

Online supplement for Fox, E.C. (2026). Are white men missing out?: Differences in friendship closeness by gender and ethnoracial identity. *Sex Roles*.
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Table S1

Race Frequencies Of Respondents Dropped From Sample

	Men	Women	Total
	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>	<i>n</i>
Asian	18	12	30
Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	3	4	7
American Indian or Alaskan Native	3	8	11
Multiracial	22	15	37
Other	1	4	5
Total	47	43	90

Note. Data from National Longitudinal Study of Youth, 1997 cohort, 2002 round, unweighted, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table S2

Regression Models Estimating Effects of Gender and Ethnoracial Identity (ERI) on Reported Closeness to Best Friend with Other Race Category

	Model 1	Model 2: gender*ERI interaction	Model 3: communication patterns
	<i>b (SE)</i>	<i>b (SE)</i>	<i>b (SE)</i>
Respondent characteristics:			
Woman (<i>ref. cat.: man</i>)	0.56*** (0.06)	0.22 (0.13)	0.03 (0.12)
ERI: (<i>Black</i>)			
Latino/a	0.10 (0.11)	0.01 (0.14)	-0.01 (0.13)
White	-0.14 (0.08)	-0.40*** (0.11)	-0.25* (0.11)
Other race	-0.14 (0.17)	-0.44 (0.22)	-0.31 (0.21)
Gender * ERI:			
Woman * Latino/a		0.17 (0.19)	0.03 (0.18)
Woman * White		0.52*** (0.15)	0.31* (0.15)
Woman * Other Race		0.60 (0.31)	0.60* (0.29)
Highest grade completed by residential guardian(s)	-0.01 (0.01)	-0.01 (0.01)	-0.02 (0.01)
Friendship characteristics:			
Best friend is different gender	0.19 (0.10)	0.19 (0.10)	0.14 (0.09)
Best friend is different ERI	-0.14 (0.09)	-0.15 (0.09)	-0.15 (0.09)
> 2-year age difference	-0.12 (0.09)	-0.14 (0.09)	-0.21* (0.08)
Years known one another	0.04*** (0.01)	0.04*** (0.01)	0.04*** (0.01)
Friendship communication patterns:			
Communication frequency (0-30 days / month)			0.02*** (0.00)

Relationship discussion frequency: (<i>never</i>)			
Sometimes			0.55***
			(0.11)
Often			1.02***
			(0.11)
Not applicable			0.57
			(0.42)
Career discussion frequency: (<i>never</i>)			
Sometimes			0.06
			(0.09)
Often			0.29**
			(0.10)
Not applicable			0.28
			(0.20)
Control variables:			
Age	-0.05	-0.06	-0.07
	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.05)
Region of U.S.: (<i>Northeast</i>)			
North Central	0.04	0.03	0.07
	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.09)
South	0.08	0.07	0.08
	(0.09)	(0.09)	(0.09)
West	-0.06	-0.07	0.01
	(0.10)	(0.10)	(0.09)
Constant	9.42***	9.72***	9.00***
	(1.06)	(1.06)	(1.00)
R^2	0.079	0.086	0.188
Observations	1,854	1,854	1,854

Note. Reported closeness to best friend measured on scale of 0 *not close at all* to 10 *very close*. Values are regression coefficients (standard errors). Data from National Longitudinal Study of Youth, 1997 cohort, 1997 & 2002 rounds, unweighted, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

* $p < .05$, ** $p < .01$, *** $p < .001$

Table S3

Weighted Descriptive Statistics: Overall, by Gender, by Ethnoracial Identity (ERI), and by Ethnoracial-Gender Group

