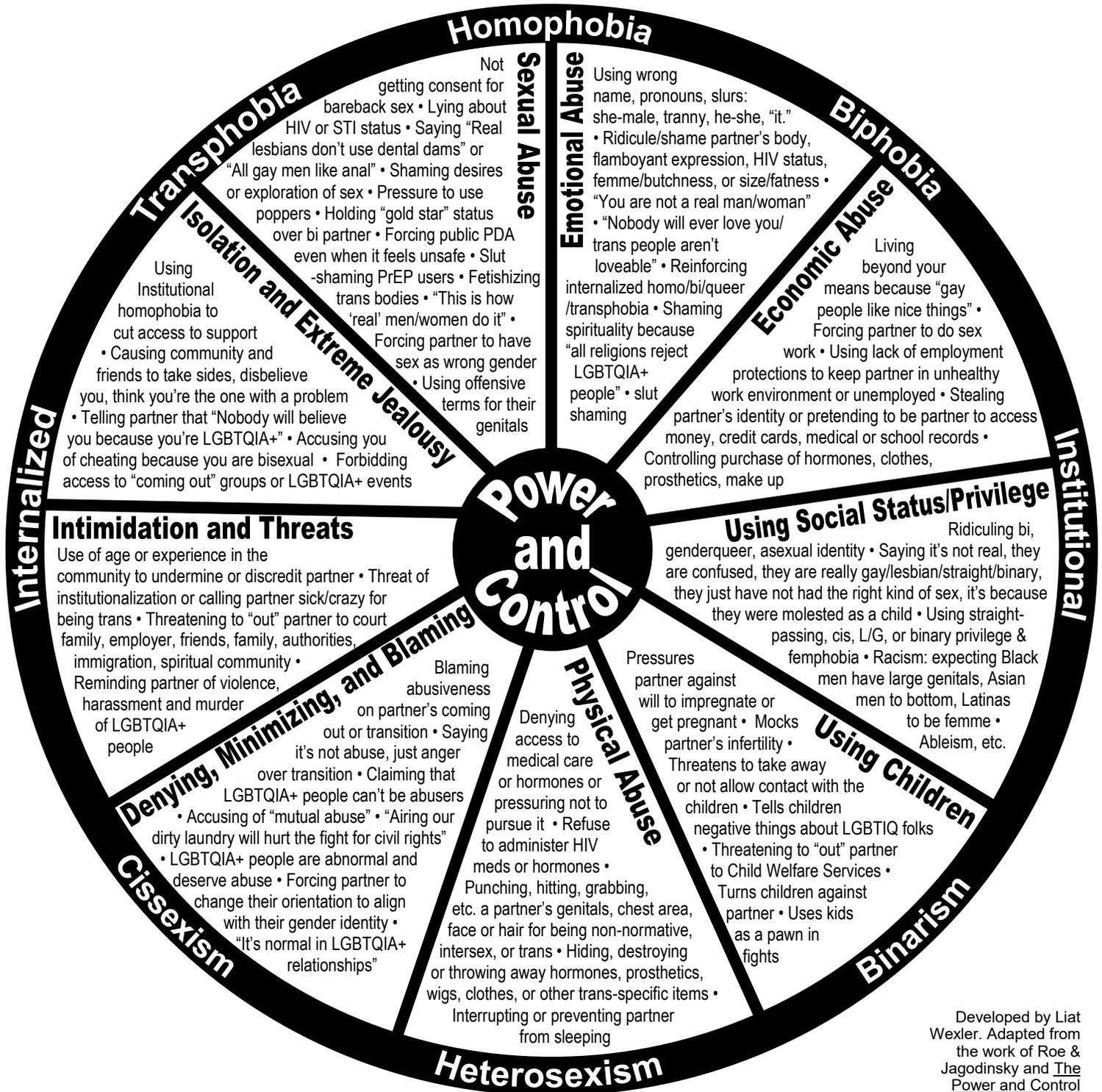


Partner Abuse in LGBTQIA+ Relationships

Intimate partner violence is a recurring, chronic, deliberate pattern of behaviors done by one partner (or ex) to gain power and maintain control over another in a relationship. Partners may be married, dating, seeing each other, hooking up, or broken up.



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Partner Abuse & Sexual Assault in LGBTQIA+ Communities

FACTS

- Intimate partner abuse and sexual assault are not just about violence against women. They are about power and control, so anyone - regardless of sexual orientation or gender - can be a survivor.
- It's not always the bigger, stronger, more butch or masculine-looking person who abuses or sexually assaults.
- Relationship & sexual violence in LGBTQIA+ communities occurs as much or more often than straight/cisgender relationships and can be just as severe or life threatening.
- Abusive behavior is NOT a normal part of LGBTQIA+ relationships and no one ever deserves to be abused.
- Men, including gay men, don't always want sex, and being pressured or made to penetrate counts as sexual assault.
- Sexual assault and intimate partner abuse happens in polyamorous and kinky (BDSM) relationships too.

Lifetime prevalence of rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner			
Women		Men	
Heterosexual	35%	Heterosexual	29%
Lesbian	44%	Gay	26%
Bisexual	61%	Bisexual	37%

CDC's National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey: NISVS 2010 Findings on Victimization by Sexual Orientation

Lifetime prevalence of sexual assault	
Transgender people	47%
Women	33%
Men	17%

2015 U.S. Transgender Survey

Lifetime prevalence of intimate partner violence (not including rape or stalking) for transgender people	54%
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2015 U.S. Transgender Survey (27,715 respondents) <https://www.transequality.org/sites/default/files/docs/USTS-Full-Report-FINAL.PDF>

% of students who experienced Non-consensual Sexual Contact in college	
Trans/GQ/GNC	39%
Women	33%

SA Campus Survey — Association of American Universities
<http://apps.washingtonpost.com/g/documents/local/association-of-american-universities-campus-survey-on-sexual-assault-and-sexual-misconduct/1747>

If You or Someone You Know is in an Abusive Relationship or Has Been Sexually Assaulted

CCS Emergency Shelters accepts survivors of all genders and orientations. CCS advocates can help.

Center for Community Solutions

Coastal Office: (858) 272-5777
East County Office: (619) 697-7477
North County Office: (760) 747-6282

24-Hour Toll Free Crisis Hotline

1-888-385-4657

Local Shelters

Project Safehouse: (619) 631-6442
Hidden Valley House: (760) 480-0055