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Abstract

Intimate Partner Violence is a serious and detrimental public health issue that impacts millions of Americans each year. According to National Statistics, nearly 20 Americans per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner (NCADV, 2019). IPV includes actions such as domestic violence (hitting, slapping, shoving), stalking, and rape. Although there is extensive research on the overall subject, a small amount of research has looked at the relationship between sexual minorities and dating violence. The research we conducted analyzed the correlation between sexual preference and victimization of dating violence. The collected data was analyzed using the SPSS online program. Results indicate that there is no correlation or relationship with statistical significance between sexual preference and victimization of dating violence among our participants. Our research can be beneficial in understanding the ways in which society and health care can help Intimate Partner Violence victims.

Methods

Sample:
- We collected 128 responses via online survey using Qualtrics
- We looked at our demographics such as gender, race and ethnicity, age, and sexual orientation

Measures:
- In this study we ran a Pearson correlation and an independent samples T-test using IBM SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences). The 20-minute survey consisted of various items on hurtful behaviors in close interpersonal relationships. Our specific research focused on the Victimization: Dating Violence scale (Miller-Day & Dorros, 2019).

Data Analysis:
- Pearson Correlation using IBM SPSS
- T Test using IBM SPSS

Results

• RQ1: Is sexual preference related to victimization of dating violence?
• Answer: No, sexual preference is not related to victimization of dating violence.
• Created two groups of participants: Heterosexual and Non-Heterosexual.
• Used a T-test that revealed significant differences between the 2 groups (t = 1.61, p < .05).
• Correlation between sexual preferences and victimization of dating violence: (r = -.14, p > .05)
• H1: Sexual minorities are at greater risk for victimization of IPV than their heterosexual counterparts.
• Results of this study did not support our hypothesis.

Hypothesis and RQ’s

• Research Question: What is the relationship of sexual preference to the victimization of dating violence?

Limitations and Future Directions

• We had a small number of overall participants
• 90% of our participants identified as heterosexual
• We need sexual diversity in order to claim a significant relationship