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## Measurement Invariance of the Brief Fear of Negative Evaluation Scale across Sexual and Gender Identity Groups

The Brief Fear of Negative Evaluation 2.0 (BFNE) is a measure designed to test the extent to which a person fears and avoids situations where they might experience being negatively evaluated by peers or others in social situations. Concerns of negative evaluation held by members of minority groups likely differ from the fears observed among members of majority groups. Thus, it's reasonable to question whether the BFNE performs differently in these populations. Therefore, the BFNE's measurement invariance between LGBT and non-LGBT individuals was evaluated using a multigroup confirmatory factor analysis to test aspects of measurement invariance.

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