# **Online Supplement I**

***List of Focus Group Questions***

1. By a show of hands, how many of you have heard of the term ‘*ghosting*’?
2. **If you have, how would you define or describe ghosting?**
3. Can you describe an experience (involving you or a friend) that you would consider an example of ghosting?
4. Based on these examples and definitions, how many of you now feel like you have ghosted someone or someone has ghosted you?
   * If you feel comfortable sharing, can you describe the situation (in more detail)?
5. **What role do you think technology/social media plays in ghosting?**
6. Does ghosting exist *because* of technology/ social media? Or does it merely seem more prevalent because of accessibility?
7. Do you think ghosting occurs in specific types of relationships?
   * (If they only mention romantic relationships, ask if they think it can apply to others.)
8. **What do you think are some reasons why someone might ghost?**
   * In your experience, does ghosting usually accomplish an intended goal?
9. For those of you who have been ghosted, was your reaction to that experience? (How did it make you feel?)
10. **What do you think are the psychological consequences (positive and negative) of ghosting for:**
    * **The ghoster**
    * **The ghostee**
11. Do you think ghosting has created a new culture of communication—or lack thereof?
    * Do you think ghosting is a necessary form of communication for this generation?
12. Do you think ghosting can be an appropriate response in certain contexts?
    * Are there instances where ghosting would be considered unacceptable?
    * Can you give an example?