Teen Dating Violence Among Sexual Minority Youth: Predictions and Trends using the YRBS 2017

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Previous studies suggest that sexual minority youth report higher frequencies of victimization of teen dating violence (physical and sexual) than their heterosexual peers. This study explores the relationship between sexual orientation, sexual partner choice, and victimization of teen dating violence (physical and sexual) with quantitative analysis using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2017. Applying both minority stress and intersectional theoretical frameworks, this study examines the differences in incidence of teen dating violence among youth who self-identify as sexual minorities and by the sex of their sex partners. The current study also predicts experiencing both types of teen dating violence (physical and sexual) by sexual identity.