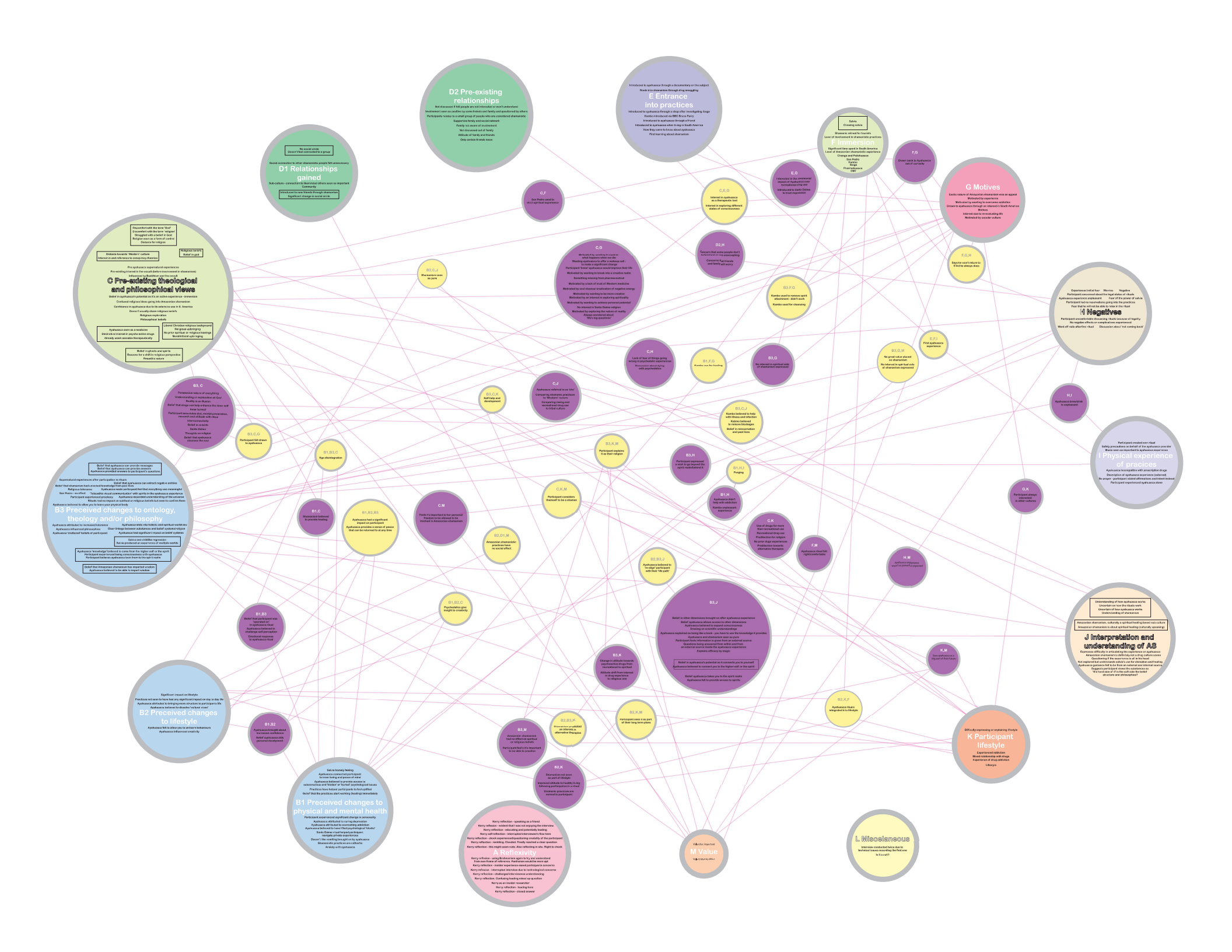
D2 Pre-existing relationships
Not discussed if felt people are not interested or won't understand
Involvement seen as positive by some friends and family and questioned by others
Participants relates to a small group of people who are considered shamanistic
Supportive family and social network
Rarely not aware of involvement
Not discussed out of family
Attitude of family and friends
Only certain friends know
Introduced to ayahuasca through a documentary on the subject
Made into obsession through drug smuggling
E Entrance into practices
Introduced to ayahuasca through a shop after investigating Ibogo
Kambo introduced into EBO Bryce Parry
Introduced to ayahuasca through a friend
Introduced to ayahuasca when living in South America
How they came to know about ayahuasca
First learning about shamanism
Salvia
Chewing salvia
Shamanic retreat for tourists
Level of involvement in shamanistic practices
F Immersion
Significant time spent in South America
Level of Amazonian shamanistic experience
Change and Pickthanose
Sananga
Ayahuasca
Ibogo
Pharmahuasca
DMT
F,G
Drawn back to Ayahuasca out of curiosity
G Motives
Exotic nature of Amazonian shamanism was an appeal
Motivated by experience
Motivated by wanting to overcome addiction
Drawn to ayahuasca through an interest in South American Mothers
Interest due to re-evaluating life
Motivated by psuedo-culture
E,G
Interested in the ceremonial aspect of Ayahuasca over recreational drug use
Introduced to Santo Daime by local organisation
D2,H
Concern that some people don't understand or may misconstrue
Concerns for friends and family will worry
C,E,G
Interest in ayahuasca as a therapeutic tool
Interest in exploring different states of consciousness
C,F
San Pedro used to elicit spiritual experience
D1 Relationships gained
Sub-culture - connection to likeminded others seen as important
Community
Introduced to new friends through shamanism
Significant change in social circle
No social circle
Doesn't feel connected to a group
Social connection to other shamanistic people felt unnecessary
C Pre-existing theological and philosophical views
Belief in ayahuasca's potential as it's an active experience - immersion
Confused religious ideas going into Amazonian shamanism
Confidence in ayahuasca due to its extensive use in S. America
Doesn't usually share religious beliefs
Religious exploration
Philosophical beliefs
Discomfort with the term 'God'
Discomfort with the term 'religion'
Struggled with a belief in God
Religion seen as a form of control
Distaste for religion
Religious beliefs
Belief in guilt
Distaste towards 'Western' culture
Interest in and reference to conspiracy theories
Liberal Christian religious background
Religious upbringing
No prior spiritual or religious trainings
Moralistic/ritual upbringing
Ayahuasca seen as a medicine
Distrust in a trained in psycho-active drugs
Already used cannabis therapeutically
Belief in ghosts and spirits
Reasons for a shift in religious perspective
Empathic nature
B2,C,J
Shamanistic views on cure
C,G
Motivated by wanting to explore what else is out there
Wanted to explore different worldview
Motivated by wanting to make a change
Participant 'knew' ayahuasca would improve their life
Motivated by wanting to break into a creative realm
Something missing from pharmaceutical
Motivated by a lack of trust of Western medicine
Motivated by soul cleanse/ eradication of negative energy
Motivated by wanting to be more creative
Motivated by an interest in exploring spirituality
Motivated by wanting to achieve personal potential
No interest in Santo Daime religion
Motivated by exploring the nature of reality
Always wondered about
Felt a big question/s
B3,F,G
Kambo used for cleansing
Kambo used to remove spirit attachment - didn't work
C,H
