

WHY IS THERE LOVE? THE EVOLUTION OF MONOGAMOUS MATING SYSTEM IN HUMANS

Summary

The article presents basic information about the evolution of mating system, which occurs in humans. In nature, the three major evolutionary pressures promote the long-term monogamous relationships: significantly enhanced offspring survival when both parents provide care, certainty of pater-

nity and limited opportunities to find a new mate. All these factors are present in humans and may also to some extent explain the present diversity of human reproductive behaviors. A hypothetical model of the evolution of human reproductive behavior proposed by David Geary is also discussed.