

ABSTRACT

This study examined the linkages of friendships and romantic relationships based on Kuttler and La Greca's (2004) levels of dating involvement and Lee's (1973) six love styles. Two hundred and six participants (82 men and 124 women) were recruited and they completed the questionnaires. Results showed that (a) casual daters had higher disclosure and reliance/satisfaction with same-sex best friends than non-daters, (b) daters had higher companionship and disclosure with cross-sex friends than non-daters, (c) daters had more friends, more opposite-sex friends and friends with romantic partners, (d) women had more positive interactions (e.g. companionship, affection, disclosure, support) with same-sex best friends than men, (e) the love styles, especially mania, predicted the peer relationship qualities. Discussion on findings and implications were further explored to understand the connection of peer and romantic relationships.