

Survey: Relationship Survey

What is your "style" of relating in romantic/love relationships, and how does that relate to morality?

The scale you completed is the short form of the Experiences in Close Relationships Scale, created by Brennan, Clark, and Shaver (1998) and modified by Wei, Russell, Mallinckrodt, and Vogel (2007).

The scale is a measure of an individual's "attachment style" in romantic relationships. It yields scores on two dimensions of attachment that together explain a lot of the variability in how people relate to their romantic partners. The first dimension is called attachment-related Anxiety, and it represents the extent to which an individual is secure vs. insecure about whether their partner will be available and responsive to his/her needs. A high score on attachment anxiety suggests that a person is afraid of rejection and abandonment. The second dimension is called attachment-related Avoidance, and it represents the extent to which an individual is uncomfortable being close to others vs. secure and comfortable with depending on others. A high score on avoidance suggests that a person likes to keep his/her distance in romantic relationships and strongly dislikes depending on a romantic partner.

The idea behind the scale is that, as several recent studies have shown, there is a connection between moral values and attachment, as well as between political ideology and attachment. These studies however have produced conflicting results, and we hope to shed some light on the controversy.

Scores range from 1 to 7 and higher numbers indicate more attachment avoidance and anxiety.

If you want to learn more about attachment theory you can read this article on [attachment theory on Wikipedia](#), and you can read about the measurement of attachment in this article: Brennan, K. A., Clark, C. L., & Shaver, P. R. (1998). [Self-report measurement of adult attachment: An integrative overview](#).

