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Findings on Victimization by Sexual Orientation: Implications for Preventing Sexual Violence and IPV in LBGT Communities

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Participant names have been removed from this chat record, unless provided by the participant in text.

- <http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nisvs/SpecialReports.html>
- Voting is anonymous.
- the short version
- yes I have read this report.
- Read the talking points, but not the whole report
- yes
- Let's tweet with #nisvs.

- The first report can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nisvs/>
- At some point, can you please elaborate upon CDC's definition of "being made to penetrate someone"?

- You can learn more about the NISVS methodology and how it is different than other national surveys: <http://preventconnect.org/2011/05/preventconnect-web-conference-on-national-surveys/>
- @Eliana you can see the actual questions in the slides from the web conference above
- Do you have a sense of how many people may have been excluded by this survey since their sexual identity was not presented as an option?
- how are individuals who identify as transgender included in this survey?
- This on page 106 http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/pdf/NISVS_Report2010-a.pdf
- With the low numbers statistically I see most surveyed were heterosexual, how does this relate to the topic we are discussing today?
- So this data is solely on sexual orientation, not gender diversity? So prevention recommendations should only be considered in that light?
- what about people who did not identify as LGB? Like those who identify as queer or something else. did they just skip the question?
- are the differences between heterosexual and lesbian women considered "significant"
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- given the "lifetime" qualification, could respondents have been reporting child sexual abuse/assault?
- It appears that the violence level as a whole in gay and lesbian relationships is much higher than in heterosexual relationships, why is this?
- were these categories mutually exclusive or could respondents select both forms of violence?
- was bisexuality defined by the researcher or individually?
- Do we know the gender of the perpetrator of lifetime physical IPV? For example, a lesbian could have experienced that IPV from a man in a previous relationship, before she identified as a lesbian
- Thank you.
- What findings do you feel are important for your work to prevent sexual violence and intimate partner violence?
- We need to be doing a better job at reaching out to the queer community in our prevention and awareness efforts
- I fear potential misuse of the data to create further stigma for the LGBT community.
- I think that the bi-sexual community has a great deal of issues without including them in the Gay and Lesbian community. How does this effect the numbers for strictly gay and lesbian individuals we serve.

- What feels most important to me is that this, like most surveys, excludes trans, gender nonconforming, pansexual, queer, asexual individuals, all of whom I work with. So what is most important is that we find large scale, national means to measure lived experiences of these folks.
- the higher prevalence for bisexual women and men stands out to me and I'm curious about any research that might point to why
- So perplexed by the high #s for bi people. Doesn't make intuitive sense to me.
- I would not have expected that violence is higher for bisexuals than heterosexuals of gay/lesbians
- agreed with Amanda!
- I also agree re: the inclusion of gender identity. I wanted to point out these findings on how to frame survey questions on gender id
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- Complexity of issues for bisexual women and impacts of biphobia and transphobia; importance of naming abusive and violent behaviour in queer communities; prevalence of male perpetrators for queer women - does this mean homophobic violence or violence before women come out?
- We would be interested to see a breakdown of respondents by age.
- my thoughts exactly sandra
- I would like to know if the survey accounted for how LGB individuals may be at greater/lower risks of victimization if they publicly identify their sexual orientation vs. not
- This data can be provided to legislators to show a need for LGBTQ specific services, interventions, and further studies
- i would expect it, sadly...rates of suicidality, substance use and MH concerns are all greater for bi people than LG people...in part due to isolation and stigma
- I would like to know how we would go about creating more specific programs for the community.
- Yes @ Alexis
- Thanks, Erin, great resource
- We need to be very careful about reporting and generalizing these results.... the results DO NOT suggest that LGB individuals are more violent; only that victimization is higher for these individuals
- Excellent point Ginny!
- Great Ginny

