Proposal

Research Topic: Nonverbal Communication

Primary Question:

What are the nonverbal communication differences between men and women on a tropical island?

Secondary questions:

What do men and women notice different about each other’s nonverbal communication signals?

How do men and women express happiness nonverbally?

Literature: *Nonverbal Communication In Human Interaction*. Mark L. Knapp

*Nonverbal Communication*. Judee K. Burgoon

*Body Language*. Julius Fast

*Men, Women, and Relationships*. John Gray

Approaches: Interview Communications expert, Dr. Grace Turner

Survey Classmates

Observations

Content analysis

Introduction:

Nonverbal communication is behavior that produces or signifies meaning. It includes, body movements, facial expressions, and gestures. Nonverbal communication is speaking without saying a word. Perhaps it is even more effective than speech. Remember the saying, “Actions speak louder than words.” When people communicate, only a small part of the exchange is verbal. People use actions to heighten messages.

Interest in Topic:

I am interested in this topic because it fascinates me how a majority of the way people communicate is done nonverbally through gestures, body movements, and facial expressions. Without being able to converse without talking, a large part of what is really meant to be understood would be lost.

Persuasive Argument:

By knowing the communication styles, working actively towards understanding those differences can help make a connection in effectively exchanging information in a healthy way.

Plan:

10/01-10/11 – Read books, finalize primary and secondary questions

10/14- 10/18 – Come up with questions for surveys and interview

10/18-10/26 – Give out surveys, schedule and conduct interview

10/27-11/04 – First draft

11/04- 11/08 – Peer Review

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