Attraction, Social Attraction, and Social Exclusion (Rejection)

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Social Rejection

Children are rejected by their peers for three main reasons (Juvonen & Gross, 2005)

I. Aggressive children are rejected.

II. Some children withdraw from contact with others, and they in turn are rejected by others.

III. Related to the other two, deviance leads to rejection.
Social Rejection

✓ Much deviance involves breaking the rules.
✓ The hand is cut off because stealing in general undermines trust and degrades the whole fabric of social relationships.
✓ A further reason that groups may reject deviants lies in the so-called bad apple effect (Colman, 1982)
✓ **Bad apple effect** the idea that one person who breaks the rules can inspire other people to break the rules also
Social Rejection

✓ The threat of being expelled/rejected does seem to be an important force in producing good behavior.
✓ The link between rejection and deviance has been confirmed in research on families.
✓ Common bad behaviors were seen as justifying expelling someone from the family are rejection, abandonment, disloyalty, sexual abuse.