- We also would want to know the sexual orientation of the perpetrators (if possible)
- With the lifetime measurements, I'm curious how the numbers break down specifically within queer relationships
- There is a great need to address the issues of the gay/lesbian community as well as the straight community. Victims are victims. regardless of their sexual preference.
- Thank you for this report Where were the participants from, it would be interesting to know the region?
- Continue the research. We have LGBT representatives on our RPE Planning Committee. We are also working with LGBT reps on child abuse prevention efforts too.
- I live and work in a rural area in Southwest Virginia, did any of the information look at the issue of rural communities for the LGBTQ communities.
- Will data be related on rates of IPV, SA, and stalking based on geographic region and age?
- Kristin - thanks for coming to Texas last year! Thanks to you I am intentionally reaching out to LGBT teens to teach healthy relationship/violence prevention classes!
- The majority of women who reported experiencing sexual violence, regardless of their sexual orientation, reported that they were victimized by male perpetrators according to the 2013 CDC report.....what do folks conclude from this stat? That at the end of the day, this is a violence against women issue?
- I wouldn't conclude that at all. Instead it says to me how male privilege works
- Did you hear myths, stereotypes or hurtful characterizations about LGBTQ people and communities while growing up?
- For Mikel: We are curious as to how this research can move forward in the future. In the chat, a number of people brought up methodological and terminology changes that would be helpful; how could we extend this work?
 - Yes
 - do you mean at home or in society?
 - yes
 - Yes
 - yes
 - yes
 - Yes.
 - Thanks Liat, makes sense.
 - Yes.

- Yes
- Absolutely agree Liat, and the intersections of sexism/misogyny/homo/bi/transphobia
- Thanks Shaki

- What are some examples of how our culture invisibilizes or invalidates LGBTQ relationships and perpetuates & reinforces risk factors for IPV & SV?
 - gay marriage bans
 - Says that women are not violent and can't be abusers
 - not seen in media or if so, stereotypical portrayals
 - ruthless heterosexism and reinforcement of gender and sex binaries
 - "boys will be boys" as an excuse to ignore violence
 - lack of representation in TV and movies
 - allowing for derogative commentary and violent language
 - continuing heteronormativity
 - policies set forth men as perps and women as victims
 - barriers to adoption
 - gay relationships still played for comedy/laughs on TV
 - blaming orientation for the violence itself
 - strict gender binary
 - lack of validation of families, lack of ability to adopt etc.
 - No second parent adoption
 - eroticism of lesbian/queer feminine relationships
 - lack of shelter resources for LB women

- Lack of representation, or stereotypical/oppressive representation in media
 - or for GB men
 - Advertisements, media coverage.
 - straight only proms/dances in schools
 - lack of immigration relief in abusive relationships
 - sexualizing woman on woman violence, its a "cat fight"
 - DV programs supporting other programs that discriminate based on gender/gender identity

- Religious condemnation that shapes/reinforces diminished selfhood
 - "roommates"
 - IPV prevention programs perpetuate he/she dynamic -- heterosexism and men as perpetrators, women as victims
 - they are not covered under certain protection orders
 - In my area it is very religious, so if you come out ..you get what you deserve. The rural area is so vast it is harder to find equals.
 - "He" and "She" in general uses

- Lack of understanding about these issues within the legal system
- Lack of queer narratives in msm; laws which treat same-sex relationships as wrong; focus on male violence against women; lack of queer services
- shaming LGBTQ people for coming out about experiencing partner abuse (ie airing our dirty laundry)
- defining people by their (non-heterosexual) sexuality or (non-cis gender) gender
- and absolutely no resources, shelter or otherwise, for trans people
- binary understandings of partner dynamics in relationships, so that violence or aggression is seen as masculine and that one partner must assert dominance
- 'family values' does NOT include LGBTQ families
- Assuming all women "need" a man and thus invalidates lesbian relationships
- generalizing LBGT issues
- Generalizing
- Lack of LGBTQ clubs on campuses
- Lack of multilingual services/other languages
- Separatism
- discrimination toward lgbtq staff within our own organizations that provide services to survivors
- Yes @ Kelly
- close-minded
- Not seeing the 'real person'
- *survivors*
- The recent fight around passing VAWA.
- Indeed Shaye!
- Judgment
- Assuming something is broken and that being gay is the result of abuse
- intersections with racism, xenophobia, ableism, classism, etc...
- Yes, Shanika
- Do most LGBTQ people receive developmentally appropriate messages about healthy, equitable LGBTQ relationships across their lifespan?
- no
- no\
- NO, sadly
- no
- no
- def no

