

Summary of Differences

Feature	Anthropomorphic Connection / Kinship	Social Comfort/Trust Safety
Basis	Attribution of human qualities to a non-human entity.	Emotional/psychological state derived from interaction.
Focus	How humans <i>perceive</i> the non-human entity (using human as benchmark).	How humans <i>feel</i> as a result of the interaction (fulfilling a social need).
Outcome	Fosters empathy and moral concern, but can also lead to misinterpretation of non-human needs.	Provides a sense of security, belonging, and well-being.
Relationship	Anthropomorphism often serves as a precursor to achieving social comfort and trust in human-animal or human-AI relationships.	