

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

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This article discusses in detail the attitudes and behaviors in romantic relationships of Chinese young people. Overall, it's very interesting. But there are some spelling issues that need to be revised.

- 1. It is best to merge Tables 1, 2, and 3 to provide readers with more complete information in addition to reducing redundancy.
- 2. The author rarely annotates the information of figures and tables in the discussion, which increases the difficulty and time of reading

For example Examining the correlation between "approaching behavior" and "enjoyment of being approached," our findings indicate a moderate, yet meaningful, positive correlation. Here, it is necessary to indicate which diagram or table the content originates from. Even if figures and tables are omitted, relevant coefficients and other information should be provided. There are many similar issues, so I won't list them all here.

3. In order to improve the credibility of the paper, it is hoped that the author can add references in appropriate places. In the first natural paragraph of the discussion section, the author wrote many parts about the cultural differences between China and the West

In some cultures and societies, such as in the West, such behavior can be considered common and even expected, whereas in others, such as in China and other Eastern cultures, it might be less common, discouraged, or even frowned upon. This section requires literature support. Of course, the author provides the answer in the following text, but considering the small sample size of this study, it may not reflect the current situation of the entire Eastern culture. In addition, the Western part has no theoretical support at all. A similar situation was also observed when comparing Chinese youths who resided overseas with those who lived in mainland China. As a special group, Overseas Chinese cannot reflect the situation in the West.

4. Individuals who are willing to approach the opposite sex in public places may have a higher level of confidence in themselves and their abilities to interact with others. The content of this sentence is not the conclusion of this study. I hope the author can provide its source.

5. Nevertheless, thanks to globalization and the influence of Western culture, many younger generations in China, particularly those who grow up in urban settings or live in more liberal areas, do not strictly follow these traditional cultural



norms. It is best to provide some examples here.

- 6. After discussing the response to the third research question, we return to an item in the second research question regarding appropriate behavior during the early stage of courtship but before establishing a committed relationship. After explaining the answer to the fourth research question, we return to the final item in the second research question regarding the very purpose of dating itself. This writing method is not recommended, as it will increase readers' reading pressure. It is best for each paragraph itself to enable readers to understand the author's ideas, rather than having to repeatedly read the previous content. Of course, this will increase the redundancy of the article, but I believe it is worth it.
- 7. There are at least four reasons for why young people in China may prefer to encounter their potential dating partners in this academic setting: convenience, shared interests and experiences, safety, and peer/social pressure. Schools and universities provide a convenient and accessible environment for many young people to gather, meet, and interact with their peers of a similar age group. Although Chinese universities are less diverse than European or American campuses, these institutions still attract diverse student bodies and often bring together individuals from various backgrounds. This type of content requires literature support.
- 8. For example, see [47][48][49][50]. This writing is impolite. You need to provide readers with a complete article. If the author considers it important enough, they should list the specific content. If the above text is just a reference, then it can be directly cited.

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