



Predictors of internalized homophobia among sexual minority adults aged 50+: Differences between gay men and lesbian women

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Research Overview

This study examines differences between older gay men and lesbians in predictors of internalized homophobia.

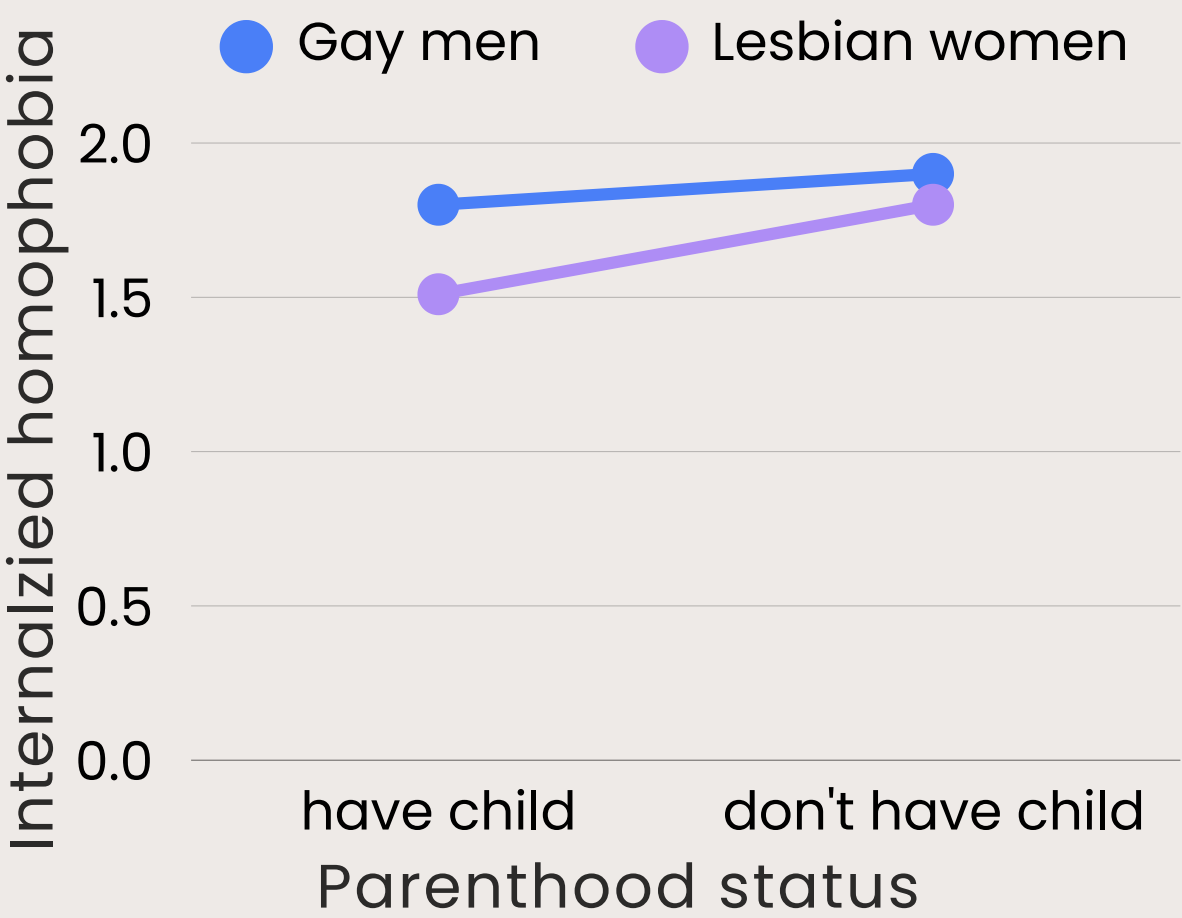
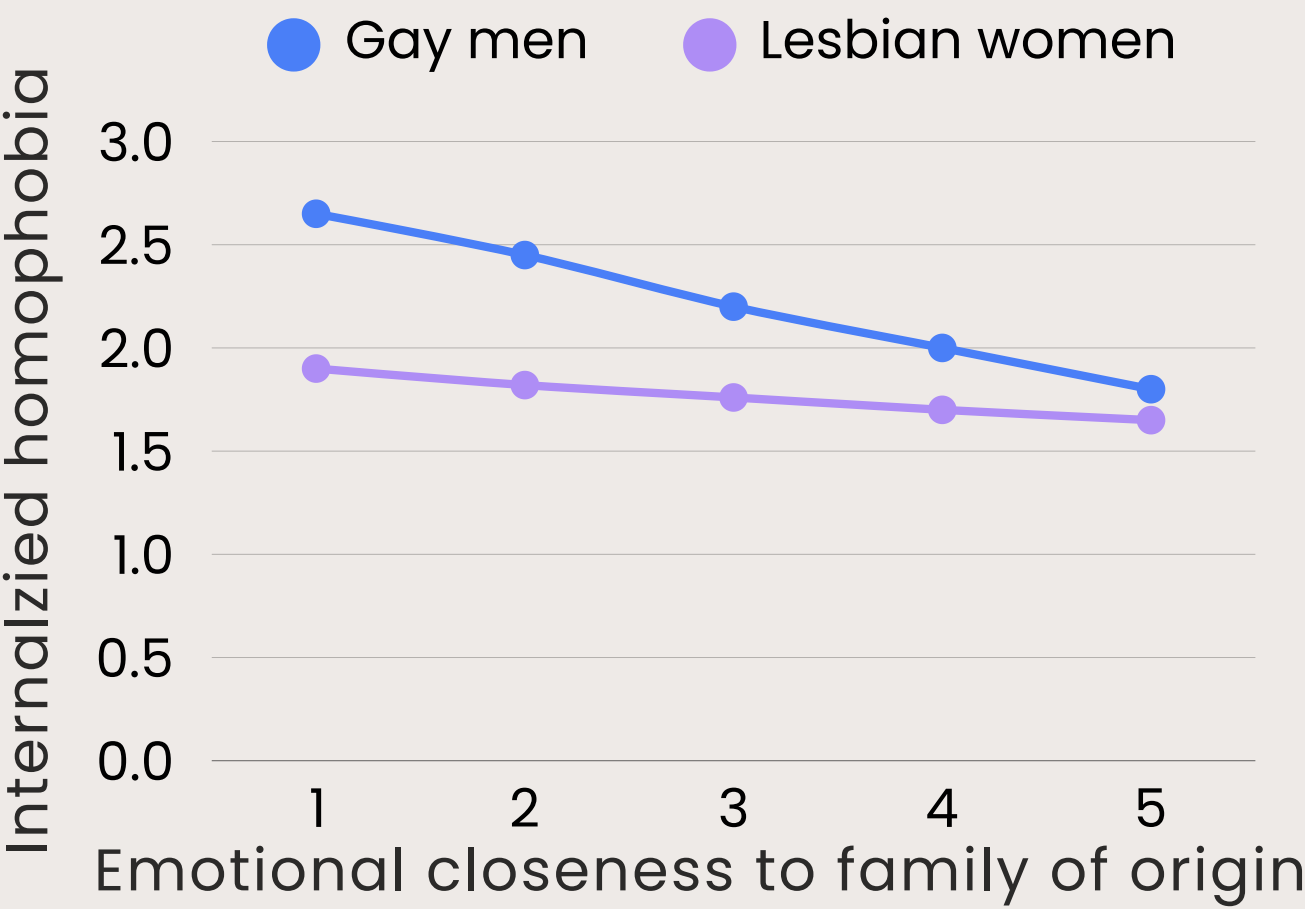
Participants

- Data collection: Online survey
- Gay men: 233
- Lesbian women: 179
- Mean age = 58.27 (6.88)

Measures

- Internalized homophobia
- Romantic relationship
- Parenthood status
- Family relationship quality
 - Stability
 - Acceptance of one's sexual orientation
 - Emotional closeness

Interaction effects of sexual orientation and internalized homophobia



Conclusions

- There are differences in how family relationships are associated with internalized homophobia among gay men and lesbian women.
- Emotional closeness had a stronger protective effect among gay men.
- Parenthood status was more protective among lesbians