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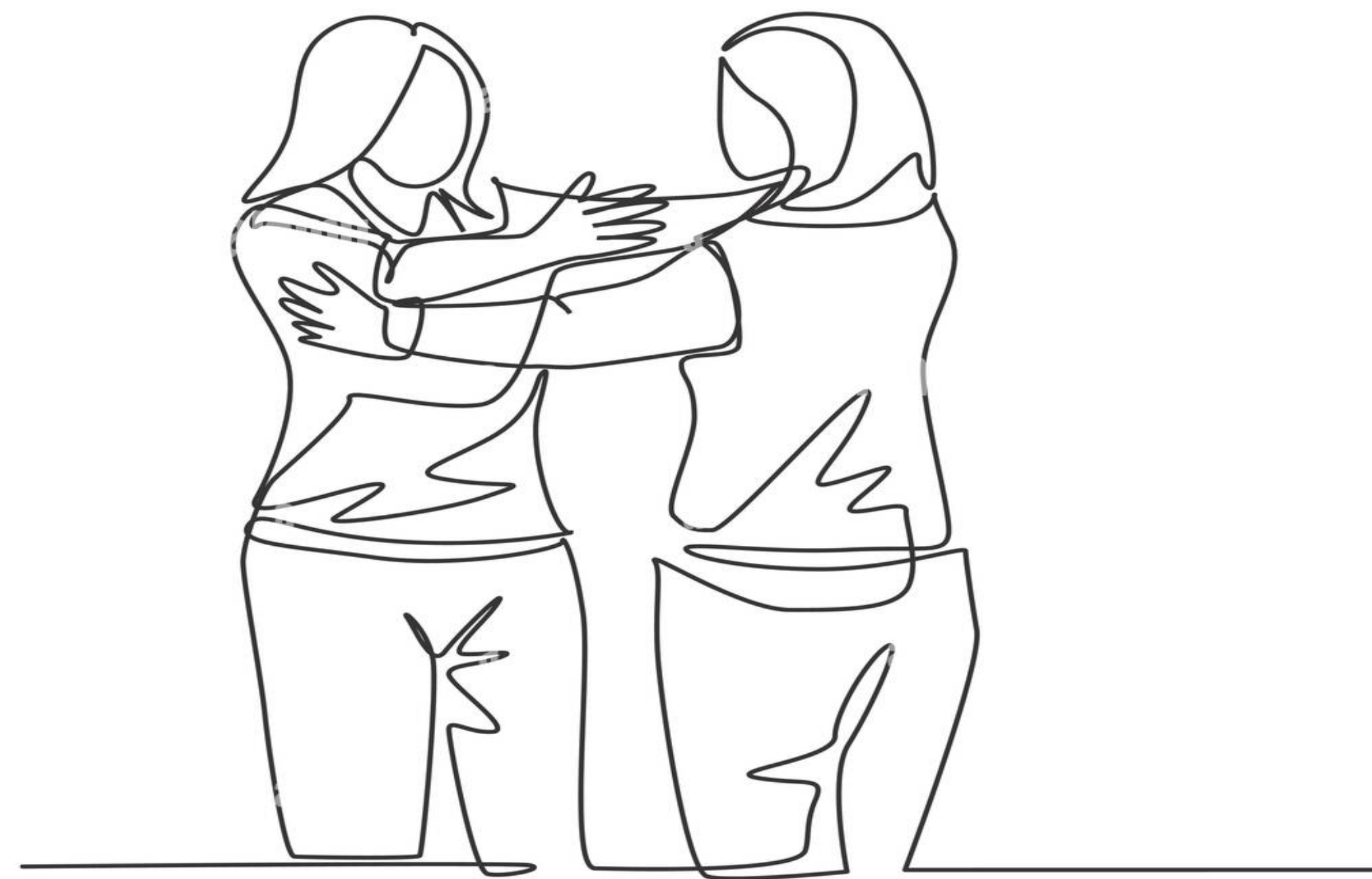
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# The Influence of Matched and Mismatched Political Affiliations on Relationship Satisfaction in Young Adult Population



