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**Research Proposal for Required Paper**

**One issue**: Narcissistic personality disorder (NPD)

**Two topics**: Attachment, and peer relationship

Narcissistic personality disorder (NPD) is a mental disorder characterized by an inflated sense of their own importance, a deep need for admiration, and a lack of empathy for others. Under this “super confidence”, ironically, is fragile self-esteem. I’m curious about how early attachment styles or experience contribute to the development of the fragile self-esteem (or to the development of this disorder directly, but I guess self-esteem may be an important mediation in many studies). I would also like to know how NPD later will affect an individual’s relationship with peers. In fact, I’m more interested in the effects of NPD on one’s relationship with coworkers, but I’m not sure if this topic is an option.