

Large Scale Trauma

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After the September 11 Terrorist Attack

- Survey conducted 3-5 days later (n=560 adults, 170 children): 44% adults at least 1 of 5 PTSD screening symptoms; 90% at least some stress symptoms; 35% parents reported at least 1 symptom in children (Schuster et al., 2001)
- National web-based survey (n=2733), 2-3 months after attack: 11.2% prevalence of PTSD compared to 4% across the nation (Schlenger et al., 2002)

After September 11 cont'd.

- Five to eight weeks after attack, a survey of 988 adults (below 110th Street) 7.5% had PTSD; 9.7% had depression (13.6% had either) (Galea et al., 2002)
- Four months after attack, all adults : 2.9% had PTSD; 4.2% had depression; however, sub-threshold PTSD was not included (Galea 2003)

Trauma On A Large National Scale: Characteristics

- Man-made, man-induced
- Surprise factor
- Propagated by media on extended geographic areas
- Amplified by media
- Resulting in “down-stream” transmission of: trauma, cumulative effect
- Survivor behavior

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