



INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE IN THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY: PERSPECTIVES FROM THE BENCH

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INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE



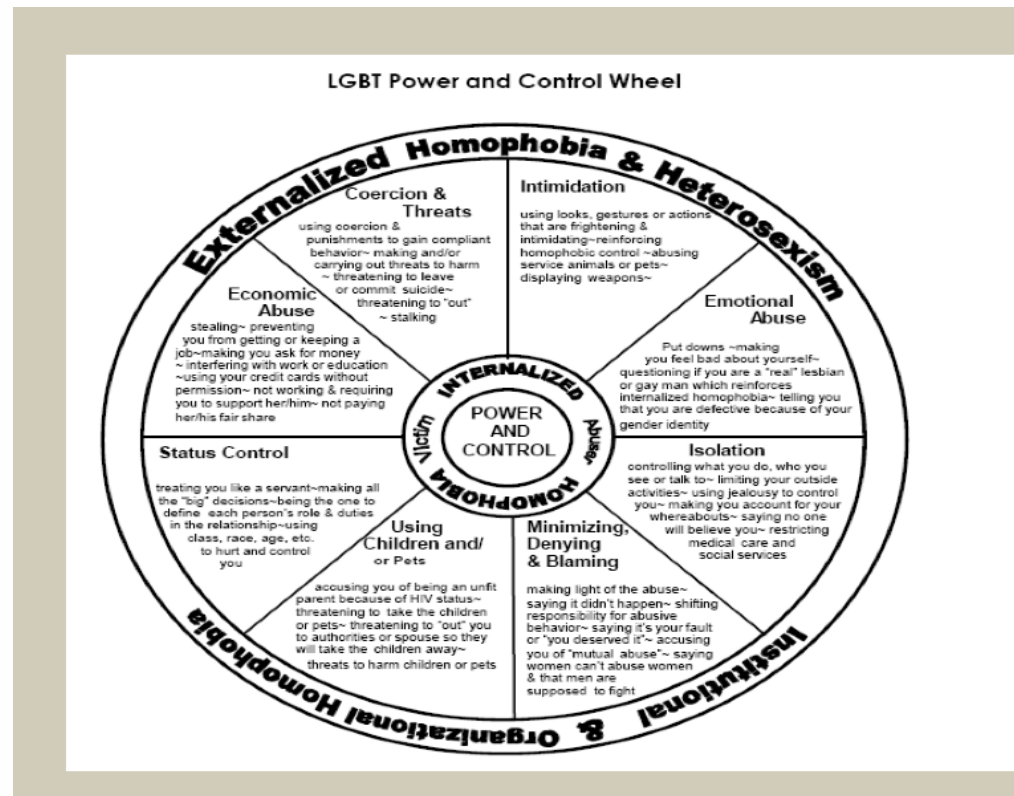
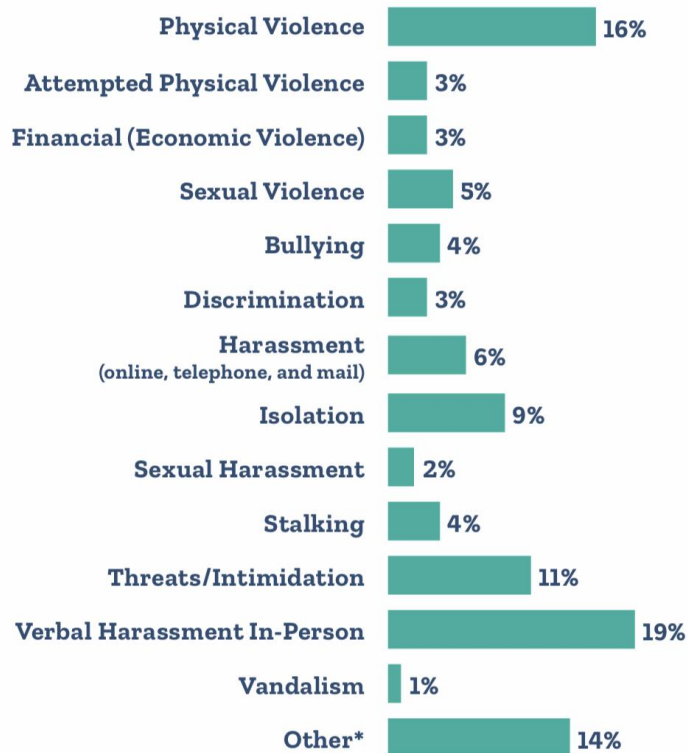
Many definitions

Physical, sexual, or psychological
harm by a current or former
intimate partner

Effort to exert power and control

EXAMPLES OF IPV

Type of Violence in Reported Intimate Partner Violence in 2017[†]



BY THE NUMBERS = LGB

Table I. Prevalence of lifetime intimate partner violence and intimate partner sexual violence in the 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS), by sexual orientation and gender

	Lifetime Intimate Partner Violence		Lifetime Intimate Partner Sexual Violence	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
General Population	28.1%	32.9%	8.0%	15.9%
Heterosexual	28.7%	32.3%	*	15.3%
Bisexual	37.3%	56.9%^	*	40.0%^
Gay/Lesbian	25.2%	40.4%	*	**


* Estimate not reported ** Estimate not reported; sample size too small ^ Statistically significant difference in prevalence of IPV between bisexual and heterosexual women ($p < .05$)

