

Discussion Questions for Okami & Shackelford (2001)

1. What was confusing?
2. What was surprising? Why?
3. What was depressing? Why?
4. This reading starts with a quote from Salmon & Symonds. What are the different “problems” that men and women have to solve with regards to mate selection?
5. What’s the difference between an ultimate and a proximate evolutionary explanation? How does this distinction apply to sex differences in mate selection?
6. Are the sex differences described by Okami & Shackelford socially or biologically caused? Could they be either? What kind of evidence would you look for to support or refute a biological (or social) explanation? In other words, what state of affairs, if it existed, would prove your point?