

There has been a lack of research within the realm of intimate lesbian partner abuse until the 1970s. Despite the lack of research, surveys have shown that intimate lesbian partner abuse takes place as frequently as abuse in heterosexual relationships. This report observes intimate partner abuse among black lesbians on college campuses. It is hypothesized that black lesbians will be more accepting of emotional or psychological abuse in their intimate relationships. A survey was completed by thirty one black lesbians on Howard University's campus and was compiled by Campbell and Glenn (2010). This measure assesses levels of abuse that women recognize and cope with in their intimate relationships. The participants who completed the survey overwhelmingly experienced (currently or in the past) forms of emotional or psychological abuse in their relationships. We will discuss the implications of the findings with regard to existing literature on Intimate Partner abuse in Lesbian Relationships.