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| Fathers play the role of secondary attachment figure | False | Extension/correction  They are less likely to be primary attachment figures due to less time spent with infant |
| The key factor in establishing the principle caregiver role is the amount of time spent with the infant | False | Extension/correction  Lamb (1997) little relationship between father accessibility and infant-father attachment |
| Most men may not be psychologically equipped to form intense attachment | True | Extension/correction  Lack of emotional sensitivity, due to biological or social factors |
| Biological factors may explain why men are less equipped | True | Extension/correction  Female hormone oestrogen underlies caring behaviour |
| There are no longer sex-stereotypes that affect male behaviour e.g. “It is feminine to be sensitive to others” | False | Extension/correction |
| There is evidence which contradicts the idea that men are less sensitive than women | True | Extension/correction  Frodi et al (1978) showed videos of infants crying and found no difference in the physiological responses of men and women |
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| Mothers tend to play a more conventional parenting role | True | Extension/correction  Father is an exciting playmate whereas mothers are more conventional (tend to read) Geiger (1996) |
| A lack of sensitivity in fathers could be seen as a positive | True | Extension/correction  White & Woolett (1992) lack of sensitivity from fathers fosters problem-solving |