

UT-DATES Newsletter

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We hope that everyone had a great summer! We genuinely appreciate your continued participation in The University of Texas Dating and Transition Experiences Study (UT-DATES). You are helping us to better understand the impact romantic relationships have on our lives.

Our Study Thus Far

UT-DATES participants are individuals who have been in a heterosexual or homosexual relationship for six months or less (at sign-up), are between the ages of 18 and 25, and currently reside in the Austin area.

Since the last newsletter we have recruited 56 new participants, which doubles our last participant count! We now have 108 individuals participating in UT-DATES. Our current sample includes 75 women and 33 men with an average age of 20.75 years old.

At sign-up, the average relationship length is 103.5 days and 35.5% of our participants are currently in a long-distance relationship. 79.8% of participants described themselves as "seriously dating" their partner and 55.3% say they are "intensely in love".

We are currently in our 6th month of UT-DATES and are still actively recruiting new participants. If you know anyone who may be interested in participating, please ask them to visit our website www.drloving.net for more information.

What's to Come

Many of you are in the midst of completing your bi-weekly surveys. We appreciate the time you take out of your day to complete these surveys. We would like to remind everyone to please try and complete their bi-weekly surveys within 48 hours of receiving their email notice.

We would also like to remind everyone that even if you and your partner break-up, you can (and we hope you will) continue to participate in our study!

Ask Dr. Loving

Dr.Loving,

Stupid-Boy-Syndrome is a term my friend uses to describe a tendency of some guys to be oblivious to feelings and situations that the woman feels to be obvious. Now, my boyfriend seems to be especially prone to this syndrome, appearing absent minded and downright clumsy when it comes to discussing my feelings. If I tell him his approach isn't working, he says he's just not good at remembering details. These include things like: I don't want to do this thing. OR I'm flying back on this day. OR I'm having problems with my mom and it is a continual upset for me. What's the trick to being in a relationship with a man if he cares about you, but he isn't attentive unless you prod him to be and he has a memory like a sieve? – A Little Frustrated

Read Dr. Loving's response and other "Ask Dr. Loving" questions at <http://www.drloving.net/ask-dr-loving/>

Need advice about your current relationship or do you just have a general question about dating?

Visit www.drloving.net and click on "Ask Dr. Loving" to submit your question. All questions will receive a response, and we will feature one question in our next newsletter!

In the News

Here are some interesting stories about relationships that were featured recently in the news:

[Falling in Love Loses You Precisely Two Friends](#)

[Women Attracted to Men in Red](#)

Spread the Word

Do you have a friend who recently started dating someone new? Tell them about UT-DATES!

We continue to recruit new participants.

Keep Us Updated

Help us keep your information up to date!

Please contact us if you have recently changed your **mailing address, phone number, or email address.**

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