The study examined different types of conflict tactics (Reasoning, Psychological Aggression, and Violence) used in dating relationship by the college and University students of Kolkata (India), and explored the relationship of these tactics with the subjects' aggressiveness (Physical Aggression, Verbal Aggression, Anger and Hostility), gender role identity (Masculinity and Femininity), and love styles (Eros, Ludus, Storge, Pragma, Mania and Agape). Participants were 207 female and 207 male students currently involved in a heterosexual dating relationship. They completed a detailed information schedule, the General Health Questionnaire (by Goldberg & Hiller, 1979), the Aggression Questionnaire (by Buss & Perry, 1992), Bem Sex Role Inventory (culturally adapted by Dasgupta, 2000), the Love Attitude Scale (by Hendrick et al., 1998), and the Conflict Tactics Scale (by Straus, 1979).

The results indicated that Reasoning was the most commonly used tactics, followed by Psychological Aggression. Usage of Violence (minor and severe), although relatively infrequent, was also noted. No significant sex difference was found in conflict tactics reportedly used by the participants themselves. However, compared to the female participants, the males reported significantly greater violence performed towards them by their female partners. Association between self and partner's usage of conflict tactics were high. Pearson's Product Moment Correlation Coefficients were calculated to determine the relationship between personality and conflict tactics variables. Stepwise Multiple Regression Analyses revealed that Reasoning could not be predicted meaningfully from the independent variables. The significant predictors for Psychological Aggression were high Physical Aggression (for women), Verbal Aggression, Anger (for self scores), Hostility (for partner scores), Mania, as well as low Masculinity (for women), Femininity (for men), Pragma, and Agape. Logistic Regression Analyses of the binary Violence scores revealed that high Physical Aggression, Hostility, Eros, Mania, and low Storge, and Agape predicted use of Violence in dating conflict. The results were explained in the context of previous findings and theoretical models.