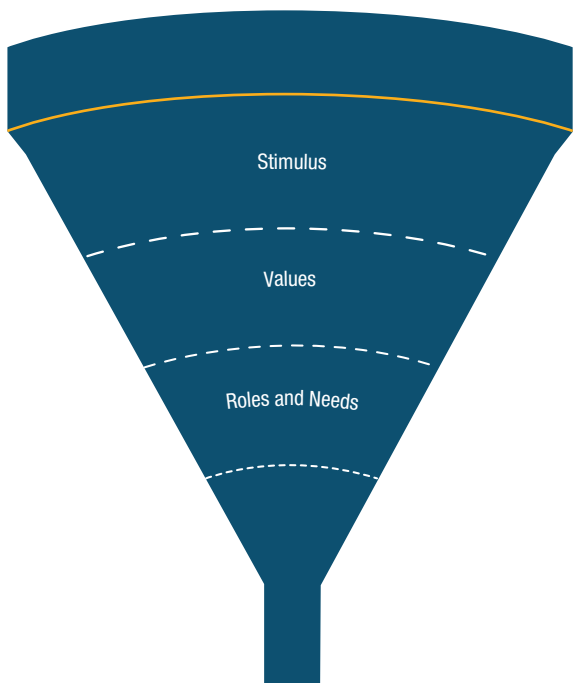


FIGURE 10.2 Mate Selection “Filtering”



The notion of mate selection illustrated above is sometimes referred to as a filter theory, like filtering specks of gold. The first filter holds out the large stones, the second filter holds back pebbles, and the third filter stops sand, but the flakes of gold come through. Each stage in the mate selection process involves filtering some people out of the process. There may be filter factors such as religious similarities or common ethnicity.