- no
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- No, and neither do straight people.
- no
- Unfortunately, no.
- I would argue that no one is receiving this messaging
- no
- LOL, someone is a redditor!

- I'm not sure if any type of Intimate relationship received such messages.
- We said no, but this depends somewhat on where you live, and also no one in our society receives truly healthy messages about relationships, regardless of sexual orientation.

- I do use the NW Healthy Relationship Skills Class curriculum at my university though!
- @Adrienne - is that an open resource to share?
- We are working on a curriculum here on healthy relationships in LGBTQ communities here at UNC-Chapel Hill.

- @ Robert Pleasants, is that curriculum available? Would love to see that!
- Erin - Kristin will talk about it soon

- Based on understanding the impact of oppressive systems on LGBTQ people's lives, what are potential contributing factors to higher rates of violence reported by
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- @ Robert Pleasants, is that curriculum available? UNH is interested in seeing it as well.

- @Emily, email me. I'm not the primary author and I know there are possible publication plans so I'd have to ask. Terri Phoenix at our LGBTQ Center and my colleague Kelli Raker have been piloting. My email is [REMOVED]
- stigmatization and lack of understanding about bisexual folks from both straight folks and gay/lesbian folks
- isolation, lack of resources
- Thanks Robert!
- backlash
- ostracism from lesbian peers and hetero peers-- feeling that if you're w/a man, you deserve what you get...
- fear of structures that are supposed to respond & protect victims of violence may instead judge, label and dismiss LGBT reports
- isolation both from het and gay communities
- Bisexuality is arguably the most stigmatized and eroticized identity.

- Bisexual individuals trigger insecurities in both straight and gay partners.
- Biphobia - specifically narratives around bi women being promiscuous; bisexuality not existing; pressures towards binary identification,
- What Emily said -- biphobia in LGBTQ community
- Bisexual people experience stigma from all communities
- not knowing where to seek resources/who will respect their identities
- eroticization of bisexual women
- Lack of a good support system, whether its family or community.
- All relevant!
- abusive concept of "corrective" sexual activity from men
- men's need to "control" their female bi partners to make them more 'straight' perhaps?
- Lack of services specifically for LGBTQ community
- Partner (female or male) may feel especially betrayed if victim is with a person of different gender. They question themselves and their own ability to please. Take it out on victim.

- they have a bigger bag of tactics to draw from toward bisexual IPV victims
- [://nwnetwork.org/](http://nwnetwork.org/) Northwest Network

- I love that the network doesn't put bisexual and trans survivors last in their name.
- Robert, I agree! Also appreciate the option for interpretation...IPV is a big issue in Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities
- Love this!
- Catchy
- great campaign!
- Are there any good programs for adolescents to help educate their families on the teens sexuality?
- this ad is everything.
- Is Christy Road the artist? I love this ad
- simple and great
- Can we see the curriculum for the relationship skills class?
- <3
- I love these stickers!! Folks always comment on mine
- really powerful campaigns!
- Does a curriculum for victims with disabilities exist as it relates to the LGBT community?
- Awesome
- What are some LGBTQ resources in your community?