	Gender				Ethnoracial Identity (ERI)				Ethnoracial-Gender Group						ANOVA/ Chi2 Sig.
	<i>M</i> (<i>SD</i>)	<i>M</i> (<i>SD</i>)	<i>M</i> (<i>SD</i>)	<i>t</i> test / Chi2 Sig.	<i>M</i> (<i>SD</i>)	<i>M</i> (<i>SD</i>)	<i>M</i> (<i>SD</i>)	ANOVA/ Chi2 Sig.	<i>M</i> (<i>SD</i>)	<i>M</i> (<i>SD</i>)	<i>M</i> (<i>SD</i>)	<i>M</i> (<i>SD</i>)	<i>M</i> (<i>SD</i>)	<i>M</i> (<i>SD</i>)	
Reported closeness to best friend (0 <i>not close at all</i> - 10 <i>very close</i>)	8.79 (1.35)	8.51 (1.43)	9.11 (1.16)	***	8.97 (1.98)	8.90 (1.65)	8.73 (1.14)	*	8.87 (1.94)	9.07 (2.01)	8.76 (1.68)	9.12 (1.53)	8.40 (1.24)	9.12 (0.91)	***
Respondent characteristics:															
Woman	0.47	0.00	1.00		0.51	0.41	0.47	*	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	
Ethnoracial identity (ERI):				*											
Black	0.15	0.14	0.17		1.00	0.00	0.00		1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Latino/a	0.13	0.14	0.11		0.00	1.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	
White	0.72	0.72	0.73		0.00	0.00	1.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	
Highest grade completed by residential guardian(s)	13.92 (2.81)	13.93 (2.84)	13.91 (2.78)		13.12 (3.10)	11.95 (4.19)	14.43 (2.26)	***	13.20 (3.19)	13.04 (3.01)	11.84 (4.00)	12.10 (4.48)	14.48 (2.27)	14.38 (2.24)	***
Friendship characteristics:															
Best friend is different gender	0.11	0.11	0.11		0.13	0.11	0.11		0.14	0.13	0.14	0.07	0.10	0.11	
Best friend is different ERI	0.13	0.12	0.15		0.15	0.31	0.10	***	0.14	0.16	0.31	0.31	0.08	0.12	***
> 2-year age difference	0.15	0.14	0.16		0.18	0.18	0.14	*	0.23	0.13	0.18	0.19	0.12	0.16	*
Years known best friend	8.55 (5.85)	8.83 (5.84)	8.23 (5.85)		9.98 (8.09)	9.03 (7.36)	8.17 (4.98)	***	10.43 (8.67)	9.55 (7.48)	8.90 (7.00)	9.22 (7.88)	8.51 (4.96)	7.79 (4.99)	***
Friendship communication patterns:															
Communication frequency (0-30 days / month)	19.23 (11.15)	18.11 (11.34)	20.51 (10.79)	***	19.68 (14.78)	20.09 (13.61)	18.99 (9.72)		19.51 (15.01)	19.85 (14.56)	19.33 (13.44)	21.20 (13.70)	17.60 (9.95)	20.55 (9.27)	**
Relationship discussion frequency:				***											***
Never	0.12	0.20	0.03		0.08	0.12	0.12		0.14	0.03	0.18	0.02	0.21	0.02	
Sometimes	0.37	0.47	0.26		0.39	0.34	0.38		0.45	0.34	0.41	0.23	0.49	0.25	
Often	0.50	0.32	0.71		0.52	0.55	0.49		0.41	0.63	0.40	0.76	0.29	0.72	
Not applicable	0.01	0.01	0.00		0.00	0.00	0.01		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	
Career discussion frequency:				***				***							***
Never	0.19	0.27	0.10		0.15	0.12	0.21		0.22	0.09	0.15	0.08	0.30	0.10	
Sometimes	0.42	0.45	0.39		0.35	0.43	0.44		0.35	0.35	0.49	0.34	0.47	0.40	
Often	0.37	0.25	0.49		0.47	0.43	0.33		0.41	0.53	0.33	0.56	0.21	0.48	
Not applicable	0.03	0.03	0.02		0.03	0.02	0.02		0.03	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02	
Control variables:															
Age	19.50 (0.58)	19.51 (0.59)	19.49 (0.57)		19.52 (0.74)	19.49 (0.72)	19.50 (0.51)		19.55 (0.77)	19.50 (0.71)	19.52 (0.68)	19.44 (0.78)	19.50 (0.53)	19.50 (0.49)	
Region of U.S.:								***							***
Northeast	0.19	0.19	0.20		0.17	0.19	0.20		0.13	0.20	0.16	0.22	0.20	0.19	
North central	0.28	0.30	0.27		0.18	0.12	0.33		0.20	0.16	0.13	0.10	0.35	0.31	
South	0.33	0.31	0.34		0.59	0.22	0.29		0.59	0.59	0.26	0.17	0.27	0.31	
West	0.20	0.20	0.20		0.07	0.47	0.18		0.08	0.06	0.45	0.51	0.18	0.18	
Observations	1,765	940	825		454	337	974		226	228	190	147	524	450	

