

Human Interaction

When we need people the most:

Afraid and anxious
Want to compare feelings
“misery loves company” (Stanley Schachter)
people who are more anxious seek out company more than less anxious people
Comparing experiences
Uncertainty about oneself

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Choosing Friends

1. Physical proximity - distance from one another
Ex. Friends from neighborhood
Helps make friends, but may not last

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2. Reward Values - what determines whether people will like each other
 1. stimulation value - interesting or imaginative or can introduce you to something new
 2. utility value - cooperative and helpful
 3. ego-support value - sympathetic and supportive

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3. Physical appearance
Discrimination
Ex. Obesity

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4. Approval
Study : evaluations of oneself are more meaningful if there is a mixture of good and bad
Give bad news first, then good!!!!!!

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5. Similarity
Backgrounds, attitudes, and interests
**complementary - opposite types sometimes occur but not as often

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