



# Homophily

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# Young (2011) How Do They 'End Up Together'?

What is homophily?

Self-control theory

Issues with prior research



# Young (2011) How Do They 'End Up Together'?

Sociality

Selective mixing

Triad closure



# Young (2011) How Do They 'End Up Together'?

Self-control was a weak predictor of relationship formation

Triad closure and selective mixing on grade were the strongest predictors of relationships



# Turanovic & Young (2016) Violent Offending and Victimization In Adolescence

- Birds of a feather flock together
- Three sources of homophily for offending and victimization
  - Preference for similarity
  - Avoidance
  - Influence



# Turanovic & Young (2016) Violent Offending and Victimization In Adolescence

- Highschool sample
- Asked certain questions about violent behavior as offenders and victims
- Measured friendships



# **Turanovic & Young (2016) Violent Offending and Victimization In Adolescence**

- Correlation between offending and victimization
- Same violent victimization
- Social stigma



# **Shjarback, J. A., & Young, J. T. N. (2017). The “Tough on Crime” Competition**

Public concern shaped by politicians rather than opinion shaping crime control

Large Increase in politicization of crime into federal sphere (1970s+)

Politics inherently relational - recognizes decisions made by politicians don't occur in a vacuum





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Sponsorship & Co-sponsorship used as measure

Crime bills more attractive than non-crime & party-based homophily was identified

Focus theory (Foci such as with senate and house)

Transitivity - Venn diagram (-) to circle (+)