



Escaping Intimate Partner Violence

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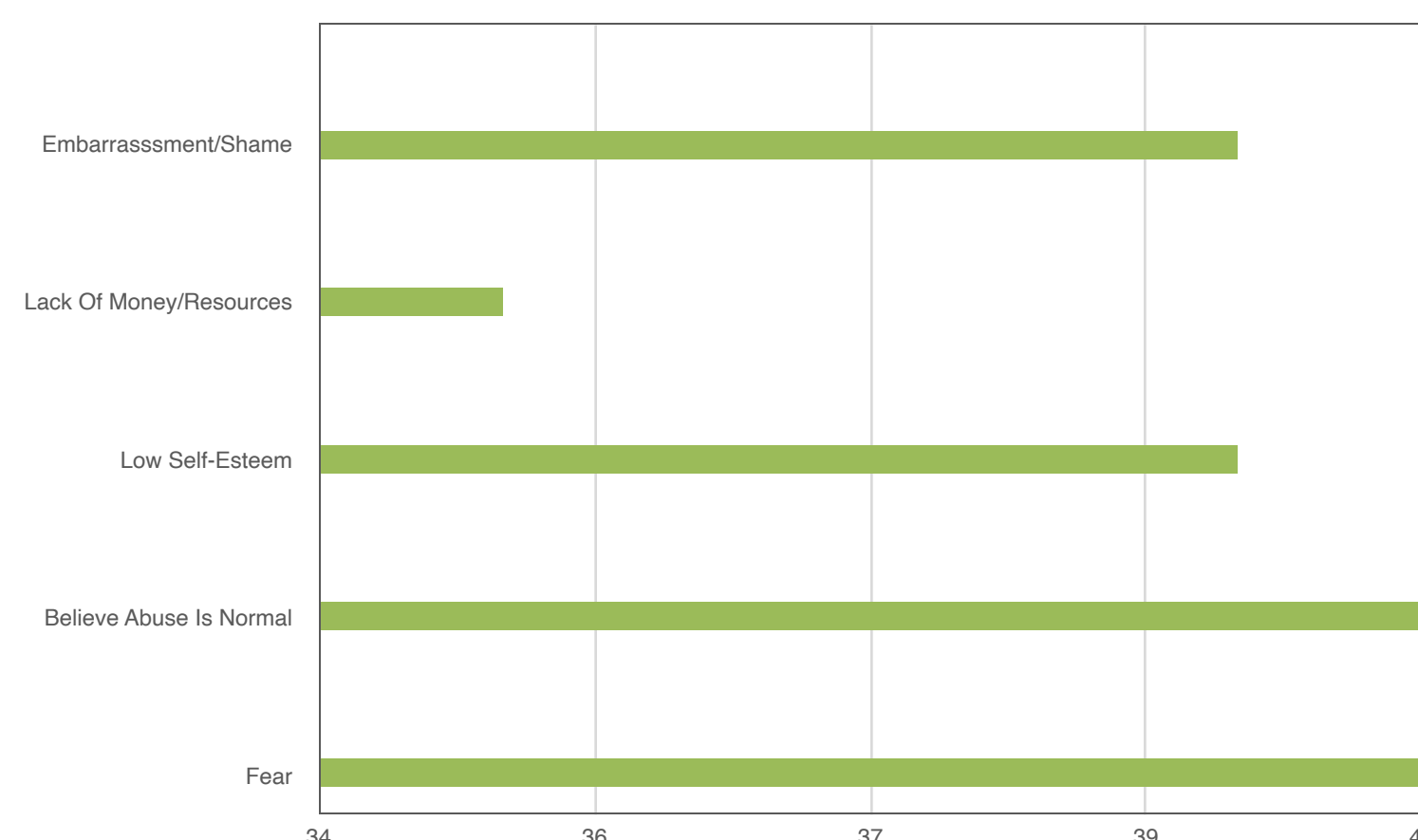
PURPOSE

The purpose of this project was to provide educational resources and intervention with the goal to reduce the incidence and prevalence of IPV in the African American community. The project was designed for the LGBTQ community. Additionally, this intervention identified the various methods of IPV, (i.e., verbal, physical, financial, and psychological abuses) along with the warning signs.

DEMOGRAPHIC

Forty-three African Americans, 40 female and three males, 18 to 27 years old participated in the workshop.

Why I Stayed In An IPV Relationship



METHODS

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a virtual workshop was held via Zoom. Flyers were posted on social media and shared by community partners, OUTMemphis and Love Doesn't Hurt Memphis, to their respective networks. Student health ambassador also invited peers from class via word of mouth. Participants of the interactive intervention completed a consent form and pre/post-surveys.

OUTCOMES

- 1) Males participants of the intervention neither joined the discussions nor completed the surveys.
- 2) Reports of sexual victimizations were highest among Bisexual women.
- 3) The surveys indicated that homelessness was a major concern for the LGBTQ community.
- 4) Participants discussed the need for more help-seeking services for the LGBTQ community.
- 5) Short-term housing was discussed as a critical need for the LGBTQ community.

STUDENT'S LESSON LEARNED

- 1) The women in attendance were more open to talk about past and present IPV incidences than men.
- 2) Future workshops should be planned for males, having a male facilitators.
- 3) Community partners are valuable for attracting a more diverse demographic of participants.
- 4) There is a great need for more resources and financial assistance to aid the LGBTQ community in this area.
- 5) Physicians need more training to identify signs of Intimate Partner Violence.

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