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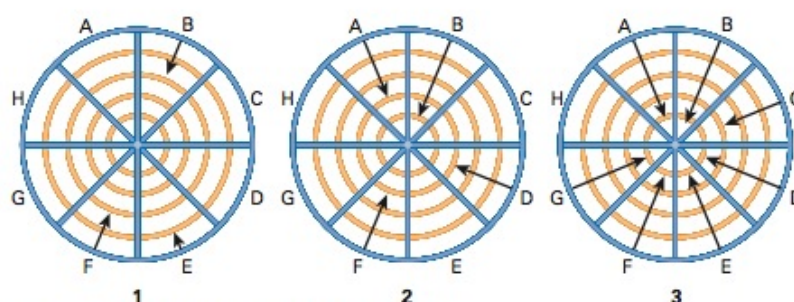


Figure 9.2 Models of Social Penetration

How accurately do the concepts of breadth and depth express your communication in relationships of different intensities? Can you identify other aspects of messages that change as you go from talking with an acquaintance to talking with a friend or an intimate?

only to the first level and two to the second. In this type of interaction, three topic areas are discussed, and only at rather superficial levels. This is the type of relationship you might have with an acquaintance or at the contact or early involvement stage. Circle 2 represents a more intense relationship, one that has greater breadth and depth; more topics are discussed and to deeper levels of penetration. This is the

Ethical Messages

YOUR OBLIGATION TO REVEAL YOURSELF

If you're in a close relationship, your influence on your partner is considerable, so you may feel an obligation to reveal certain things about yourself. Conversely, you may feel that the other person—because he or she is so close to you—has an ethical obligation to reveal certain information to you.

ETHICAL CHOICE POINT

Consider: At what point in a relationship—if any—do you feel you would have an ethical obligation to reveal each of the 10 items of information listed here? Visualize a relationship as existing on a continuum from initial contact at 1 to extreme intimacy at 10, and use the numbers from 1 to 10 to indicate at what point you would feel your romantic partner or close friend has a right to know each type of information about you. If you feel you would never have the obligation to reveal this information, use 0. As you respond to these items, ask yourself, *what gives one person the right to know personal information about another person? What principle of ethics requires another person to disclose this information in a relationship?*

At what point do you have an ethical obligation to reveal:	A Romantic Partner of 1 year	A friend of 3 years
Age	_____	_____
History of family genetic disorders	_____	_____
HIV status	_____	_____
Past sexual experiences	_____	_____
Marital history	_____	_____
Annual salary and net financial worth	_____	_____
Affectional orientation	_____	_____
Attitudes toward other races and nationalities	_____	_____
Religious beliefs	_____	_____
Past criminal activity or incarceration	_____	_____



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