

# Financial Infidelity

Comingling finances while in a relationship means consenting to cooperation and transparency in your money management. According to a topic studied by the National Endowment for Financial Education (NEFE), "financial infidelity" can occur when one partner commits an act of deception.



In fact, **43%**\*

confessed to committing some act of financial deception.

## Reasons for Financial Deception

38%

believe some aspects of their finances should remain **private**

34%

feared **disapproval** by a partner in a relationship where financial discussions had already occurred

33%

admitted being **embarrassed** or **fearful** about their finances and didn't want their partner to know

## Effects of Financial Deception

85%

indicated **financial deceptions** affected their current/past relationships

42%

said it caused an **argument**

16%

said it led to **separation** of combined finances or **divorce**, respectively



## SILVER LINING



For some, financial deception provides a wake-up call.

19%

said the deception caused the couple to grow closer

16%

said the deception led to proactive communication



For full survey results and to learn more, visit [NEFE.org](https://www.nefe.org).

This survey was conducted online within the United States by The Harris Poll on behalf of NEFE between June 28-30, 2020 among 2,073 adults ages 18 and older.  
\*Among U.S. adults who have ever combined finances in a current/past relationship where one of the partners committed a financial deception.

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