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## INTRODUCTION

- This study will examine the influence of matched and mismatched political affiliations on individuals' levels of romantic relationship satisfaction within young adult heterosexual- and queer couples
- In today's society, political beliefs are incredibly impactful on interpersonal relationships (Afifi et al., 2020; Cassepp-Borges, 2021; Easton & Holbein, 2021; Fangmeier et al., 2020; Leikas et al., 2018; Sauerheber et al., 2021; Skellern et al. 2022)
- The impact of political affiliation on relationships is a relatively under researched topic among the young adult population
- As relationships can affect overall physical and mental health, examining relationship experiences influenced by political affiliations can benefit young adults (Eryilmaz & Dogan, 2013)
- The findings may assist young people in navigating their relationships
  - Improvements can be made to their overall relational and individual well-being
- This research will be a step towards representing young adult couples and how political affiliation impacts their relationship satisfaction

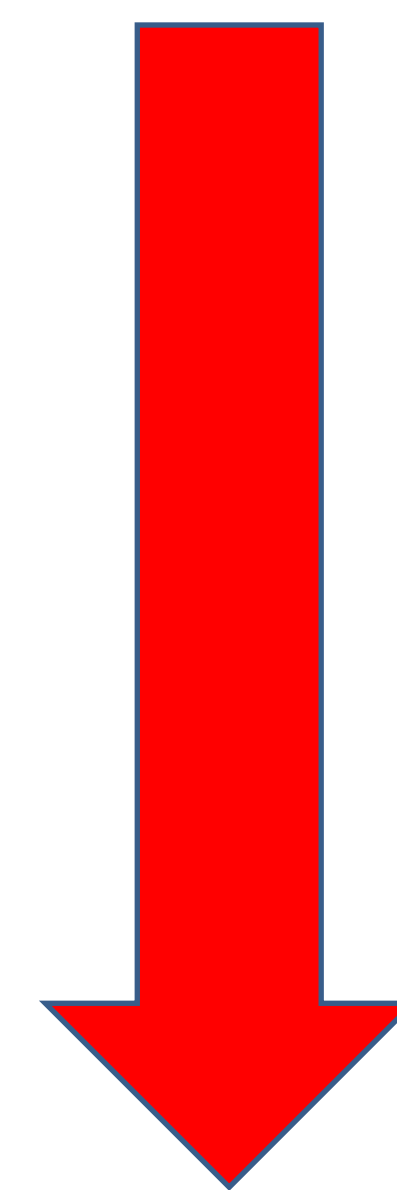
## RESEARCH QUESTION

- How does matched and mismatched political affiliations impact individuals' levels of romantic relationship satisfaction within young adult heterosexual- and queer couples

## HYPOTHESIS

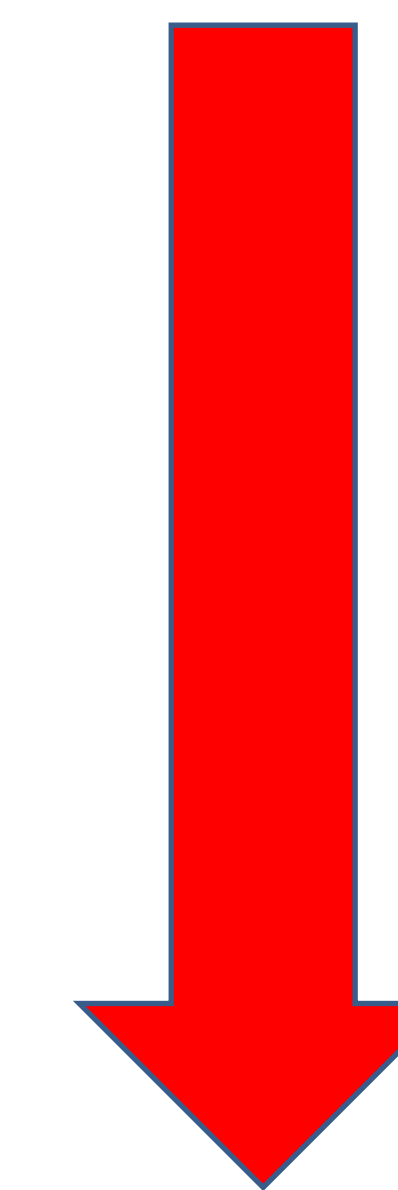
- **Hypothesis #1:** Those who share matched political affiliations with their partners will have higher relationship satisfaction
- **Hypothesis #2:** Those who do not share matched political affiliations with their partners will have lower relationship satisfaction

