

# If you want to know if he loves you so, it's in his gaze

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I'm no songwriter, but I think most would agree it's sexier to say that love is "in his kiss" as opposed to "in his automatic gaze patterns." But, unfortunately for soul singer Betty Everett and lovers of "The Shoop Shoop Song," the latter phrasing is actually more accurate when it comes to telling the difference between love and lust. According to the authors of a new study from the University of Chicago, where a person looks first at a romantic interest — the face, the body — provides a clear indication of that person's immediate romantic judgements. In as little as half a second, it's possible to tell if true love might be on the horizon, or if someone's feelings are purely sexual.

The study, published on Thursday in *Psychological Science*, scanned the gaze patterns of several male and female university students while they looked at a variety of black and white images, first of young adult heterosexual couples interacting with one another, then of members of the opposite sex (presumably all of the participants identified as heterosexual themselves).

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