Lack of fear of things going wrong in psychedelic experiences
Misconception around dyeing with psychedelics
B1,F,G
Kambo was fun/exciting
B3,G
No interest in spiritual side of shamanism expressed
B3,G,M
No great value placed on shamanism
No interest in spiritual side of shamanism expressed
E,F,I
First ayahuasca experience
H Negative
Experienced initial fear Worries Negative
Participant concerned about the legal status of rituals
Ayahuasca experience unpleasant Fear of the power of salvia
Participant had no reservations going into the practices
Fear that he will not be able to relax in the ritual
Participant uncomfortable discussing rituals because of legality
No negative effects on complications experienced
Went off rails after/first ritual Discussion about 'not coming back'
H,I
Ayahuasca knowledge is unpleasant
I Physical importance of practices
Participant created own ritual
Safety precautions on behalf of the ayahuasca provider
Music seen as important to ayahuasca experiences
Ayahuasca incompatible with prescription drugs
Description of ayahuasca experience (external)
No prayer - participant visited afterwards and talked instead
Participant experienced ayahuasca alone
G,K
Participant always interested in other cultures
C,J
Ayahuasca referred to as 'she'
Comparing shamanic practices to 'Western' culture
Comparing being and recreational drug use to tribal culture
B3,C,J
Kambo believed to help with illness and infection
Kambo used for malaria blockage
Belief in reincarnation and past lives
B3,K,M
Participant explains it as their religion
B3,H
Participant expressed a wish to go beyond the spirit realm/external it
B1,H,I
Purging
B1,H
Ayahuasca didn't help with addiction
Kambo unpleasant experience
C,K,M
Participant considers themself to be a shaman
C,K
Use of drugs for more than recreational use
Recreational drug use
Predilection for religion
No prior drugs experiences
Predilection towards alternative therapies
F,M
Ayahuasca ritual felt right/comfortable
H,M
Ayahuasca's appearance wasn't as powerful as expected
B3, C
Metaphysical nature of everything
'Understanding' or 'acknowledge of God'
Reality is an illusion
Belief that drugs can help enhance the inner self
Inner turmoil
Participant associates ill-ill, morbid encounters, research and attitude with ritual interconnectively
Belief in rebirth
Santo Daime
Thoughts on religion
Belief that ayahuasca cleanses the soul
B3,C,G
Participant felt drawn to ayahuasca
B1,B3,C
Ego disintegration
B1,C
Shamanism believed to provide healing
B1,B2,B3
Ayahuasca had a significant impact on participant
Ayahuasca provides a sense of peace that can be returned to at any time
C,M
Feels it's important to her personal recovery that she is now involved in Amazonian shamanism
B2,D1,M
Amazonian shamanistic practices have no social effect
B1,B2,C
Psychedelics give insight to creativity
B2,B3,J
Ayahuasca believed to 're-align' participant with their 'life path'
B3,J
Belief in other dimensions brought on after ayahuasca experience
Belief ayahuasca allows access to other dimensions
Ayahuasca believed to expand consciousness
Drawing on scientific understandings
Ayahuasca explained as being like a book - you have to use the knowledge it provides
Ayahuasca and shamanism seen as pure
Participant felt that they had an external source
Questions being answered from within and from an external source inside the ayahuasca experience
Explains efficacy by magic
Belief in ayahuasca's potential as it connects you to yourself
Ayahuasca believed to connect you to the higher self or the spirit
Belief ayahuasca takes you to the spirit realm
Ayahuasca felt to provide access to spirits
B3,K
Change in attitude towards psychoactive drugs from recreational to spiritual
Attitude shift from interest in drug experience to religious one
B2,K,M
