

**Transgenerational Violence, Trauma, and Growth Research:
A Bibliometric Analysis of Research Output Over Time**

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Structured Abstract

Scope: Victims of family and domestic violence, both child and adult, may experience pervasive psychological, sexual, and relationship difficulties. Studies have consistently demonstrated links between childhood exposure to family violence and likelihood of future perpetration or victimisation of domestic and family violence (Campo, 2015).

Purpose: The aim of this study was to assess the volume and characteristics of research output in Australia over time in the field of transgenerational violence and positive psychology to determine areas of propriety.

Methodology: This bibliometric analysis used a descriptive repeat cross-sectional study of peer-reviewed publications from PsycINFO and ProQuest across three time periods, 1990-1998, 2000-2008, and 2010-2018. Publications were classified as data- or non-databased with data-based studies being further categorised by study focus, perspective, sexual orientation, cultural background, and age.

Results: Overall, there has been an increase in the volume of publications reporting upon transgenerational domestic and family violence within Australia between three time periods. Infants were more frequently incorporated in in the latter studies. However, other indicators of progression were not found to be statistically significant including the level of evidence, study focus, positive perspective, sexual relationship types, or cultural backgrounds.

General Conclusions and Implications: We demonstrated a growing interest within the field of transgenerational domestic and family violence within Australia as indicated by an increase in the volume of publications between three time periods, that began to acknowledge infants in their studies. This suggests there is a growing interest in this field of research across the lifespan. Despite this, other indicators suggestive of progression were not found to be statistically significant; specifically level of evidence, study focus, positive perspective,

sexual relationship types, or cultural backgrounds. Finally, although increase in volume was statistically significant, numbers are low with a paucity of research in this important area of human behaviour. Attitudes vary considerably in different countries towards family violence influenced by culture, religion, education and geography influencing steps taken to reduce this worldwide threat to families and communities. It is evident that further rigorous cross-cultural research is needed with transgenerational family and domestic violence.

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