Romanticizing Murder:

Investigating the Appeal of Deviant Behavior
Hybristophilia

The sexual stimulation caused by committing, or by having a partner who committed, extreme acts of malicious crime.

A.K.A. Bonnie and Clyde Syndrome

- Passive:
  - Easily seduced
  - Make excuses for convicted lover
  - Will not accept that their lover could harm them

- Aggressive:
  - Eager to participate in criminal activity
  - May plan the crime

- Both:
  - Often ends in abusive relationships
  - Disillusioned to believe they are the convict’s one and only
Popular Convicts

Their Love Letters

and

Their Prison Wives
Ted Bundy

- Confessed to 30 murders
- Believed to have committed closer to 100
- Sentenced to 3 death sentences
- Death: executed on January 24\textsuperscript{th}, 1989 via Florida’s electric chair
- Excerpt of love letter:

Love Letter for Ted

Theodore, Theodore, I’ve been watching you. I should lie, I should lie, but this, my love, is true. Let me be your brown haired beauty, I will part it in the middle. I will wear a revealing shirt and lean, whispering you a riddle. Your broken arm, my Achilles’ heel, I’ll help you to the car. Take me in your Volkswagen Beetle; come on, let’s travel far. Theodore, Theodore, I’ve been watching you. In the paper, on the news-you’ve never far from view. I will save you from the courtroom, you can have me all your own. Meet me under a full moon, listen to me moan. Let’s go to a forest; you can leave me with a scar. Pull my hair and lead the way, come on, let’s travel far. Theodore, Theodore, let me be the one you bruise. Theodore, Theodore, watch the crimson ooze.
Charles Manson

- Convicted of 8 murders on January 25th, 1971
- Believed to have been involved in 35 murders
- Sentenced to death, later converted to life imprisonment
- Notable relationships: engaged to a 26 year old named Star
Anders Behring Breivik

- Convicted of killing 77 in a Norwegian terrorist attack in 2012
- Sentenced to 21 years
  - plus addition 5 year chunks until deemed “rehabilitated”
- Excerpt from *European Resistance* - one of his fan pages:

Anonymous
Whoa whoa, do not send money to Anders! All money that gets sent to him goes to the victims funds!

NOT EXCLUSIVE TO THE UNITED STATES
James Holmes

- Killed 12 and injured 58 in the 2012 *The Dark Knight Rises* shooting
- Charged with:
  - 24 first-degree murders
  - 116 attempted first-degree murders
- Twitter posts:
Theories

What makes violent offenders attractive?

- Sociological Reasoning
- Self Image and Worth
- Primitive Instinctual Influence
- Control Factor
- Fame
Sociological Perspectives

- Change the ultimate bad boy
  - Extension of Junior and High School angst
  - Excuse the behavior as the passive lover’s fault
- Don’t deserve better
- Control/Can’t Cheat
  - Especially common in abuse victims
- Famous like movie stars
  - More likely to get a response

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Primitive Perspective

- Hunter-gatherer
  - Need to protect family
  - Stronger men are more likely to survive and reproduce
    - More suitable mates
    - Survival of the fittest

- Animals
  - More aggressive males earn control of mates
Thank You!

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Any Questions?

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