

Abstract

The present study examines the association between experiences of relational victimization by siblings and target siblings' perpetration of relationally aggressive behaviors against close relationship partners in non-familial contexts. Past research has examined how aggressive behaviors learned in sibling relationships can carry over into interactions with peers during preschool, grade school, and middle school. However, little research has investigated the impact that sibling relationships may play in the socialization of relationally aggressive behaviors perpetrated against close relationship partners in adolescence and emerging adulthood. I will examine whether sibling relational victimization is positively associated with relational aggression perpetrated against peers and romantic partners in adolescence and emerging adulthood, respectively. I will also explore whether age of sibling (older or younger) and sibling gender moderate these relations.