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# Intimate Partner Violence and the LGBT+ Community

## Understanding Power Dynamics

- Incorporates criminal justice and policy implications of intimate partner violence in sexual minority relationships
- Discusses the psychological effects of intimate partner violence
- Addresses the debates between feminism and gender symmetry in IPV and provides theoretical debates about the driving factors of IPV among sexual minorities

Intimate Partner Violence is a serious social problem affecting millions in the United States and worldwide. The image of violence enacted by a male aggressor to a female victim dominates public perceptions of intimate partner violence (IPV). This volume examines how this heteronormativity influences reporting and responding to partner violence when those involved do not fit the stereotype of a typical victim of IPV. Research and theory have helped us to understand power dynamics about heterosexual IPV; this book encourages greater attention to the unique issues and power dynamics of IPV in sexual minority populations. Divided into five distinct sections, chapters address research and theories associated with IPV, examining the similarities and differences of IPV within heterosexual and gender minority relationships. Among the topics discussed: Research methodology and scope of the problem Primary prevention and intervention of IPV among sexual and gender minorities Barriers to help-seeking among various populations Promoting outreach and advocacy Criminal justice response to IPV With recommendations for intervention and prevention, criminal justice response and policy, *Intimate Partner Violence and the LGBT+ Community: Understanding Power Dynamics* will be of use to students, researchers, and practitioners of psychology, criminal justice, and public policy.

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