Is being in a romantic relationship a necessity?

Background

With the advent of technology, instant gratification, and endless entertainment, if the purposes of <u>romantic relationships</u> (physically and emotionally) can be fulfilled by other means, or does it really?

For the purposes of this discussion:

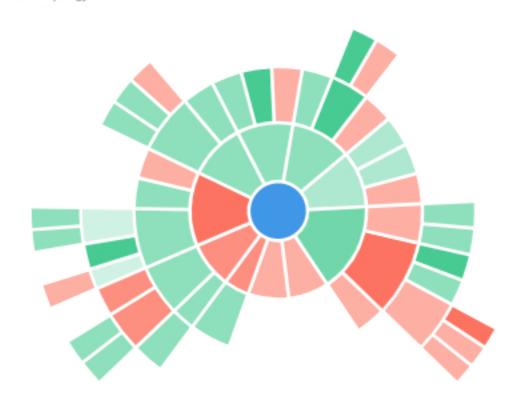
- This discussion is about what purpose does being in a romantic relationship provide?

Survival, social structure, _____ <- you fill this in with top-level claims.

- This discussion is not about romantic relationships, like the idea of them - as people could have the idea of it benefit them, but being in one - like why do we need to physically bring one into our lives. The reason is that there's a difference between ideals and reality, and this discussion focuses on reality.

 romantic relationships involve having significant others in some status, like dating, engaged, married, etc. that is current and continuous. When it's over, it's no longer a relationship.

Discussion Topology



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Relationships	Society	(Individual)	Independence	Culture

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Partici	pants	Claims	Contributions	Votes
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	philosophia	17	61	0
	PallidPallas	7	16	1
	Petunia	3	3	0
-	thegossamer	1	8	11
6	east8	1	2	3
	Elle-Why	1	1	0
	Shack	1	1	0
8	Siyanda	1	1	0
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9	gswindle	0	1	0
	LadyDeka	0	1	0
	Primate	0	0	8
	Tinsel_Town	0	0	6
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	kimmypracha	0	0	1