

Appendix C

Coding Scheme

Table C1 summarizes the coding categories, their definitions, anchor examples, and coding rules used in this study.

Label	Definition	Anchor Example	Coding Rule
Vulnerable Isolation	Characterized by withdrawal, self-doubt, defensiveness, and hypersensitivity to rejection. Protective mechanism to guard a fragile self.	“I KNOW IT SOUNDS RIDICULOUS FOR ME TO SAY THAT BUT THAT'S WHAT MY GOAL WAS SO I'D HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OVER THEM SO I WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THEM LEAVING IN THE MORNING AND I COULD FULFILL MY FANTASIES.”	At least one aspect (withdrawal, hypersensitivity, self-doubt, defensiveness) present.
Vulnerable Enmity	Captures internalized hostility and paranoia; defensive antagonism marked by envy, projection, or spitefulness.	“NO REASON, YOU KNOW, I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING TO THEM OR ANYTHING THEY WERE JUST LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO HIT.”	At least one aspect (envy, paranoia, projection, spitefulness) present.
Grandiose Admiration	Outward self-promotion, charm, uniqueness, attention-seeking, and assertiveness.	“AND THE ONLY, THE ONLY REASON THE LAST GUY GOT AWAY WAS BECAUSE I WAS COMPLETELY UNCONSCIOUS FOR AT LEAST 6 HOURS...”	At least one aspect (self-promotion, assertiveness, uniqueness, charm) present.
Grandiose Rivalry	Antagonistic, outward hostility directed at others to maintain superiority; includes devaluation, supremacy, aggressiveness.	“SO NO, IT'S STILL A MYSTERY TO ME, I HAVE NO IDEA. AND EVEN THE PSYCHOLOGISTS, THEY HAVE NO IDEA. ALL THEY DO IS NAME THINGS YOU KNOW THEY LABEL THEM.”	At least one aspect (devaluation, supremacy, aggressiveness) present.