

Reviewer comment-1

There is a wealth of literature showing the association and direction of the association between gender identity and sexual violence/victimization in various youth and young adult LGBTQ+ samples. There is inadequate discussion and summary of the existing literature and what this paper offers given that literature.

RESPONSE-

While there is research on LGBTQ+ samples related to sexual violence the vast majority of that literature focuses on sexual orientation as opposed to gender identity and very little of it is specific to trans populations. In an attempt to avoid further conflating sexuality and gender identity as comparable variables in analysis, which has been a noted problem in the literature, we chose to only focus on discussing what is known related to trans individuals specifically as opposed to the LGBTQ+ population broadly.

The authors do not clearly lay out why they chose certain gender identity categories and do not appropriately categorize respondents as transgender (they do not follow standard/best practice).

RESPONSE-

While I appreciate reviewers being careful with research on a community such as the trans community, I am unsure of the specific criticism of the gender coding. Only those individuals who indicated they identify as transgender, either by selecting a trans identity on the first demographic question or by indicating they identify as transgender on the second demographic question, were included in the trans sample. No other effort was made to assume a trans identity for study participants. Following study participant self-identification is a standard practice in this type of research.

I also did not see any accompanying tables or figures.

RESPONSE-

This was an error on my part and will be updated in the revision.

Reviewer comment-2

1) The authors did not make any effort to organize literature review to arrive at the four research questions. In addition, there are no analysis based on literatures concerning the relationship among the variables that the authors want to examine in this study. So, we cannot figure out the reasons why this study was carried out.

RESPONSE-

Revisions made to the literature review to more clearly align with study goals and add additional/new research

- 2) It is quite unclear why academic success is counted as one of the dependent variables.

RESPONSE-

Additions to the literature review were made to make this more clear.

- 3) Findings: Since there are no tables attached to the documents, we cannot figure out what the texts in the finding parts mean.

RESPONSE-

This was an error on my part and will be corrected in revisions.

- 4) The discussion part is also weak. Authors should contribute more on discussion the findings by relevant literatures and theoretical frameworks etc.

RESPONSE-

Additions made to discussion.