

# Attraction, Social Attraction, and Social Exclusion (Rejection)

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To attract more love and romance, hang  
artwork that depicts happy couples.

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# Romantic Rejection



- One impressive early paper on romantic rejection used attribution theory to understand the reasons women gave for refusing an offer of a date (Folkes, 1982)
- Attribution can be sorted 3 dimension:
- Internal/external, stable/unstable, and global/specific

# Unrequited love

- ❑ A situation in which one person loves another but the other does not return that love .
- ❑ Men have more experience of being the rejected lovers, and women are more often in the rejecting role (Baumeister, Wotman , & Stillwell, 1993; Hill, Blake more & Drumm, 1996)
- ❑ **Stalking** persisting in romantic , courtship, or other behavior that frighten and harass the rejecter in a relationship.

# Unrequited love



- ❖ Unrequited love is something that both genders experience, women are disproportionately the victims of stalkers.
- ❖ Data from the National Violence Against Women (NVAW) Survey showed that women report being stalked in the context of current / former romantic partner (marriage, cohabitation, or dating)
- ❖ Whereas men rarely reported being stalked in the context of a current / former romantic relationship (Tjaden & Thoennes ,1998)

# conclusion

- **Attraction** is the attraction between people which leads to friendships and romantic relationships. In general, favors are good way to promote liking, praising people is a reliable way to get them to like you. Social interaction and social situation reflect on attraction.
- **Psychologists** generally think that beauty is to signs of being a good mate and potential partner, which especially means being young and healthy. In contrary, Rejection is vise versa of attraction.
- **Rejection** undermines self-regulation and often makes people behave selfishly rather than acting in socially conscientious manner. Eventually, humans are programmed to form and maintain social bonds, breaking them goes against the grain and makes the rejecter feel guilty.