

Survey Responses: Providing Service

Survey was open for 50 hours (Wednesday-Friday, April 23-25)

Promoted through Fetlife, Facebook, Discord, and Slack

Received 43 Survey Responses

Reporting 42 Responses (only requirement was that individuals self-identified as service providers)

Conclusions

1. While service providers may find some characteristics undesirable in service receivers, the majority of service providers do not consider these undesirable characteristics to be dealbreakers when it comes to choosing whether or not to provide service to an individual. The only exception is serving a service receiver who is impatient- more service providers consider this a dealbreaker than not.
2. Service providers require an emotional connection over any other characteristic listed. That said, more service providers still indicated that it was not a requirement, even though it is desired by the majority.
3. Service providers desire a vast array of characteristics within their service receivers. The only characteristics that none of the service providers desired are: (1) you do not find the receiver physically attractive, (2) receiver is unemployed, and (3) receiver experiences mood swings. These categories, however, had many service providers who indicated they had no opinion of these characteristics.
4. The vast majority of survey respondents expect to receive internal satisfaction or validation as a result of providing service. 9.5% of individuals expect to receive either some form of kink/play activity or some form of sexual activity as a result of providing service.

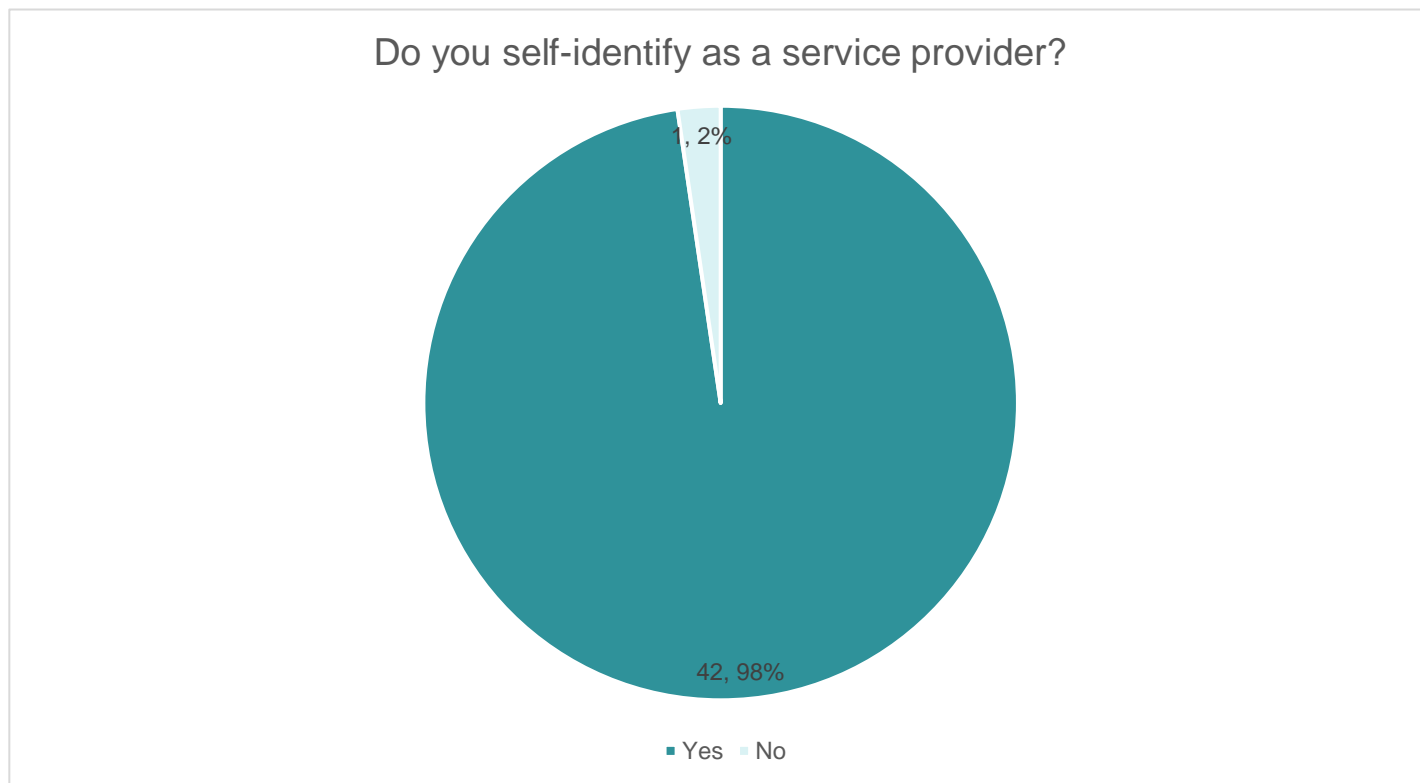
In the context of my class Worthy of Receiving Service, this data shows that regardless of what characteristics a service receiver may possess that they feel might call into question whether they “should” receive service, service providers exist who either have no opinion about these characteristics or desire these characteristics. While some characteristics may be perceived as dealbreakers by some service providers, those same characteristics may be requirements by others. The majority of service providers, however, do not choose whether to provide service to an individual based on the characteristics listed.

