

ABSTRACT

Past research has shown that sociosexuality has substantial effects on heterosexual romantic relationships. Nevertheless, not much literature has devoted to study the perceived sociosexual discrepancy exist between a couple. Therefore, the objective of this research is to explore the effects of such discrepancy on relationship functioning. In particular, sexual boredom, relationship satisfaction and infidelity proneness would be examined. Gender was also included in the study to investigate possible interaction effects. One hundred and twenty five participants (70 males and 55 females) were recruited to complete measures regarding their own and perceived partner's sociosexual orientation, sexual boredom, relationship satisfaction and proneness of infidelity. Significant results showed that positive mismatched group shows higher sexual boredom, proneness to infidelity and lower relationship satisfaction than the other two groups. However, only significant gender differences were found in sexual boredom. Moreover, sexual boredom was found to be associated positively with infidelity proneness and negatively with relationship satisfaction. Implications of the research results to maintain healthy romantic relationships were discussed.