Liking

People prefer to comply with requests made by individuals who they like
Factors that Influence Effectiveness of Liking

1. Physical attractiveness

Why Attractiveness Works

Halo Effect:

One very positive trait possessed by a person influences the total judgment of that person.

Attractiveness is one such very positive trait
Devil Effect:

One very negative trait possessed by a person influences the total judgment of that person.

Attractiveness
Kulka & Kessler (1979)

Attractive victim -
Unattractive Defendant
$10,051

Unattractive victim -
Attractive Defendant
$5,623
Attractiveness
Stewart (1980)

1. Evaluated attractiveness of 74 male defendants prior to trial

2. Followed the defendants to find out their trial outcomes

Result: Unattractive defendants were 2 times more likely to get a jail sentence than attractive defendants

Attractiveness
Kurtzburg, Safar, & Cavior (1968)

Jail Inmates: All with facial disfigurements

- Got plastic surgery
  - Also received rehabilitation counseling services
  - Did not receive rehabilitation counseling services
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Attractiveness
Kurtzburg, Safar, & Cavior (1968)

Results:

Inmates who had the plastic surgery were significantly LESS likely to return to jail regardless of whether they had counseling or not.
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1. Physical attractiveness
2. Similarity
3. Praise
4. Familiarity
Familiarity
Mita, Dermer, & Knight (1977)

A person is more familiar with mirror image

Person’s friends more familiar with the person’s true image

Familiarity
Mita, Dermer, & Knight (1977)

Participants liked their mirror image more
Friends liked participants’ true image more
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5. Mere association