As mentioned in the class, every pot has a lid. Some pots may be more of a standard size and may have multiple lids that could work, but other pots may be more difficult to find lids for. Regardless of the characteristics a potential service receiver possesses, service providers exist who either desire them or do not mind them.

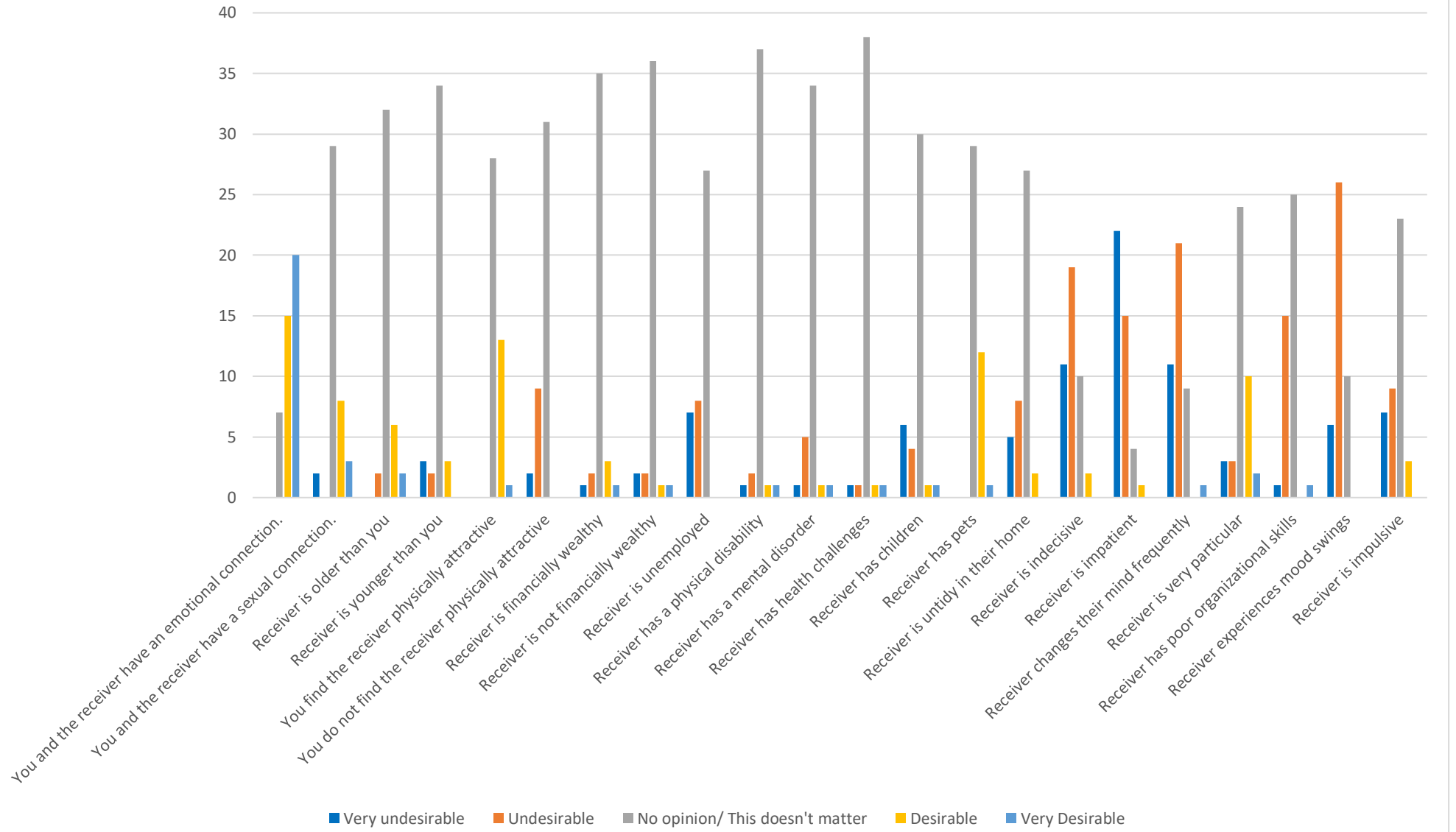
My hope with creating this survey isn't to radically change the perspectives of individuals who would like to receive service, but to gently push back against any notions of perceived unworthiness to receive service. ❤️

