

Chapter 10: Universals of Interpersonal Relationships
Til this Do Us Part

Factor	Budding romantic relationship of 1 or 2 weeks	Steady dating for the last few months	Romantic relationship of about a year	Committed romantic relationship of 5 or more years
Person lies frequently about insignificant and significant issues				
Person abuses you emotionally and verbally				
Person abuses you physically				
Person is sexually unfaithful				
Person has a gambling addiction				
Person has an alcoholic or soft drug addiction				
Person has a hard drug addiction				
Person engages in illegal activities, for example, drug dealing, petty larceny				
Person has relatives and close friends you dislike				
Person has a serious				

illness that will require lots of your time, energy, and financial resources				
Person lacks ambition and doesn't want to do anything of significance				
Person has a commitment phobia and seems unwilling to increase the intimacy of the relationship				
Person has very different religious beliefs from you				
Person refuses to self-disclose and is unwilling to reveal anything significant about past behavior or about present feelings				
Person is extremely negative and rarely has anything good to say about anything or anyone				
Person embarrasses you because of bad manners, poor grammar, and inappropriate dress				
Person does not want children in the relationship				
Person has				

developed exceptionally poor hygiene habits				
Person is obsessed with sports, attends every sports event possible and watches every televised sports event				
Person spends 4 to 5 hours a day talking to people in chat rooms				