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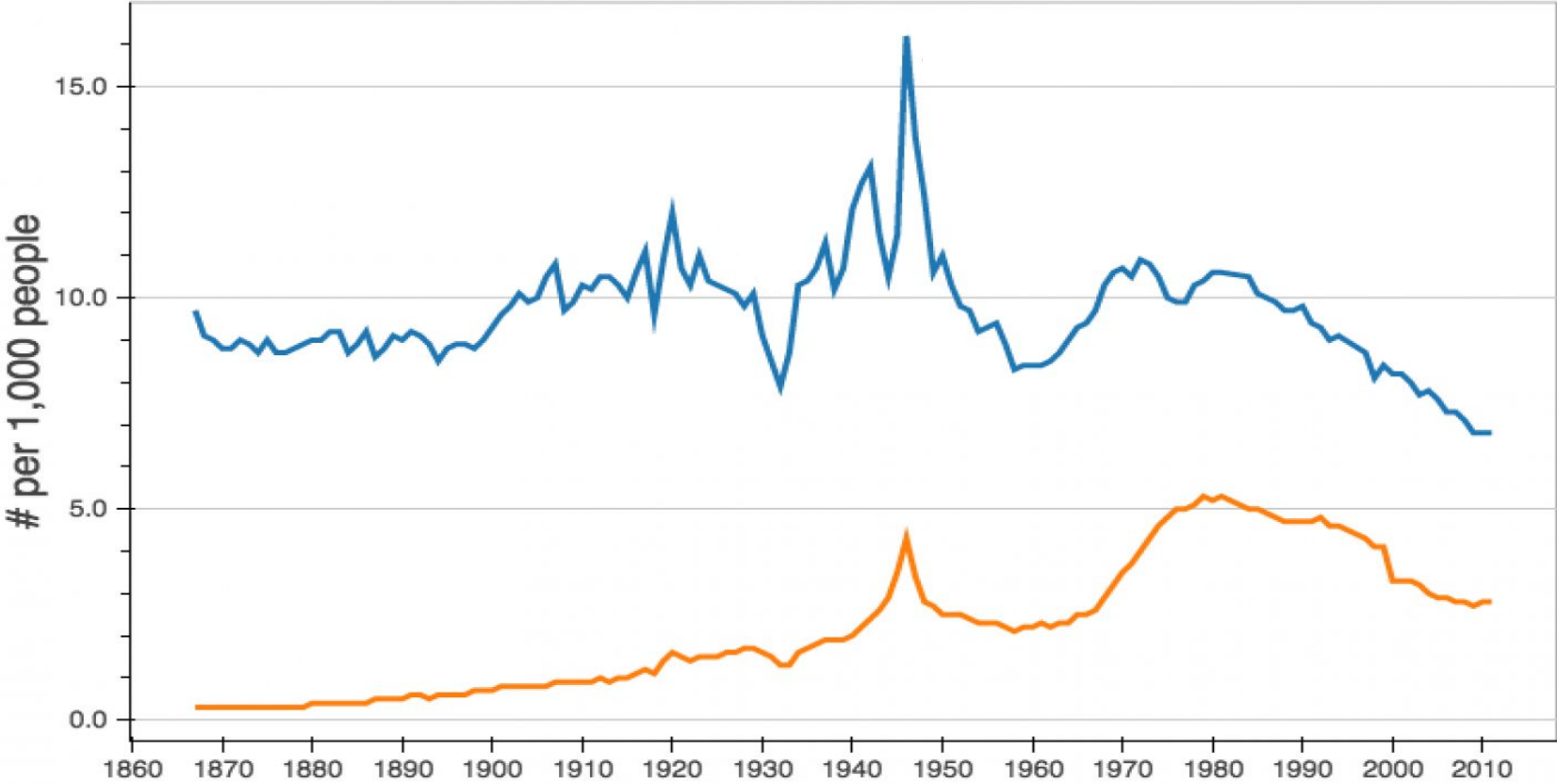
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How Co-Parenting Situations Affect Grief and Long-Term Effects in Children of Divorce

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# Peaking of Divorce Rates in the 1980s and 1990s



Data source: CDC NCHS  
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# Significant definitions for application

## Different types of parenting

**Co-parenting:** A joint-custody arrangement in which the child has contact and set living arrangements in both households

**Single-parenting:** A sole custody arrangement in which the child has contact and set living arrangement with only one parent

## Grief: 5 stages

Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, Acceptance<sup>1</sup>

## Romantic Relationship

Exclusive involvement with a partner that is beyond friendship

<sup>1</sup>Kübler-Ross, E. Kessler, D., Shriver, M. (2014) On grief and grieving: Finding the meaning of grief through the five stages of loss. New York, NY: Scribner.



# The Question

How do parenting styles post-divorce affect both the grieving process of the children involved and the long their long term romantic relationships?



# Survey Question (examples)

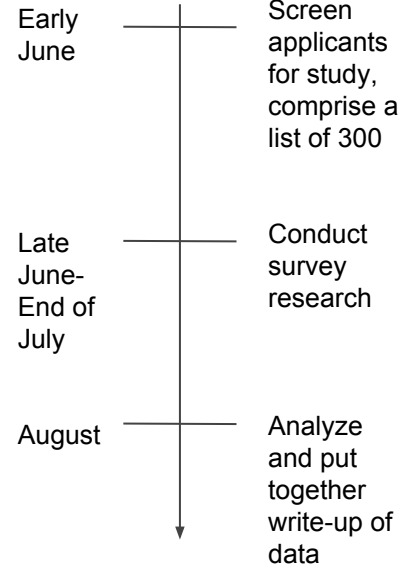
How do you handle your grief in example scenario?

What is your current relationship status?

How old were you when your parents got divorced?

What was the parenting-style used post-divorce?

## Timeline of Data Collection



# Expected Results

Note what is similar and different between different parenting styles in terms of grieving process and current romantic relationships

Survey questions will be analyzed and compiled in a paper



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