

# Review of: "Young love in contemporary China: Attitudes and behaviors in romantic relationships"

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This article focuses on the attitudes and behaviors of Chinese young people regarding searching for love and long-term romantic relationships. There are a few issues that the authors should address.

The **introduction** section is not well-structured. Subheadings are recommended to point out the research focus. Now, the rationale for the research questions is unclear. How these questions are related to each other and how the hypotheses developed should be illustrated.

## **Method:**

The formulation of the survey questions should be illustrated. For example, why do attitudes toward an initial step in dating include the four aspects?

Does the sample size large enough for their research design?

Were the participants for the final sample selected? Or did the authors manipulate the gender ratio on purpose?

What are the participants' sexual orientations?

Did the authors get ethical approval before the survey?

## **Results:**

The authors compared the attitudes and behaviors of participants in difference gender group, age group, region group. However, given the small sample size, the numbers of participants in each group were very small, makes it unreasonable to examine their differences.

Without consideration the small sample size, the authors are suggested to examine the interaction of gender, region, and age.

To what research question does subsection 3.5 correspond?