Responses

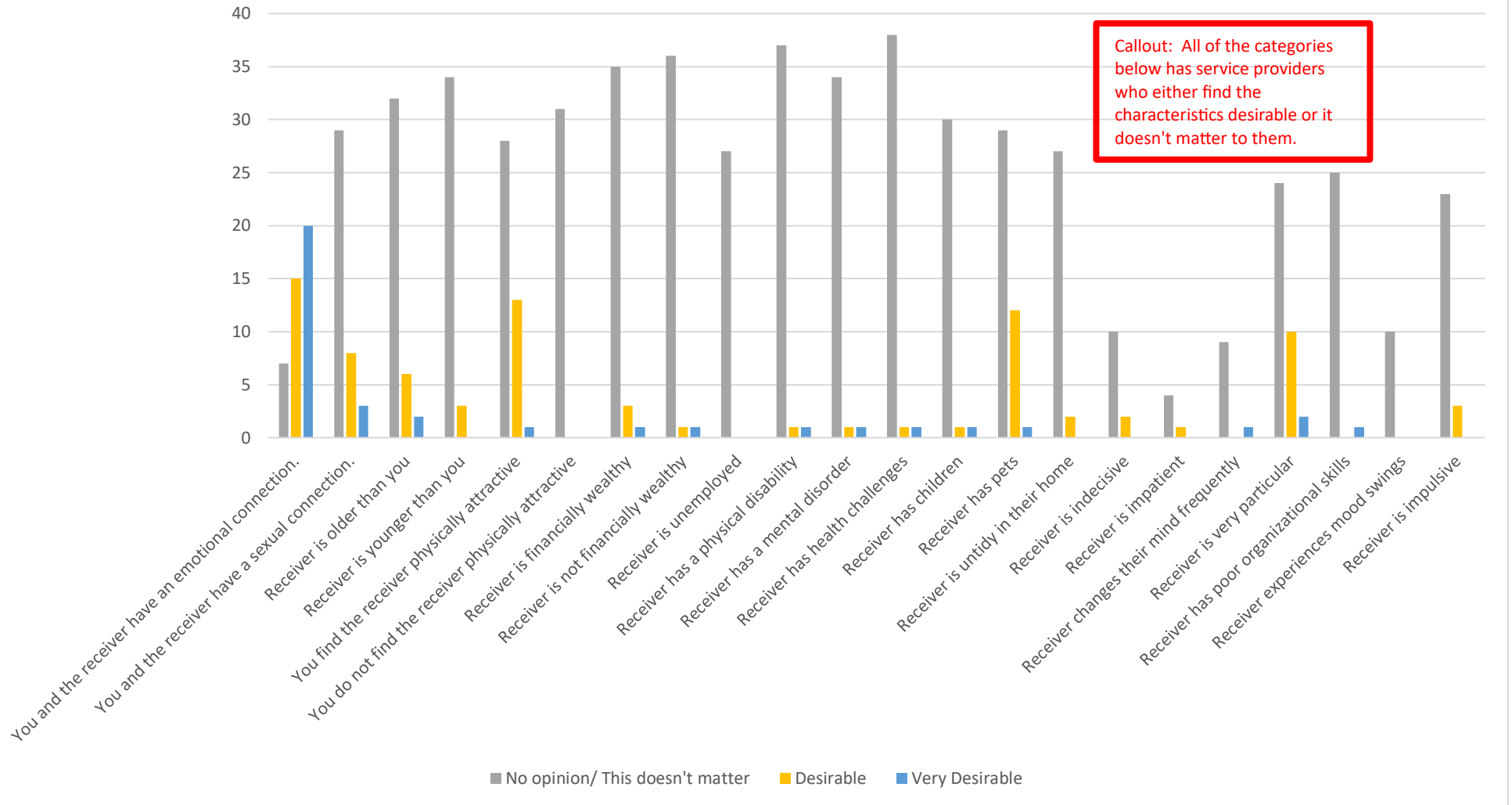
This question was used to screen responses from individuals who self-identify as service providers and individuals who do not self-identify as service providers. One respondent did not self-identify as a service provider and their responses were not included in the data moving forward.



