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Longitudinal predictors of intimate partner violence perpetration in a female cohort

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Using a national panel sample of adolescent females surveyed from 1994 to 2018 (N = 2002), the present analysis estimates the lasting effect of adolescent social bonds to family and school on intimate partner violence perpetration in adulthood. Results show that low attachments to family and school in adolescence significantly predicted violent behavior in adolescence, which in turn was positively and significantly associated with violent behavior in early adulthood. The findings of the serial mediation analysis show that violence perpetration in adolescence and early adulthood predicted intimate partner violence perpetration (IPVP) in middle-adulthood. Moreover, adult partnered women who reported IPVP were more likely to be runaways in adolescence, lacked family attachment, and were more likely to belong to racial/ethnic minority groups. The impact of social bonds to school on IPVP was fully mediated by violence perpetration in adolescence. The limitations of the analysis and the study implications will be also discussed.