

Intimate Relationships, 8e

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Detailed List of Features

New Features

The eighth edition includes hundreds of new discoveries and findings from the last three years, including coverage of technoference, Dark Triad traits, and marital paradigms, as well as 686 new references.

New and updated boxed features enhance students' awareness of the latest developments in the different topics related to close relationships.

Retained Features

Intimate Relationships provides an inviting, highly acclaimed, reader-friendly style that reads like a conversation with the author.

Thought-provoking Points to Ponder based on key concepts have been added at multiple intervals within chapters, urging readers to stop and analyze their own behavior in close relationships. The Points to Ponder invite readers to think more deeply about concepts and to inspect their personal reactions to the text material. The Points also serve as topics for class discussions and individual essays.

For Your Consideration sections offer scenario-based examples of the different aspects of relationship dynamics. Presented in each chapter, the examples allow students to immediately reflect on the material they have learned or serve as topics for in-class discussion.

Chapter summaries highlight the key takeaways of the material presented in the chapters.

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Chapter by Chapter Changes

Chapter 1: The Building Blocks of Relationships

New additions: The deleterious impacts of technoference and phubbing

New findings: The outcomes of cohabitation

Increasing insecurity in American college students

The similarities of the sexes

Research involving LGBT participants

Chapter 2: Research Methods

New additions: The Relationship Flourishing Scale

New findings: Immersive virtual realities in relationship research

The ethics of relationship research

Fresh examples of cutting-edge procedures

Chapter 3: Attraction

New additions: Instrumentality as the fundamental basis of attraction

Dealbreakers: the things we can't stand in a new mate

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New findings: The effects of familiarity
 The outcomes of online dating
 Men's scents
 The color red
 Matching in physical attractiveness
 Men's resources and women's youth and beauty

Chapter 4: Social Cognition

New additions: Marital paradigms
New findings: Instantaneous first impressions
 fWHR in men
 Adverse effects of destiny beliefs

Chapter 5: Communication

New additions: Pupil dilation as a sign of interest
New findings: Chemosignals
 Coming out
 Avoidance of intimacy and touching
 Laughter among friends
 Texting and relationship satisfaction
 Attachment style and communication

Chapter 6: Interdependency

New additions: Forecasts of commitment
Expanded, agreeable definitions of social exchange, communal relationships, and equity

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New findings: Marital expectations

Chapter 7: Friendship

New additions: The Dark Triad traits of Machiavellianism and psychopathy

New findings: Perceived partner responsiveness and health
Facebook friends

Chapter 8: Love

New additions: The variable effects of oxytocin on social behavior

New findings: The frequency of sex over time

Chapter 9: Sexuality

New additions: Sexual growth beliefs
Self-control and safe sex
Frequency of sex and sexual satisfaction

New findings: The desirability of virginity
Attitudes toward same-sex relationships and marriage equality
Abstinence pledges
The effects of porn on relationships
Cheating among cohabiting partners
Male's misperceptions of women's interest

Chapter 10: Stresses and Strains

New additions: The Dark Triad traits and jealousy and mate poaching

New findings: Lying in everyday life
The sex of a rival

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Chapter 11: Conflict

New additions: The value of future orientations in resolving conflict

New findings: Stress and the frequency of conflict
Anger and marital and physical health

Chapter 12: Power and Violence

New additions: The price of violent acts

New findings: Direct uses of power
Gender differences in intimate violence

Chapter 13: The Dissolution and Loss of Relationships

New additions: Relational cleansing of Facebook accounts

New findings: Narratives of breakups

Chapter 14: Maintaining and Repairing Relationships

New additions: Relationship rituals as maintenance mechanisms

New findings: The value of having fun

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