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relationships often don't align on basic financial matters.

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By Shalene Gupta, Fast Company (TNS)

Two forces move the world: love and money. [Fidelity Investments](#) surveyed 1,794 couples over the age of 18 in committed relationships to examine what happens when you combine them. Here are some of the key findings.

- **Talking about money is challenging:** More than 1 in 4 couples say money is their greatest relationship challenge. More than 1 in 4 also say that they are frustrated

by their partner's habits but don't bring it up because they don't want to cause a

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Nearly half of couples expect they'll have to work part-time through retirement and 20% believe that at least one partner will have to continue working to cover living expenses.

“Money conversations can be daunting for couples, especially when they have competing priorities or different visions for how they should be spending, saving, and investing,” said Meredith Stoddard, vice president, education at Fidelity Investments. “Open lines of communication are the building blocks to any successful partnership.”

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