Physical Attraction and Romantic Relationships

Predictors of Attraction

Men to Women
- Athletic
- Physically attractive
- Conservative
- Agreeable
- Extroverted
- High self-esteem

Women to Men
- Physically Attractive
- Athletic
- Plays sports

Physical attraction = Best predictor of Romantic relationships

-Natural Selection- Characteristics that provide a survival or reproductive advantage are more likely to be passed on

Evolutionary Theory- men and women will seek out characteristics that provide a survival or reproductive advantage

Women place more emphasis on intelligence, ambition, education, income, and social status- which are associated with the ability to provide more marital resources

Men place more emphasis in youthfulness, which allows for more reproductive years, and attractiveness, which is correlated with health and fertility

References: