



Examining Texting and The Need to Belong

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Hypotheses

H1 People who have active texting patterns will have a strong desire to belong.

H2 People who think texting is a meaningful part of their life will have a strong need to belong.

H3 How people perceive feelings and emotions without having to react to them will affect their need to belong.

Methods

We used a study that examined mobility and mobile communication. We conducted a correlation comparing the strong need to belong and active texting patterns, a correlation comparing a need to belong with the importance of texting and, an independent samples t-test comparing perceived feelings and emotions in relation to gender.

Results

Our first hypothesis predicted that people who have active texting patterns will have a strong desire to belong. A correlation was ran to analyze the results. A significant p value was found at $<.001$. Our second hypothesis predicted that people who think texting is a meaningful part of their lives will have a strong need to belong. A correlation was ran to analyze the results. A significant p value was found at $<.001$. Our last hypothesis predicted that how people perceive feelings and emotions without having to react to them will affect their need to belong within gender (male=1 female=2). An independent samples t-test was ran to analyze the results. The mean scores for the overall results was 4.53 (SD 1.296) for males and 4.23 (SD 1.461) for females. The test results indicated a $t(3.153) = .011, p <.001$

Discussion

Our first hypothesis was significant in that people who have active texting patterns will have a strong desire to belong. Our second hypothesis also was significant in that people who think texting is a meaningful part of their life will have a strong need to belong. The third hypothesis was significant in that how people perceive feelings and emotions without having to react to them will affect their need to belong. Limitations include the data being several years old.



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