

Research and Facts About Marriage

The Buccinator Muscle

- ✚ **Paul Ekman discovered a cross-cultural facial expression which communicates contempt to the recipient.**
- ✚ This cross-cultural expression of contempt involves the buccinator muscle in the face, which pulls the left lip to the side, and creates a dimple. Often this is accompanied by an eyeroll.
- ✚ In marriage, exposure to this expression predicts the number of infectious illnesses the recipient of the non-verbal sign will have in the next four years.