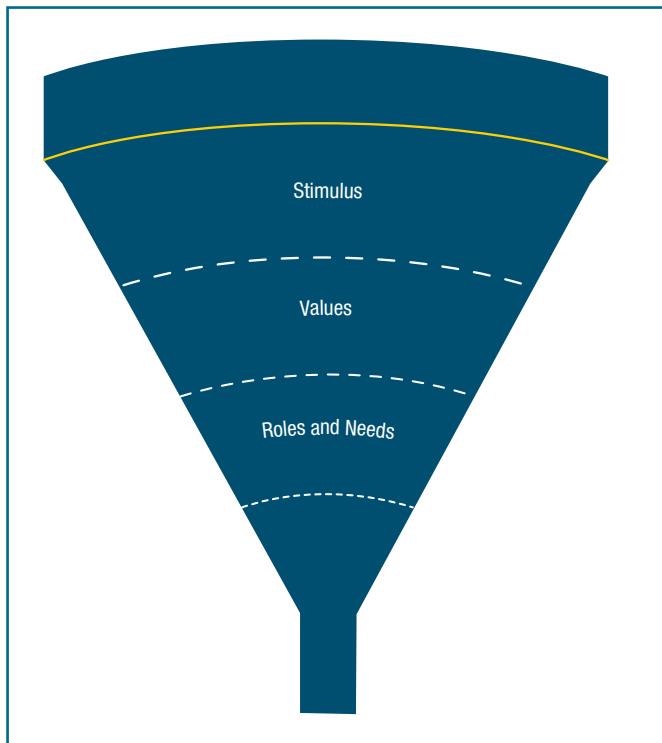


FIGURE 10.2 Mate Selection “Filtering”



The notion of mate selection described previously is sometime referred to as a filter theory. It is as though you were filtering specks of gold, and 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. For you there may be other filter factors as well—such as religious similarities or common ethnicity.