

"Distance Makes the Heart Grow Fonder" by Daniella Mikhael-Fard

Author

- not in a long-distance relationship herself
- Has increasing number of friends in long-distance relationships

may seem to favor one over the other

however she does outrightly state " These two articles are effective in respect to their audience and academic purposes; however, both articles have their strengths and weaknesses: one article is not more appealing than the other."

Absence (comm)

discipline-specific language known to the common reader

Linguistic

ie: "Pearson r," "Cronbach's ," and the IPMI model

Purpose

very specific

publicly contribute to the prior studies and theories regarding long-distance relationships and relational intimacy

the authors felt that the topic of long-distance relationships were not studied as much as they could be

method

looked at 63 couples and their relationships

each couples fills out an online diary every morning for one week

Structure

many references (>20)

lengthy

uses a widely accepted specific to the communication field format

Sources

"Absence Makes the Communication Grow Fonder" Jiang and Handcock

communication

"The Language Of Gender in Lovers' Correspondance, 1946-1949" Sonia Cancian

History

What they both have in common

same conclusion

long-distance couples can experience the same or more intimacy than geographically-close couples

method

researches the letters between a long distance couple and how they used them to communicate

the information from only 1 couple

The Language (history)

relates to gender norms

focuses on analytical side of letters

structure

more descriptive titles for sections

shorter than the Comm article