Question: How desirable/undesirable are the following characteristics in an individual who is receiving service? All responses.

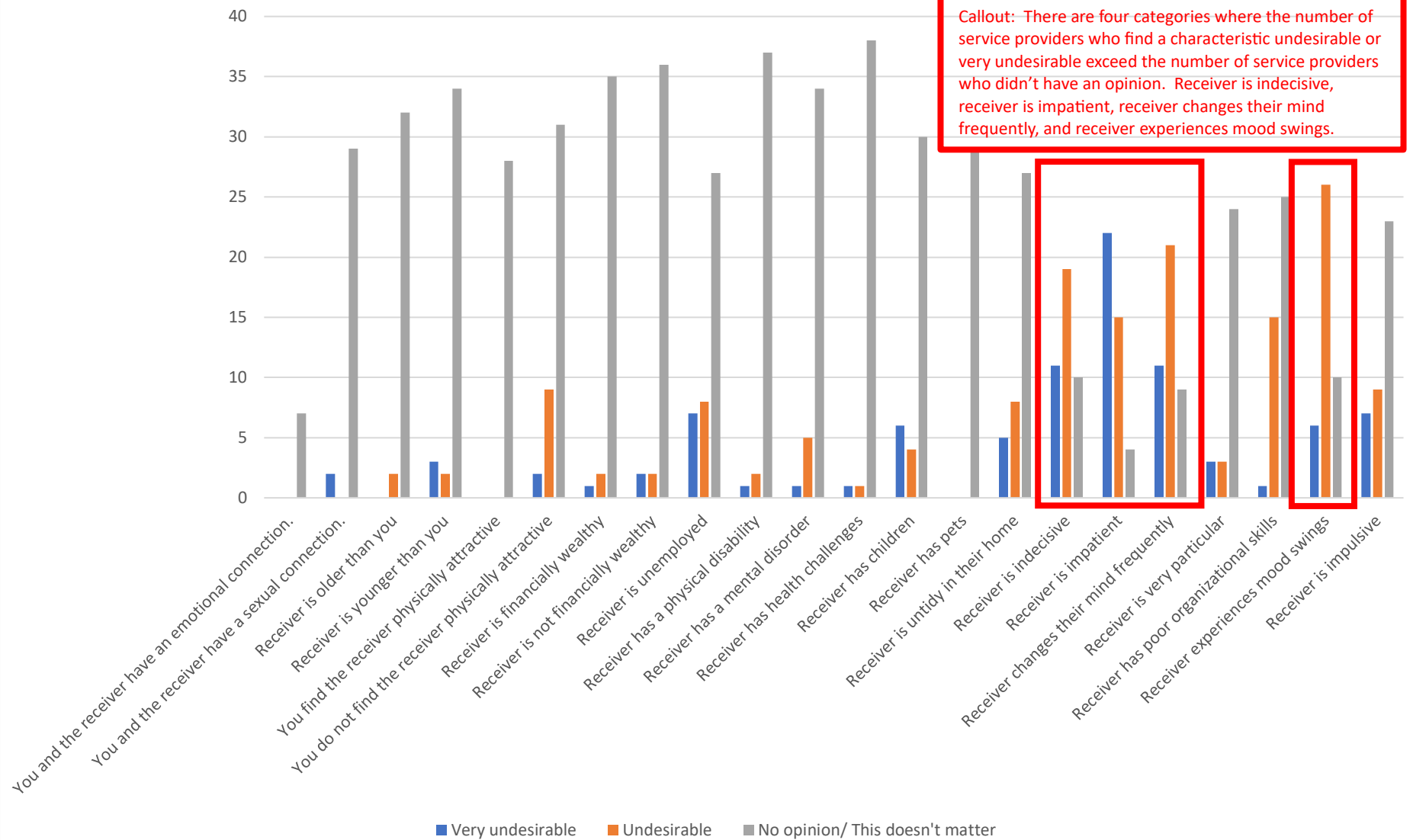


How desirable/undesirable are the following characteristics in an individual who is receiving service? No opinion/This doesn't matter, Desirable, and Very Desirable responses only