BY THE NUMBERS – TRANS AND NONBINARY

Limited number of studies



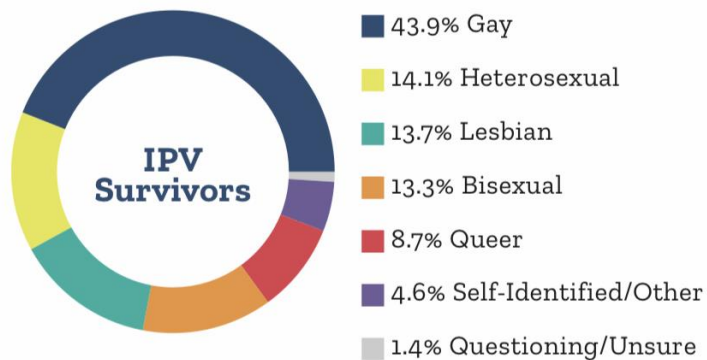
Range for Transpersons for IPV = 54%; IPSV = 47%



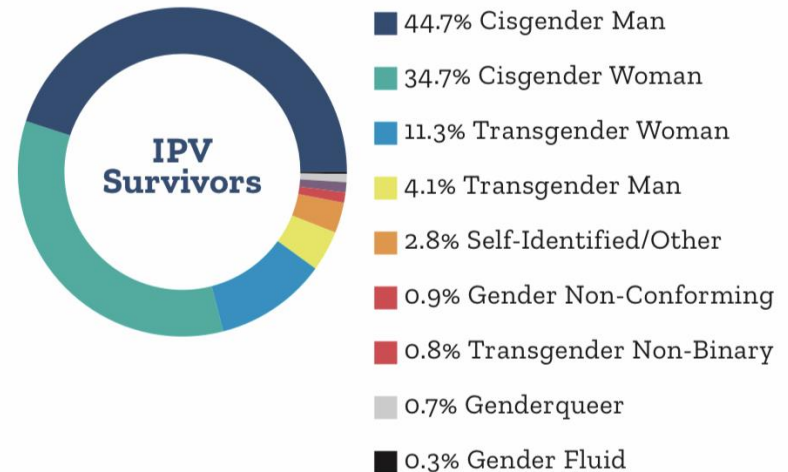
Nonbinary persons: Very limited information – Need studies!

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Sexual Orientation

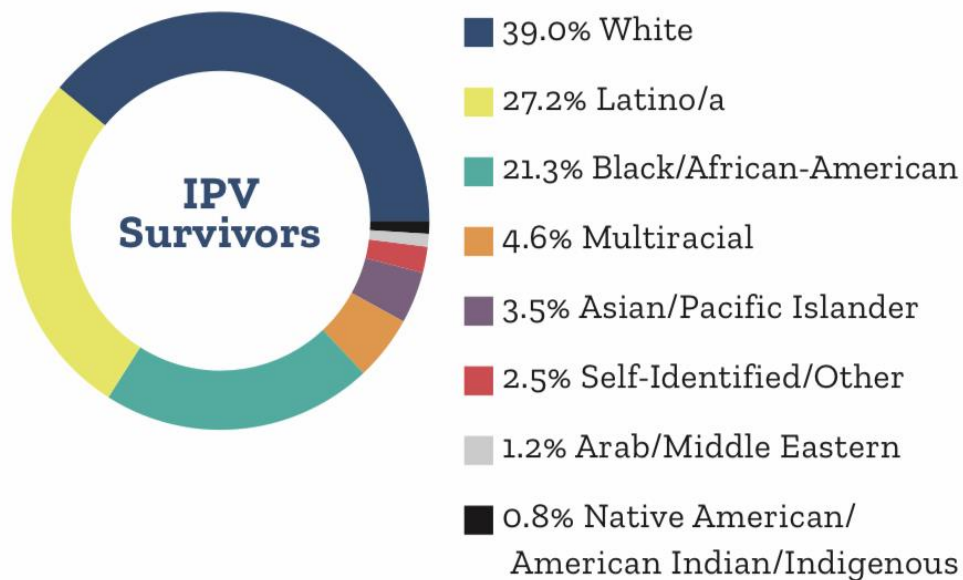


Gender Identity

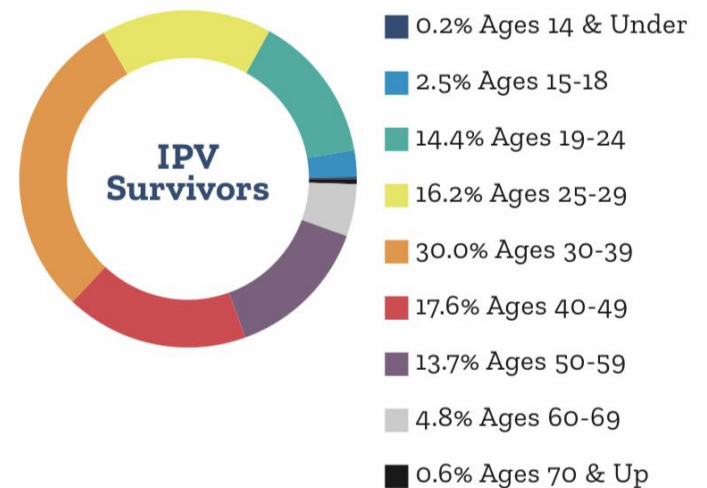


BY THE NUMBERS

Race and Ethnicity



Age



IPV
survivors
who
reported
a
disability

BY THE NUMBERS

Isolation

2x more likely

Stalking

3x more likely

**Financial
abuse**

4x more likely

National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and HIV-Affected Intimate Partner Violence in 2015 (2016 Release Edition)

WHY DO PEOPLE AVOID THIS TOPIC?

Detracts from
gender-based
violence
perspective

Avoid further
stigmatization of
LGBTQ+ persons
and relationships

Avoid fueling
biphobia,
transphobia,
homophobia

Stereotypes re
masculinity and
femininity

Misconceptions
about “mutual
conflict”

OUR DISCUSSION



Special considerations in LBGTQ+ IPV

Particularly vulnerable groups

Barriers in accessing services

What you can do

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