	1	2	P	Areas for Discussion	Areas for Agreement
<b>Togetherness</b>					
41	D	D	D		My future spouse has too few interests and activities apart from me.
55	A	A	A		I am at ease with the amount of time my future spouse spends with his/her friends.
86	D	D	D		My future spouse spends too much time with technology (Internet, phone, television, video games, etc.).
<b>Flexibility, Compromise</b>					
77	D	D	D		* My future spouse makes most of the decisions about what we do together.
124	D	D	D		I am concerned that we do not make enough time for each other.

### Friends

4	A	A	A		As a couple, we have mutual friends.
49	A	A	A		I am at ease with my future spouse's friends.
16	A	A	A		We have friends who are supportive of the beliefs and lifestyle that we value.

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### PERSONALITY MATCH

80% agreement

#	1	2	P	Areas for Discussion	Areas for Agreement
<b>Respect, Romanticized View</b>					
7	A	A	A		There are certain behaviors or habits in my future spouse that sometimes annoy me.
114	D	D	D		* There are qualities about my future spouse that concern me.
58	A	A	A		My future spouse usually respects the way I look at things.
97	D	D	D		* I am uncomfortable with what my future spouse shares or posts on the Internet.