



# Secondary Teacher Apologetics

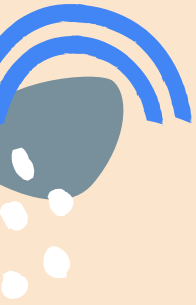
# Culture Translator





# Adam Levine allegedly sent inappropriate messages to 4 women, 'swears' no affair happened

More women have come forward accusing [Adam Levine](#) of sending raunchy messages while married to [Behati Prinsloo](#). The Maroon 5 frontman [apologized to his family](#) on Tuesday after Instagram model Sumner Stroh claimed she had a year-long affair with the singer. Levine is publicly and privately denying anything physical happened, but admits to flirty exchanges with women.



## *Purely Platonic?*

1. Can men and women in general have prolonged platonic friendships? Do you think it is healthy to be engaged in these types of relationships?



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# Men and Women Can't Be "Just Friends"

Researchers asked women and men "friends" what they really think—and got very different answers

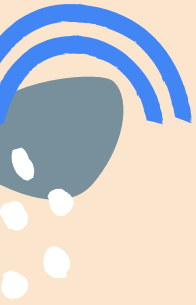
New research suggests that there may be some truth to this possibility—that we may think we’re capable of being “just friends” with members of the opposite sex, but the opportunity (or perceived opportunity) for “romance” is often lurking just around the corner, waiting to pounce at the most inopportune moment.



The results suggest large gender differences in how men and women experience opposite-sex friendships. Men were much more attracted to their female friends than vice versa. Men were also more likely than women to think that their opposite-sex friends were attracted to them—a clearly misguided belief. In fact, men's estimates of how attractive they were to their female friends had virtually nothing to do with how these women actually felt, and almost everything to do with how the men themselves felt—basically, males assumed that any romantic attraction they experienced was mutual, and were blind to the actual level of romantic interest felt by their female friends. Women, too, were blind to the mindset of their opposite-sex friends; because females generally were not attracted to their male friends, they assumed that this lack of attraction was mutual. As a result, men consistently *overestimated* the level of attraction felt by their female friends and women consistently *underestimated* the level of attraction felt by their male friends.



These results suggest that men, relative to women, have a particularly hard time being “just friends.” What makes these results particularly interesting is that they were found within *particular* friendships (remember, each participant was only asked about the specific, platonic, friend with whom they entered the lab). This is not just a bit of confirmation for stereotypes about males and females; it is direct proof that two people can experience the exact same relationship in radically different ways. Men seem to see myriad opportunities for romance in their supposedly platonic opposite-sex friendships. The women in these friendships, however, seem to have a completely different orientation—one that is actually platonic.



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1. Do these findings surprise you?  
Why or why not?

