

Trans Theory and Intimate Partner Violence

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The limitations of feminist frameworks to conceptualize trans people's unique experiences have led to an emerging trans theoretical framework, seeking to complicate theoretical understandings of gender to be inclusive of trans and nonbinary identities. In this paper, I provide support to this emerging theoretical framework by first illustrating how Black, Indigenous and queer feminist frameworks conceptualize engendered violence, highlighting the theoretical limitations when applied to trans experiences of intimate partner violence (IPV). Subsequently, I re-examine trans IPV through a trans theory lens, demonstrating how complexities of trans identities and embodiment of gender necessitates a more comprehensive theoretical understanding of gender, and how trans theory can provide nuanced understanding. *[Article copies available for a fee from The Transformative Studies Institute. E-mail address: journal@transformativestudies.org Website: <http://www.transformativestudies.org> ©2022 by The Transformative Studies Institute. All rights reserved.]*

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INTRODUCTION

There is a scarcity of critical engagement with trans, nonbinary and otherwise gender nonconforming (herein referred to collectively as 'trans') identities within literature examining engendered violence. This dearth of literature has prompted scholars to apply misfitting theoretical frameworks to the experiences of trans people, adapting or abandoning

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