

Honors Research Project Proposal

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Title of Proposed Project: Coming Out in Later Adulthood: Are the Stresses Different?	
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Please include a brief (maximum 200 words) summary of your proposed project

The goal of the present study is to investigate whether there is a difference between people who "come out" at a later age compared to those who came out at a "younger age." There is a dearth of research on the stress of sexual minorities in general and even less research done on the stress of older sexual minorities.

The hypotheses for the present study include the following:

1. People who come out later in life will score higher on internalized homophobia than those who come out earlier in life.
2. People who come out earlier in life will have more lifetime experienced discrimination than those who come out later in life.
3. People who come out later in life will have lowered well-being (e.g., higher depression, lower anxiety) than those who come out earlier in life.

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