- GSA's in our high schools, Youth First Texas is LGBTQ support group for teens
- Gay And Lesbian Alliance nonprofit, newsletter, etc

- Fenway, TNLR, GLBTQ DV Project
- survivor lead reading / healing circle
- Center on Halsted, Chicago
- our interactive theatre on negotiating consent in inclusive of same sex relationships and hook ups

- The Alliance on UW-Platt campus, There is a GSA for the Platteville High School
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- The Center of Northern Colorado
- LGBTQ clubs on college campuses.
- LGBTQ programming through local domestic violence agency Bradley Angle here in Portland OR
- OUT Boulder, Boulder Pride, Colorado Anti-violence Program,
- Rainbow House, Jasmyn House, Resource Center at UNF
- Community Center
- Campus lgbt resource center, student groups, our office (sexual violence/sexual health response & education), Women's Center...
- Center on Halsted in Chicago
- PFLAG
- San Diego unfortunately has mainly one very centralized resource... the LGBT community center.
- The only local resource would be the First Congregational Church.
- Virginia AVP

- An advocate program for LGBTQ victims of violence in our community center
- Trevor Project (including Trevor Space)
- Youth support groups...but little for adults
- Free State Legal Project
- PFLAG in Abingdon, va
- The Gender Center Inc , Eugene Oregon
- None in my county sadly
- Speak About It
- In Atlanta, we have a community space that houses a number of nonprofits that work on LGBTQ issues

- We're lucky to have OutReach (LGBT Resource Ctr.) right next door! Plus several partners who provide us with TA; plus an LBGT Committee...
- Howard Brown Health Center (LGBT health center)
- love this site
- community center, pflag, orgs, newspaper, stores
- New Mexico AIDS Services, Gay/Straight Alliance in High Schools, GLBTQ Club at community college, PFLAG

- PFLAGG
- Counselors, attorneys, PFLAG & Gay Straight Alliance @ Universities.
- Health Care - Chase Brexton in Baltimore area

- Many student leaders (including some residential staff) are Safe Space trained.
- The STAND in PRIDE collaborative in Contra Costa County in California provides advocacy specifically to LGBTQ survivors
- a few gay-friendly churches
- Orgs specific to queer youth
- we partner with queer student orgs for program co-sponsorship and tabling opportunities

- Our IPV program here at Portland State University is open also to student of all genders and sexualities and we partner with the campus Queer Resource Center
- we have PFLAG and a drop-in youth night

- Maryland one of the first states where voters made marriage equality legal.
- Broaday Youth Center / Howard Brown Health Center Chicago
- Oregon Anti Violence Project, A Member of NCAVP. Eugene Oregon.
- St.Lukes
- A support group that meets once a week at the local shelter.
- The Pride Center and In Our Own Voices in Albany, NY
- GLSEN
- Resource Center for Youth in Jacksonville Florida
- "Education network

- DV agency LBGTQ program, the Q center-community center, youth program- Smryc; school supports, specific trainers throughout the community
- Safe Schools Alliance

- is there a place where we could compile these resources for people to access later?
- yes - we willpost this list on the PreventConenct web site
- The GenderCenter@ Facebook .com

- we live in a rural town in eastern Oregon and unfortunately are feeling deflated, we have had two suicides in the last 3 months for bullying and one of them had aligned as being gay, so sad that our community can't see they are hurting others
- Excellent Training in Nashville !
- CREATE One Ohana: partners with counseling and parenting class providers to ensure culturally competent services are provided to LGBT youth, families, and allies. Annual camp for LGBT youth.

