**Materials for “A ‘Present’ for the future: The Unexpected Value of Rediscovery”**

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**Study 3: Time 1 (Ordinary; week before Valentine’s Day)**

**Purpose of the experiment:**

We are interested in understanding individuals' thoughts and feelings across time.

**What you will do in this experiment:**

This is a three-part experiment that spans the period of 3 months.  The first and second part will require you to write down your recent experiences, and the third part involves answering some follow-up questions.

**Eligibility:**Individuals older than 18 and who are in a relationship may take this survey.

**Time required:**

All parts will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

**Potential risks and benefits**:

The risks are no more than what you would encounter in everyday life.

**Payment for participation:**

For completing the first part of this task, you will receive $5.00 in the form of an Amazon.com gift card. If you complete the first part, you will be messaged with a link to the second part in a few weeks for $5.00 in the form of an Amazon.com gift card.  You will receive an additional $10.00 in the form of an Amazon.com gift card for completing the third part of the survey.

**Confidentiality:**

Your participation in this study will remain confidential, and your identity will not be stored with your data.

**Contact:**

If you have questions about this study, please contact Ting Zhang at tzhang@hbs.edu and Tami Kim at tkim@hbs.edu.

**Agreement:**

The researcher for this study is Ting Zhang who can be reached at 214-771-8464, Wyss House Harvard Business School, Boston, MA 02163, and tzhang@hbs.edu. The faculty sponsor is Michael Norton.

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, If you would like to talk to the research team, If you think the research has harmed you, or If you wish to withdraw from the study.

This research has been reviewed by the Committee on the Use of Human Subjects in Research at Harvard University.  They can be reached at 617-496-2847, 1414 Massachusetts Avenue, Second Floor, Cambridge, MA 02138, or cuhs@fas.harvard.edu for any of the following:

If your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team, If you cannot reach the research team, If you want to talk to someone besides the research team, or If you have questions about your rights as a research participant.

I understand that this experiment is conducted in three parts and that I will receive $5.00 in the form of an Amazon.com gift card after completing the first study, $5.00 in the form of an Amazon.com gift card after completing the second study (in 1 week), $10.00 in the form of an Amazon.com gift card after completing the third study (in a few months).

**Instruction and questions:**

Please think about a typical day that you spend with your significant other. Please recall the most recent day you can remember and think about a specific moment during that day.

For the next 5 minutes, please recall as many details as you can about that moment and describe what you did, where the two of you were, what you discussed, and how you felt during the experience.

Please try to be as specific as possible.

If you were contacted in a few months, how curious would you be to read what you just wrote?

If you were contacted in a few months, how true do you think you would find the following statement: I will enjoy reading about this experience very much.

If you were contacted in a few months, how true do you think you would find the following statement: I will think that reading about this experience was an interesting activity.

If you were contacted in a few months, how meaningful would you find reading what you just wrote?

If you were contacted in a few months, how surprised would you be to read what you just wrote?

Please rate the experience that you wrote about in terms of how ordinary or extraordinary it seems to you.

**Study 3: Time 1 (Extraordinary; after Valentine’s Day)**

**Recruitment email:**

You are eligible to complete the second part of the Harvard Business School study you entered earlier this month. To complete the 10-minute study for $5 in Amazon.com gift cards, please click on the following link.

**Consent form:**

**Purpose of the experiment:**

We are interested in understanding individuals' thoughts and feelings across time. This is the second part of a 3-part study.

**What you will do in this experiment:**

This is a three-part experiment that spans the period of 3 months.  The first and second part will require you to write down your recent experiences, and the third part involves answering some follow-up questions.

**Eligibility:**Individuals older than 18 and who are in a relationship may take this survey.

**Time required:**

All parts will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

**Potential risks and benefits**:

The risks are no more than what you would encounter in everyday life.

**Payment for participation:**

For completing the second part, you will receive $5.00 in the form of an Amazon.com gift card.  You will receive an additional $10.00 in the form of an Amazon.com gift card for completing the third part of the survey.

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**Instructions and questions:**

Please think about what you and your significant other did on Valentine's Day and recall a specific moment during that day. If you did not interact with your partner on Valentine's Day, please think about a recent interaction in which you celebrated your relationship.

For the next 5 minutes, please recall as many details as you can about that moment and describe what you did, where the two of you were, what you discussed, and how you felt during the experience.

Please try to be as specific as possible.

In a few months, you will be contacted to participate in a follow-up study in which you will have the opportunity to read the response you just provided.

If you were contacted in a few months, how curious would you be to read what you just wrote?

If you were contacted in a few months, how true do you think you would find the following statement: I will enjoy reading about this experience very much.

If you were contacted in a few months, how true do you think you would find the following statement: I will think that reading about this experience was an interesting activity.

If you were contacted in a few months, how meaningful would you find reading what you just wrote?

If you were contacted in a few months, how surprised would you be to read what you just wrote?

Please rate the experience that you wrote about in terms of how ordinary or extraordinary it seems to you.

**Study 3: Time 2 (3 months later)**

**Purpose of the experiment:**

We are interested in understanding individuals' thoughts and feelings across time.  You have been contacted to complete the third study in this series of studies.

**What you will do in this experiment:**

This is a four-part experiment that spans the period of 3 months.  You have completed the first two parts. The third and last part involves answering some follow-up questions for a $10 Amazon.com gift card.

**Eligibility:**Individuals older than 18 and who are in a relationship may take this survey.

**Time required:**

All parts sessions will take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

**Potential risks and benefits**:

The risks are no more than what you would encounter in everyday life.

**Payment for participation:**

You will receive $10.00 in an Amazon.com gift card for completing this survey.

**Confidentiality:**

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I agree to participate in this study.

**Instructions and questions:**

*Those randomly assigned to ordinary condition:*

Three months ago, you wrote about an interaction with your significant other prior to February 8, 2014.

We will show you what you wrote last month very shortly, but before we do that, please answer the following question.

*Those randomly assigned to extraordinary condition:*

Three months ago, you wrote about an interaction with your significant other on Valentine's day (February 14, 2014).

We will show you what you wrote last month very shortly, but before we do that, please answer the following question.

How curious are you to read what you wrote a few months ago?

Here is what you wrote three months ago: [insert participant’s response at Time 1 for ordinary/extraordinary interaction with significant other].

How true do you find the following statement: I enjoyed reading about this experience very much.

How true do you find the following statement: I thought that reading about this experience was an interesting activity.

How meaningful did you find reading what you just wrote?

How surprised were you to read what you just wrote?

How detailed did you find your account of the experience?

What percentage of what you wrote about the event do you remember?

Please rate the experience that you wrote about in terms of how ordinary or extraordinary it seems to you.

[Upon completion of the study, participants received an email with a link to the reflections they did not read]

Thank you for completing the Relationship Study. In the past, you wrote about two experiences with your romantic partner. We will now show you the other experience that you wrote about. Please click here to read about this event.