

Abstract

This study examines touch comfort topographies of participants from Germany and Chinese. In a self-report method, participants are asked to use a mouse pointer to color on a bodily map the regions where they feel comfortable with affective touch. While gender and touch roles do not seem to have an effect on the touch comfort topography, Germans and Chinese participants are found to have different body parts where they feel most comfortable with affective touch.

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