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"The most terrible poverty is loneliness and the feeling of being unloved."

- Mother Teresa

Attachment Style and the **Probability of Suicide**



A 2013 study of 5,692 adults aged less than 18 years found that, compared to individuals with a secure attachment style, those with an insecure attachment style (which stems from mothers/caregivers' inattentive and unresponsive reaction to their infant's distress) were associated with an increased likelihood of reporting suicidal ideation and suicide attempts.

Self-Criticism Explains a lot of the Relationship Between Attachment Style and Suicide



A 2017 Italian study of 340 high school students, aged 13 to 20 years, found that individuals with a self-critical personality style characterized by a substantial sensitivity to criticism by others and also by their own severe self-scrutiny and judgment, are more likely to engage in suicidal ideation and behavior.

Interpersonal Problems Mediate the Link Between Attachment Style and Suicide



A 2008 study of 406 participants recruited from psychiatric hospitals found that interpersonal problems mediate the relationship between attachment style and suicide-related behaviors. Specifically, individuals with an anxious attachment style and high levels of interpersonal problems are more likely to engage in suicide-related behaviors, while individuals with an avoidant attachment style and low interpersonal problems are more likely to engage in self-harm (i.e., self-injury without the intent to die).



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