

## **ABSTRACT**

This pilot study examined the negative and positive influences parents have on a romantic partner selection by exploring the interparental relationship, the child-parent relationship, and the view an individual has of their parents. By exploring the relationship between child-parent and the romantic partners chosen, it may improve the quality in long-term relationships by improving the process of selecting better romantic partners. This particular view on romantic relationships has minimal exploration, with studies focused on relationship quality, family interactions (i.e. family communication patterns and observed interactions), attachment theory, relationship closeness, and family approval (Dinero, et al., 2022; Levesque, et al., 2012; Macdonald, et al., 2006; Macdonald, et al., 2012; Young, et al. 2016). The mixed methods approach provided details regarding the interparental relationship and the parent-child relationship. The sample consisted of 41 university level students that were 18 years of age or older. It was found that individuals possess parent-child relationship within three categories which are distant, acquaintance, and very close.

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **Participants**

A total of 41 participants by convenience and snowball sampling took part of this survey via Google Forms. Google Forms was used for being readily available and user friendly. The participants consisted of 68% females and the rest male university level students. Majority of students were Hispanic/Latino (68%), non-Hispanic Caucasians comprised the second largest group at just under 22% (N = 9). For student classification, the largest group comprised of 39% of the sample were seniors. The second largest group at 32% (N = 13) were graduate students followed by juniors (22%). Underclassmen (freshman and Sophom