

PSYC 325

Discussion Questions

Week 14 (Monday) - Non-Long-Term Relationships

1. What social and psychological factors do you think might predict casual sexual behaviors (hookups) according to the theories we covered this semester? How do the factors work with men and women?
2. Paul, McManus & Hayes (2010) found that only 12% of the participants who had hookup experiences reported their hookups evolved into romantic relationships of an average length of 4 months. What is the reasoning behind this? Why can't relationships evolved from hookups last?
3. Paul, McManus & Hayes (2010) found minimal gender differences in hookups despite many studies provided evidences for traditional gender roles, why? Which gender do you think benefits more from hookups and why?
4. Paul, McManus & Hayes (2010) suggested that future studies should look into young adults populations rather than only college students. Do you think there would be a significant difference in result? In what ways is college culture influencing casual sexual encounters?
5. Jonason et al found that, unlike men, women were more likely to perceive a booty call as having the potential to develop into a long term relationship. How do you think the evolutionary theory would account for the gender differences in perceptions of potential for long-term relationships?
6. How do you think evolutionary theory would account for women agreeing to engage in a booty call relationship?
7. Do you agree with Jonason et al's argument that booty calls serve as a compromise between male and female mating strategies?
8. Do you think that relationship psychologists can truly capture the nature of NLTR in a quantitative manner considering their inherent inconsistent nature across individuals?
9. How do you think evolutionary theory could account for "no strings attached" relations on the part of women?
10. The FWBR (Friends with Benefit) paper samples from ages up to 47, do you think findings would differ in a solely college aged sample?