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***Perceptions of civil unions, the benefits of marriage, and the legalities of relationship recognition***

This qualitative study explored participant's thoughts about nontraditional relationships (any relationship outside of a heterosexual marriage), their perceptions about civil unions, their understanding about the benefits of marriage, who should receive such benefits, and the legalities of relationship recognition.