Darwin's (1871) sexual selection involves two key elements — competition among members of the same sex for mates and discriminating choice of mating partners. The ways in which competition and choice are expressed in nonhuman species provides a means for us to examine these processes in our own species. The different ways in which men and women compete for mates and the trade-offs they make when choosing them will be compared and contrasted with that of other species. Despite similarities, humans differ from other species because cultural norms and rules influence how competition and choice are expressed. This cross-cultural variation and the social conditions and cultural rules that influence this variation will be highlighted.

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