THE SELF-ASSESSMENT OF LONELINESS AMONGST MEN ATTENDING NVCC

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WHY STUDY MEN'S LONELINESS





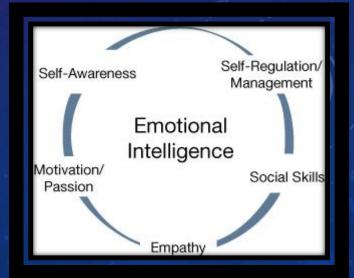
- Make Nova a more inclusive / social livelihood for men attending community college
- lack of previous research on the topic
- Gain more information
- Exposing loneliness as an ongoing issue

LITERATURE REVIEW





- It is hard to pinpoint the exact cause of loneliness
- Poor emotional intelligence
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Research Methodologies



RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY

- Bracketing and phenomenological reduction
- Delineating units of meaning
- Clustering of units of meaning to form themes



- Summarizing each interview, validating it and where necessary, modifying it
- Extracting general and unique themes from all the interviews and making a composite summary

EXPLICATION AND FINDINGS

- Purposive
- Fifteen men from NOVA Loudoun Campus were invited to the study and informed thoroughly on its details. Those who found the details to be good agreed, and signed a consent form. After which the Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) Loneliness Phenomenon Questionnaire was applied via a conversational interview

	Group 1 - Single	Group 2 - Partner
Loneliness Definition	Deep, emotional, clear	Simplified explanations,
	responses	tendency toward physical
		aloneness instead of mental
Time Placement	Mixed	Tendency toward busier work
		and school schedules
Drug/Alcohol Consumption	Almost None	Regular consumption
Teams/Clubs	Not as Physical Clubs	Physical Clubs (Football,
	(reading, TSA, anime)	tennis, theatre)



CONCLUSION



- Difference between group one(Single) and Group two(In relationship)
- loneliness was less of a "diseased" emotion to be avoided, but rather an experience which simply would occur
- Hypothesis was not supported by data



FURTHER STUDY



- Need for a larger study
- a longer, more detailed survey and more time for conversation
- Find a correlation between being alone and being lonely

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