**Relationships Studies**

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| **Topic** | **Main Study: one you need to know in detail** | **Extra Studies: that you could use to evaluate** |
| Formation of relationships | Byrne & Clore: Reward-Need Satisfaction Model – relationship is initiated when partners meet each other’s needs  Byrne, Clore & Smeaton: Similarity model – similar people more likely to like each other | Griffit & Guay – ppts rated researchers more highly if told they did well, Aron – Early love associated with dopamine, May & Hamilton – Images rated more highly with better music  Rosenbaum Dissimilarity Hypothesis – reject different people, Bersheid & Reis – people with similar personalities more likely to be attracted to each other |
| Maintenance of relationships | Thibaut and Kelley – Profit and loss, comparison level A weighing up of whether the relationship is beneficial to you or whether the costs are not worth the benefits. Often compared to previous relationships comparison level (CL) Seeing the relationship as an overall loss will affect maintenance  Walster – Inequity and distress, ratio of inputs and outputs Whereby you judge whether you are putting in the same relationship as you are receiving. Any sort of inequity causes distress and potential loss of maintenance | Martz argue that high investment in a relationship can maintain it as the alternatives may be low. Could explain remaining in an abusive relationship.  Clark suggests relationships are more aimed at meeting each-other’s need rather than meeting your own needs.  Duck suggests that there is reasonable reward to giving which isn’t accounted for within the social exchange theory  Demaris found that inequity wasn’t the main factor of a breakdown of maintenance, the only subjective matter that had an effect was woman being under benefited. |
| Breakdown of relationships | Rollie original model – 1)lack of skills 2)lack of stimulation 3)maintenance  Rollie and Duck – 6 processes BIDSGR – Breakdown, Intrapsychic processes, Dyadic processes, social processes, grave dressing, resurrection. | Shaver at al supported maintenance when he found that going to uni caused most breakups.  Tashiro and Fraizer – looked at undergrads and found they reported emotional stress and personal growth  Impact of relationship breakdown, Akert found those who started the breakup were less miserable. |
| Sexual Selection |  |  |
| Parental Investment |  |  |
| Influence of childhood on adult relationships |  |  |
| Influence of culture on romantic relationships |  |  |