MATCHED POLITICAL  
AFFILIATION



HIGHER RELATIONSHIP  
SATISFACTION

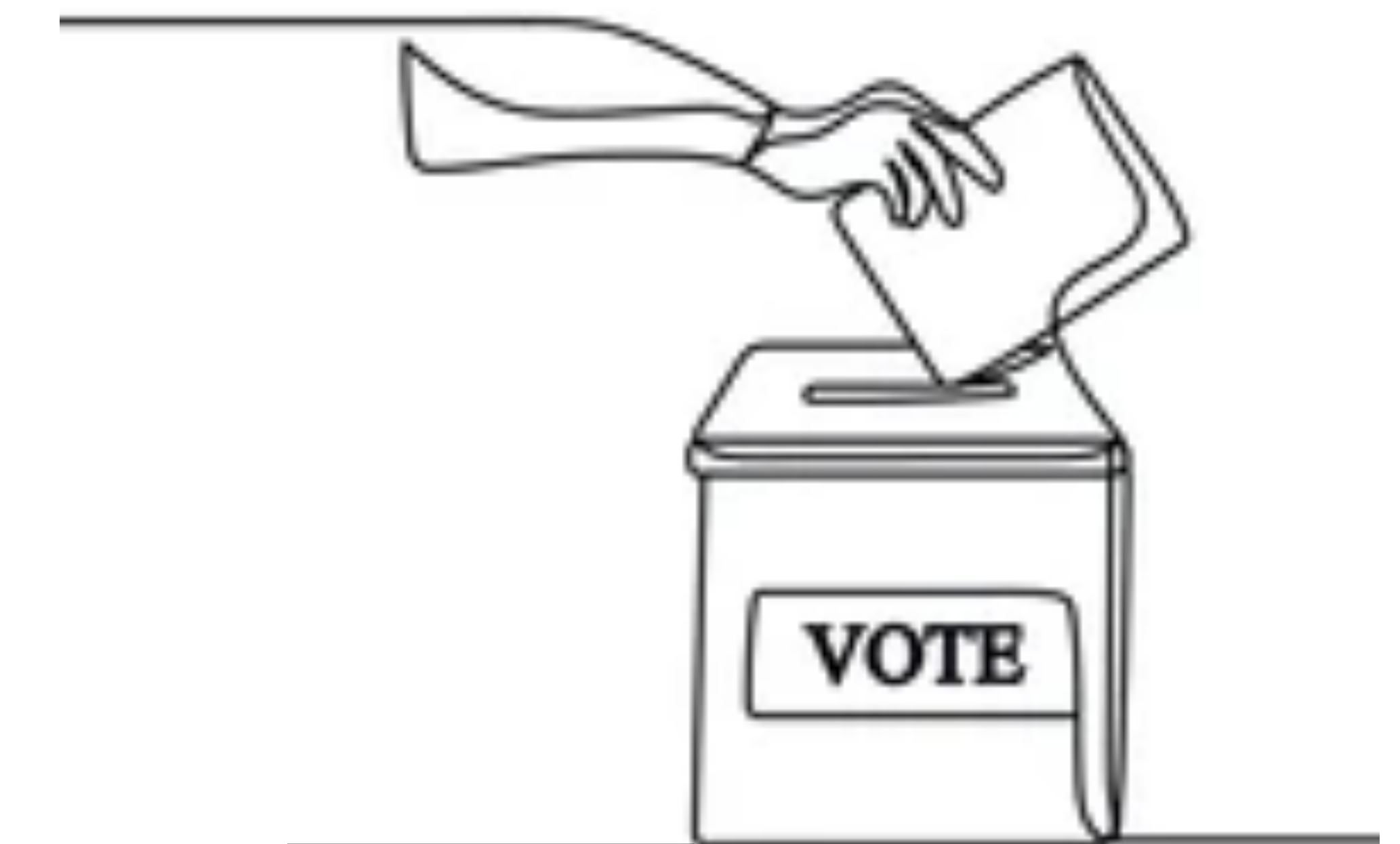
MISMATCHED POLITICAL  
AFFILIATION



LOWER RELATIONSHIP  
SATISFACTION

## ANALYSIS & RESULTS/FINDINGS

- Coming Spring 2023



## METHODOLOGY

- Sample: young adult participants ranging from ages 18-25 who have been in a romantic relationship for at least one month
- To find the ideal sample size, we ran a power analysis, which estimated we need about 200 participants
- The participants will be completing an anonymous survey containing:
  - Demographic questions
  - A single-item scale to measure the participant's political affiliation
  - A single-item scale to measure the participant's perceived political affiliation of their partner
  - The Couples Satisfaction Index, 8-item scale (CSI; Funke & Rogge, 2007)

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