

FIGURE 11.18**The Relationship Superiority Bias under Threat**

Participants who were strongly committed to their relationship were more apt to exhibit the relationship superiority bias, especially when their relationship had been threatened. This finding suggests that the relationship superiority bias represents a motivated attempt to see one's relationship in highly positive terms.

Source: Rusbult, Van Lange, Wildschut, Yovetich, and Verette (2000).

