Abstract

The studies tested correlates of deception attitude and behaviour in intimate

relationships. Study 1 explored relationship variables and individual differences in relation to

deception delivery and detection of intimate partners. Commitment negatively correlated to

the likelihood of deception but not the unacceptability of deception. Study 2 further examined

the effects of commitment with face-to-face interaction task. Result showed that commitment

correlated to the degree of unacceptability of deception. The difference of result from that in

Study 1 may be attributed to the more realistic frame of reference.

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