

# **The hip hop generation: African American Male-Female relationships in a nightclub setting.**

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## **Abstract**

Examined the perceptions of female-male relationships from the viewpoint of African American females in an ethnographic study. Five African American females (aged 25-32 yrs), who were regulars at a local gangsta rap club, were interviewed regarding whom they date, categorization of men, sexism, dancing, personal appearance, economics, female-male relationships, use of the word "bitch" in rap music, and condom use and non-use. The results indicate the importance of social status, economic security, and male-female companionship among young adult African American females. The bartering of material resources, companionship, and social status in exchange for sex within a sexist context were driving forces in Black sexual interpersonal interactions. Although males were viewed as unfaithful, females had unprotected sex because the relationship was more important than the perceived risk of sexually transmitted disease, including HIV.

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