

J. Lo's New Beau Says Age Doesn't Matter

Jennifer Lopez's rumored romance with dancer Casper Smart may be more than a fling. Smart, who's 18 years Lopez's junior, took to Twitter to share his thoughts, reports [People](#). "Age, status, [and] opinions of others are irrelevant. Our hearts are endless and our souls infinite," tweeted Smart. "Ages are mere reminders of the hours logged on this earth and the precious time remaining. Close your ears and open your hearts; Love and be happy."

How do you handle people's criticism of the age difference in your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Though an age difference might not matter to you, it may bother others. Here are a few ways to handle the criticism:

- 1. Ignore the naysayers:** Ultimately, your opinion and your partner's opinion are the only opinions that matter in the relationship. Ignore the skeptics, and eventually their criticism will die down.
- 2. Talk to your partner:** Though the age difference may not bother you, make sure that your partner is comfortable with it as well. He or she may need your encouragement in the face of adversity.
- 3. Express your happiness:** An easy way to stop people's criticism is to show them that they're wrong. Try being a little more open with your relationship, and let others see how happy you are.

Have you ever been in a relationship with a person much older or younger than you? Feel free to leave a comment below.