

# Comparison of Attachment Styles and Object Relationships Among Women Engaged in Romantic Relationships with an Age Difference of 10 Years or Less and an Age Difference of 15 Years or More (with the Man Being Older)

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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The research question is clear and offers a novel approach to understanding romantic relationships through the lens of psychological theories. However, expanding the literature review to include more recent studies could provide a more comprehensive background and justification for the research.

The argument is coherent and well-structured. The authors successfully link the significance of attachment styles and object relationships to the quality of romantic relationships influenced by age differences. To further strengthen the argument, the authors could discuss potential confounding variables that might affect the relationship between age differences and attachment styles.

The literature review is thorough but could benefit from including a broader range of sources, including cross-cultural studies that might offer different perspectives on the impact of age differences in relationships.

The use of MANOVA is appropriate for the study's objectives. It would be beneficial to discuss any assumptions checked before performing the analysis and how they may affect the interpretation of the results.

The paper is generally well-written. Minor grammatical and typographical errors should be corrected to maintain the professionalism of the manuscript. For example, careful review and correction of author affiliations and consistency in formatting references would improve the overall quality.

Authors uploaded the revised manuscript.

### 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The research question addresses an important gap in the literature but could be refined to specify the psychological and societal implications of these findings. Clarifying how these outcomes contribute to existing theories or practices in psychology would enhance the paper's significance.

While the review provides a solid foundation, it predominantly references older studies. Integrating recent research would not only update the background but also highlight the relevance and urgency of addressing this topic in contemporary society.

The sampling methods (convenience and snowball sampling) present limitations regarding generalizability. The authors should discuss these limitations more critically and suggest ways future research can overcome them. Additionally, detailing the selection process and any measures taken to ensure the representativeness of the sample would strengthen the study's validity.

The choice of MANOVA is appropriate; however, the paper would benefit from a more detailed explanation of the analysis process, including the rationale behind choosing specific statistical tests and how these methods align with the research objectives.

The discussion is insightful but lacks depth in connecting the findings to broader psychological theories or implications for real-world applications. A more comprehensive exploration of how these results impact our understanding of romantic relationships, particularly in different cultural contexts, would be valuable.

The conclusion summarizes the findings well but stops short of fully articulating the study's contributions to the field. Expanding on the practical implications, limitations, and suggestions for future research would provide a stronger closure to the paper.

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## 2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.