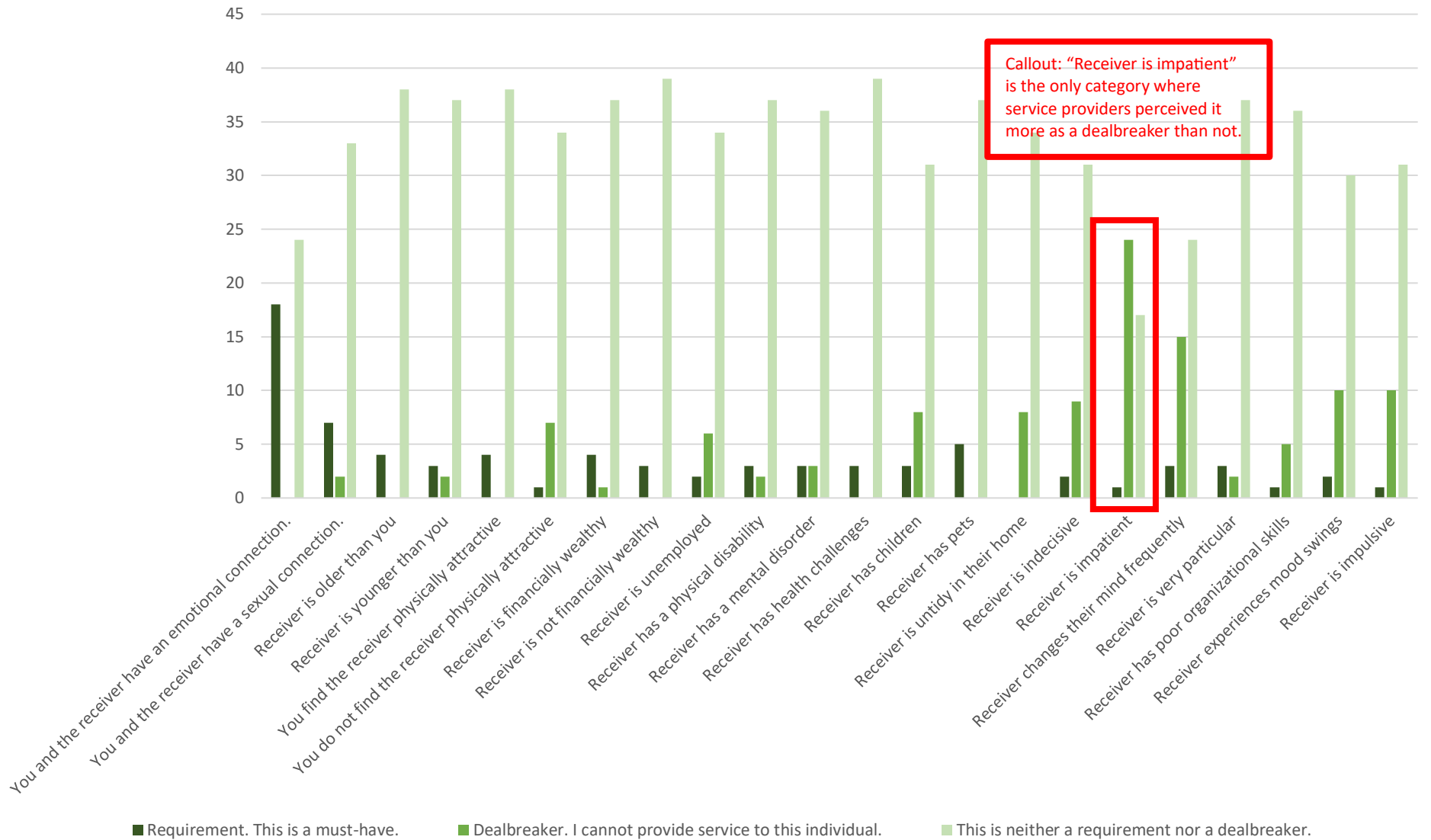


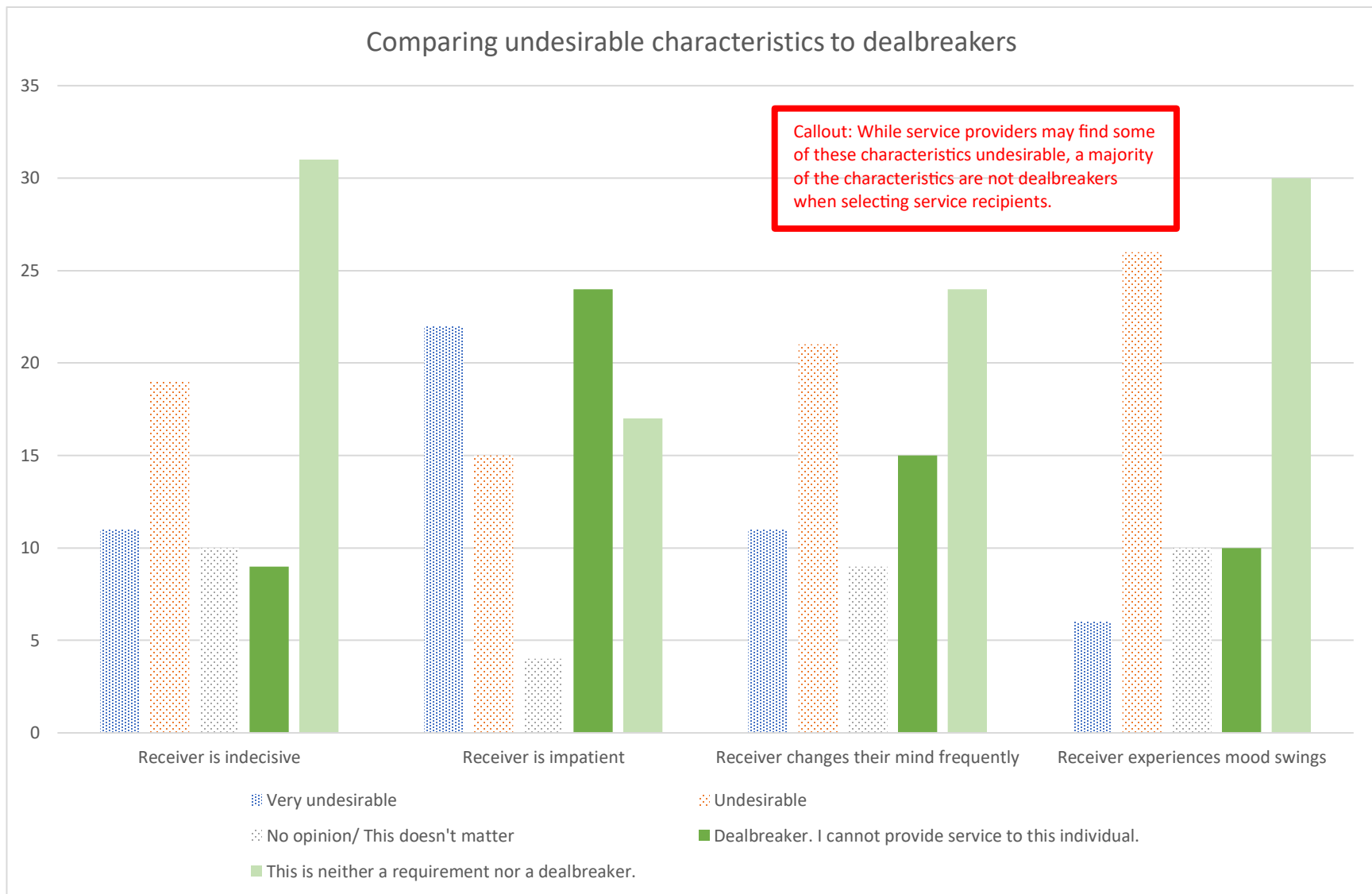
How desirable/undesirable are the following characteristics in an individual who is receiving service? Very undesirable, Undesirable, and No Opinion/This doesn't matter responses only