- This is a link to a webinar recording from last week related to IPV in LGB relationships (focusing on YMSM). The presenters are Mary Case from The L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center and Katrina Kubicek of Children's Hospital Los Angeles.
http://www.chla.org/site/c.ipiNKTOAJsG/b.6151949/k.87B9/SYPP_Center_Webinars.htm
- Based on the information presented today, what are your next steps in your prevention efforts to address LGBTQ people and communities?
- Persons from LGBTQ should feel comfortable in pursuing legal avenues when victims of DV. Such as going to court, calling the police, etc.
- [://showmelovedc.org/](http://showmelovedc.org/)
- Reaching out and having more comprehensive understanding of the bi community
- continue reaching out to LGBTQ teen groups, but now will think about working with adult groups and teaching awareness/prevention
- Increasing outreach to bi/pansexual people in our community.
- when i do training in work places, be that much more intentional about inclusivity
- More direct outreach from our sexual violence response center to LGBTQ students; incorporate more information about sexual violence and LGBTQ people into our prevention programs
- I'd like to work with the DV court here to increase their understanding and support for LGBTQH victims of IPV
- awareness and acceptance of all orientations in rural communities
- Presenting the possibility of creating efforts inclusive of and specially for LGBTQ within DV/SV.
- collaboration, collaboration
- We've recently completed a 4 unit series with queer youth, we are strengthening our partnerships with campus groups and the LGBT community, exploring offering open gender support groups for LGBTQ folks, etc.
- Reaching out and get more involved in the LGBTQ community and seek their needs for them and partners
- work on providing more queer friendly resources to our rural communities
- We need to continue to develop our data collection on college campuses, as this is often a place where people can explore and learn more about themselves and others; we need to focus on accurate data collection and meaningful, informed outreach
- Prevention and AWARENESS
- Talking openly with other employees. Hopefully removing the "don't ask, don't tell" mentality
- Look internally at organization's climate, policies & procedures regarding staff who identify as LBGT

- Do more research in my community
- Yes @ Tammy

- Continue to promote public education and awareness through research.

- ensuring online and print materials do not have a hetero assumption built into them
- Having all staff "Safe Zone" trained
- Sexual Violence in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex or Queer Communities
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- that's important Erin
- Cultivating informal community based interventions and support

- Share NISVS stats with my department, so we can address these disparities
- work to engage children at a young age in rejecting "traditional" gender norms and roles
- Culturally Competent Service Provision to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Survivors of Sexual Violence
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- Continue to work with LGBT community in public health efforts to prevent CAN, SA, and DV.

- @caitlin - yes! email me if you want more info on research on that – [REMOVED]
- We also spoke at a One Billion Rising event that took place at the LGBT community center, so looking for more opportunities like that
- go back to the page with the resources!!!
- NSVRC Packet <http://nsvrc.org/publications/nsvrc-publications-information-packets/sexual-violence-individuals-who-identify-lgbtq>

- @ jennifer, can you please post your website URL? We cannot copy from this slide
- never mind, thanks David!
- Here is a PreventConnect podcast David did with PCAR's Liz Zadnik about it. <Http://preventconnect.org/2012/10/new-info-packet-lgbtq/>
- The Network/La Red tnlr.org is great too
- Slides <http://preventconnect.org/2013/02/nisvslgbt/>
- Thanks!
- Please complete the evaluation for today's web conference. It will be emailed to you in about 30 minutes.
- Are there any CEU's available for this webinar today?
- Will data be related on rates of IPV, SA, and stalking based on geographic region and age?
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- ok thanks
- Any attempts to do similar research with youth?
- Great job Kristin!
- What about the YRBS?
- Youth Risk Behavior Survey
- YRBS doesn't ask that much detail and YRBS core doesn't include sexual identity items, only optional, used by some states
- and right now, doesn't have trans identity measurement
- Thank you! Great presentation and information.
- What about research regarding victims with disabilities?
- Thank you everyone - great webinar!
- Perhaps CDC could look at improving YRBS?
- Thank you! Very useful and informative presentation. Thank you all!
- Awesome!! Thanks!!
- Please complete the evaluation! Will be mailed to the address you used to login in about 30 minutes.
- Thanks!!!
- Thank you everyone!
- thanks everyone for the great questions!
- Thanks a million!
- Thank You for all the information!
- YRBS in NYC asks about sexual orientation and about IPV but not beyond binary gender identity
- Thanks to All!!!!!!
- Thank you David, Mikel, and Kristen.
- Are there any future webinars scheduled?
- Thank you for the wealth of information.
- Thank you
- Thanks!
- Thank you so much!