“Why do I find you attractive?”
Pages 192 - 197
“You look familiar” - Social Homogamy

- What are some of the qualities that apply to the social homogamy theory?

- Provide an example of this theory in action.
“Love at First Sight” - Ideal Mate Theory

- How/when/where do we form our image of an ideal mate?

- Provide an example of this theory in action.
“Come hear often?” - Proximity

- Why do we find people attractive simply because we see them everyday?
- Provide an example of this theory in action.
“Love yourself before loving another” - Erikson's Identity Crisis

- How do men and women differ in this theory?
- Why do they differ?
- Provide an example of this theory in action.
“Me Man, You Woman. Let's Mate” - Natural Selection

- Women prefer to date men who are.....
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- Men prefer to date women who are.....
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- Provide an Example of this theory in action.
How do most find their mates?
• Women preferred to mate with men who
  – would be good fathers
  – would stay around to be good providers for themselves & their babies
• Men preferred to mate with women who
  – could bear healthy babies
  – could feed their children
  – had the intelligence & temperament to raise them well
• Two processes were at work for men & women to exchange their valuable reproductive resources
  1. Individual preferences for an attractive mate
  2. Competition with others for mate
The Evolution of Desire – by David Buss (evolutionary psychologist)

• “Potential partners is still patterned to enable them to select the person with whom they can raise the most successful children”

– In all societies women wish to “marry up”

– Women are twice as likely to men to marry for financial resources

– Women are attracted to healthy, intelligent, well-educated, hard-working and ambitious

– Men are attracted to physically appealing, young & healthy

• In summary, according to anthropology & evolutionary psychology, women are attracted to good providers & men are attracted to women who appear to be fertile
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- Desmond Morises' – The Human Animal
- What do we naturally/unconsciously find attractive in men and women?
- How do different cultures differ in what they find attractive? What is universal in attractiveness?
- What are some the courting rituals we practice?
Courtship Rituals

What sorts of activities do couples go through that could be called a courtship ritual?

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  • Individuals are allowed to win each other's affection
  • Courtship rituals in all societies
  • Men display their resources to prove they have the potential to be good providers
  • Women display the qualities that make them desirable & nurturing