Participant sees it as part of their long term plans
B2,K,F
Ayahuasca rituals integrated to lifestyle
B3,M
Amazonian shamanism seen as a form of religion or religious beliefs
Participant feel's it's important to be able to practice
B2,B3,K
Shamanism not prohibited an interest in alternative therapies
B2,K
Shamanism not seen as part of lifestyle
Improved attitude to healthy living following participation in a ritual
Shamanic practices are normal to participants
B1,B3
Belief that participant was 'operated on' in ayahuasca ritual
Ayahuasca believed to challenge self-perception
Emotional response to ayahuasca ritual
B1,B2
Ayahuasca brought about increased confidence
Belief ayahuasca aids personal development
B2 Preceived changes to lifestyle
Significant impact on lifestyle
Practices not seen to have had any significant impact on day to day life
Ayahuasca attributed to bringing more structure to participants life
Ayahuasca believed to dissolve 'verbal noise'
Ayahuasca felt to allow you to unlearn behaviours
Ayahuasca influenced creativity
B1 Preceived changes to physical and mental health
Participant experienced significant change in personality
Ayahuasca attributed to curing depression
Ayahuasca attributed to overcoming addiction
Ayahuasca felt to help with 'processing' blocks'
Santo Daime ritual helped participant navigate private experiences
Doesn't like smelling/engulfed by ayahuasca
Shamanistic practices are cathartic
Anxiety with ayahuasca
Salvia homely feeling
Ayahuasca connected participant to inner being and peace of mind
Ayahuasca believed to provide access to subconscious and 'hidden' or 'buried' psychological issues
Practices have helped participants to feel uplifted
Belief that the practices start working (healing) immediately
A Reflexivity
Kerry reflection - speaking as a friend
Kerry reflexion - evident that I was not enjoying the interview.
Kerry reflection - relaxating and potentially leading
Kerry self-reflection - interrupted interviewee's flow here
Kerry reflection - shock experience/questioning creativity of the participant
Kerry reflection - rambling. Clouded. Finally reached a clear question
Kerry reflection - this might seem rude. Also reflecting in situ. Right to check
Kerry reflection - speaking as a friend
Kerry reflexion - using Brainscience again to try and understand
Kerry reflection - I'm aware I interrupted here. Sorry!
Kerry reflection - wonder experienced participants are unsure
Kerry reflexion - interrupted interview due to technological concerns
Kerry reflection - challenged interviewees understanding
Kerry reflection. Confusing leading minor up question
Kerry as an insider researcher
Kerry reflection - leading here
Kerry reflection - closed answer
Value is important
M Value
Value of ayahuasca
L Miscellaneous
Interview conducted twice due to technical issues recording the first one
Is it a cut?
J Interpretation and understanding of AS
Understanding of how ayahuasca works
Uncertain on how the rituals work
Uncertain of how ayahuasca works
Understanding of shamanism
Amazonian shamanism, culturally a spiritual healing based rule culture
Amazonian shamanism is about spiritual healing (culturally speaking)
Experience difficulty in articulating the experience on ayahuasca
Amazonian shamanism is definitely not a drug culture scene
Questioning if the experience is all in his head
Not explained but understands advice's use for stimulation and healing
Ayahuasca is not the only way to heal - there are other natural sources
Suggests participant views the substance as an 'in hand side of' it's like self-aids like belief structure and philosophies?
K,M
Sees ayahuasca as a big part of their future
K Participant lifestyle
Difficulty expressing or explaining lifestyle
Experienced addiction
Mixed relationship with drugs
Experience of drug addiction
Lifestyle