

Interpersonal Relationships

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TABLE 11.2 Sternberg's Theory of Love

Relationship Type	Intimacy	Passion	Commitment	Description
Nonlove	–	–	–	A superficial, relationship void of intimacy, passion, or commitment
Liking	+	–	–	Intimacy without passion or commitment
Infatuation	–	+	–	Passion without intimacy or commitment
Empty love	–	–	+	Commitment without intimacy or passion
Romantic love	+	+	–	Intimacy and passion without commitment
Companionate love	+	–	+	Intimacy and commitment without passion
Fatuous love	–	+	+	Passion and commitment without intimacy
Consummate love	+	+	+	Intimacy, passion, and commitment

Source: Sternberg (1986).