Note. Values are means (design-corrected standard deviations). Data from National Longitudinal Study of Youth, 1997 cohort, 1997 & 2002 rounds, using sampling weights (cumulative cases method, 2002 round) and correcting for clustering in the sample design, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

* $p < .05$, ** $p < .01$, *** $p < .001$ (Two-tailed t test or Chi-square test for gender differences; One-way ANOVA or Chi-square test for ethnoracial differences and ethnoracial-gender group differences)

Table S4

Regression Models for Latino/a Respondents Estimating Effects of Gender and Communication Patterns on Reported Closeness to Best Friend

	Model 1: no communication variables <i>b (SE)</i>	Model 2: general communication frequency <i>b (SE)</i>	Model 3: relationship discussion only <i>b (SE)</i>	Model 4: career discussion only <i>b (SE)</i>	Model 5: all communication variables <i>b (SE)</i>
Respondent characteristics:					
Woman (<i>ref. cat.: man</i>)	0.40** <i>p</i> = 0.006 (0.15)	0.38** <i>p</i> = 0.009 (0.14)	0.04 <i>p</i> = 0.776 (0.15)	0.26 <i>p</i> = 0.068 (0.14)	0.04 <i>p</i> = 0.768 (0.15)
Highest grade completed by residential guardian(s)	0.02 (0.02)	0.02 (0.02)	0.01 (0.02)	0.02 (0.02)	0.01 (0.02)
Friendship characteristics:					
Best friend is different gender	0.24 (0.23)	0.32 (0.23)	0.24 (0.22)	0.23 (0.23)	0.20 (0.22)
Best friend is different ERI	-0.41* (0.18)	-0.41* (0.18)	-0.42* (0.17)	-0.29 (0.17)	-0.36* (0.17)
> 2-year age difference	-0.23 (0.19)	-0.34 (0.19)	-0.20 (0.18)	-0.31 (0.18)	-0.20 (0.18)
Years known one another	0.03* (0.01)	0.03* (0.01)	0.02 (0.01)	0.03* (0.01)	0.02 (0.01)
Friendship communication patterns:					
Communication frequency (0-30 days / month)		0.02*** (0.01)	0.02** (0.01)	0.02* (0.01)	0.02* (0.01)
Relationship discussion frequency: (<i>never</i>)					
Sometimes			0.65** (0.24)		0.52* (0.25)
Often			1.29*** (0.24)		1.09*** (0.27)

Not applicable			2.07 (1.26)		1.94 (1.26)
Career discussion frequency: <i>(never)</i>					
Sometimes				0.54* (0.22)	0.30 (0.23)
Often				0.96*** (0.23)	0.44 (0.25)
Not applicable				1.11* (0.47)	0.90 (0.46)
Control variables:					
Age	0.09 (0.13)	0.04 (0.12)	0.06 (0.12)	0.05 (0.12)	0.06 (0.12)
Region of U.S.: <i>(Northeast)</i>					
North central	0.27 (0.29)	0.30 (0.29)	0.13 (0.28)	0.31 (0.28)	0.19 (0.28)
South	0.08 (0.24)	0.11 (0.23)	0.04 (0.22)	0.16 (0.23)	0.08 (0.22)
West	0.04 (0.21)	0.05 (0.21)	-0.00 (0.20)	0.11 (0.20)	0.04 (0.20)
Constant	6.66** (2.45)	7.02** (2.40)	6.29** (2.30)	6.43** (2.36)	6.04** (2.31)
R^2	0.064	0.100	0.191	0.152	0.204
Observations	337	337	337	337	337

Note. ERI = Ethnoracial Identity. Reported closeness to best friend measured on scale of 0 *not close at all* to 10 *very close*. Values are regression coefficients (standard errors). Data from National Longitudinal Study of Youth, 1997 cohort, 1997 & 2002 rounds, unweighted, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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