



The Perception of Being Stalked and its Emotional Impact

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Research Question

Does one's perception of being a stalking victim impact their emotions?

Data Collection

This research study analyzes secondary data from the National Crime Victimization Survey: Stalking Victimization Supplement, 2006. 78,741 individuals 18 or older participated in the survey.

Methods

Simple sum scales on emotional impact and stalking were created using questions from the survey. Correlation and regression tests were run using SPSS.

Results

- Age, race, and gender are not significantly related to stalking
- There is a significant positive relationship between race and emotional impact
- There is significant negative relationship between gender and stalking
- When regression was run to see if age, race, gender, and perception of stalking explained the emotional impact, the model was not significant

Correlations

Mesures	1	2	3	4	5
1. Age	1.0				
2. Race	0.080**	1.0			
3. Gender	-0.035**	0.028**	1.0		
4. Stalking	0.019	0.042	0.011	1.0	
5. Emotional Impact	-0.008	0.052*	-0.196**	0.017	1.0

Note *p<0.05, **p<0.01

Conclusion

The model is not effective in explaining the variation. There are other unknown variables that have an influence on the participant's emotional impact other than perceiving that they are a victim of stalking. More research is needed in order to identify variables that better explain the variation and to better understand stalking and its impact on individuals

Limitations

- Small sample size of those who reported that they felt like they had been stalked
- Lack of generalizability