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~~Attachment Security in Infancy and Early Adulthood:
A Twenty-Year Longitudinal Study~~

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~~Stability of Attachment Representations: The Transition to Marriage~~

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"this" needs to be followed by a noun. This hypothesis means... or these findings mean....

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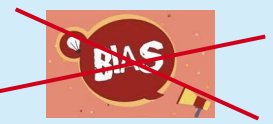
The year refers to the publication date not when the study was conducted. In 2002, Crowell and colleagues did a study should read Crowell and colleagues (2002) did a study....



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~~really, actually, basically~~

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