Callout: There are four categories where the number of service providers who find a characteristic undesirable or very undesirable exceed the number of service providers who didn't have an opinion. Receiver is indecisive, receiver is impatient, receiver changes their mind frequently, and receiver experiences mood swings.

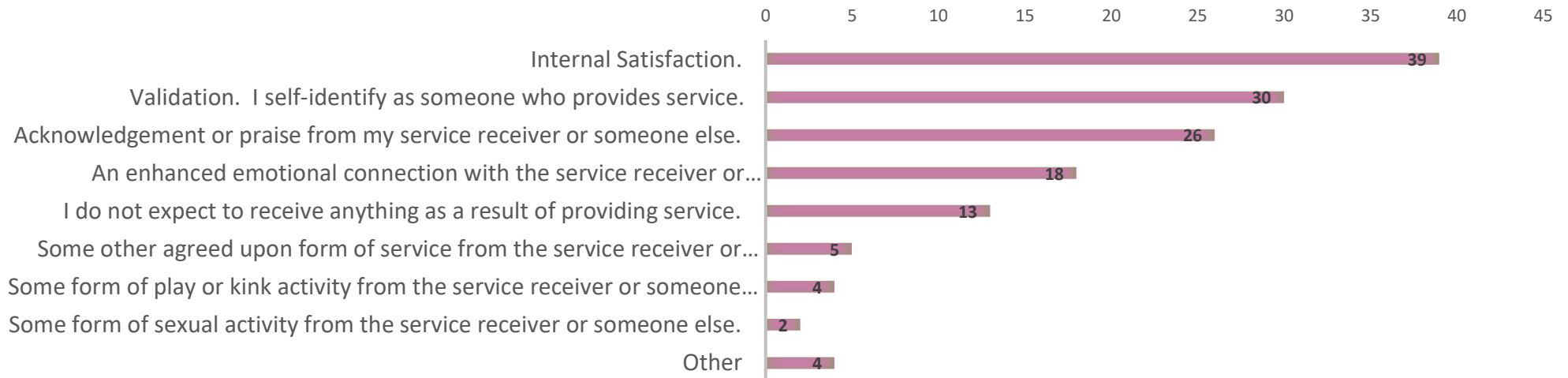


Are any of these requirements or dealbreakers for you? All responses.





QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO RECEIVE AS A RESULT OF PROVIDING SERVICE?



Other:

The bare minimum is acknowledgement and appreciation which can come in many different forms. Then depending upon the service, the individual/organization and our connection it can become different things. Expectations are managed during negotiations.

Depends if they are non kink massage client or I am Their devotee expectations differ service may be barter, monetary or guidance and affirmation.

While i don't have expectations of receiving anything, i also don't want to feel abused/taken advantage of in a negative way.

it really depends on my relationship with the person and the service

Optional: Is there anything you'd like to add or comment on regarding this survey or about service in general?

Nope 😊

It looks different for me based on what I am providing and to whom

Service is a pleasure to give when it happens in the right context.

I don't often think of what I do as service, although it is just that. It is how I show love - in any form, care, and support.

For a lot of the desirable or undesirable questions, it's an odd phrasing to me. It's not that some of those are desirable, but I do get a bit more of the warm fuzzies if I provide service to someone less fortunate (eg unemployed, not wealthy, etc). But I wouldn't say that I find those characteristics "desirable" per se.

Providing service isn't about the other people at all. It's about yourself. What you enjoy or don't out of the act. Think of it as a nurse. They provide service to any and everyone without prejudice because they love their work

As a 50 yo, straight black male, My service is age & race reserved. I submit/provide service to women of color 40 yrs & over. My service is offered as cultural honoring & acknowledgement.

Survey: Providing Service

This is a brief survey to gain understanding of the perspective of individuals who provide service to others.

For purposes of this survey, please use the below definitions. Note they are very broad and are not limited to a specific role or side of the slash.

Service- the action of helping, doing work for, or providing value to someone.

Service Provider- someone who provides service.

Service Receiver- someone who receives service.

Question 1: Do you self-identify as a service provider?

- Yes
- No

Question 2: How desirable/undesirable are the following characteristics in an individual who is receiving service? (Rating scale: Very undesirable, undesirable, No opinion/This doesn't matter, desirable, very desirable)

- You and the receiver have an emotional connection
- You and the receiver have a sexual connection
- Receiver is older than you
- Receiver is younger than you
- You find the receiver physically attractive
- You do not find the receiver physically attractive
- Receiver is financially wealthy
- Receiver is not financially wealthy
- Receiver is unemployed
- Receiver has a physical disability
- Receiver has a mental disorder
- Receiver has health challenges
- Receiver has children
- Receiver has pets
- Receiver is untidy in their home
- Receiver is indecisive
- Receiver is impatient
- Receiver changes their mind frequently
- Receiver is very particular
- Receiver has poor organizational skills
- Receiver experiences mood swings
- Receiver is impulsive

Question 3: Are any of these requirements or dealbreakers for you? Rating scale:
“Requirement. This is a must have.” “Dealbreaker. I cannot provide service to this individual.”
“This is neither a requirement nor a dealbreaker.”

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Question 4: What do you expect to receive as a result of providing service? Check all that apply.

- Internal Satisfaction.
- Validation. I self-identify as someone who provides service.
- Acknowledgement or praise from my service receiver or someone else.
- An enhanced emotional connection with the service receiver or someone else.
- I do not expect to receive anything as a result of providing service.
- Some other agreed upon form of service from the service receiver or someone else.
- Some form of play or kink activity from the service receiver or someone else.
- Some form of sexual activity from the service receiver or someone else.
- Other