

Day THIRTEEN: December 7th

Femicide

Femicide, a global problem, is a sex-based, hate crime term, broadly defined as "the intentional killing of women or girls because they are females."

Ana Clara's Story

Ana Clara was thirty and lived on the periphery of Porto Alegre, Brazil. She was in a relationship with a partner for six years and had one daughter. The relationship was very unstable and there was a lot of conflict and violence which resulted in repeated break-ups. On New Year's Eve 2007, Ana Clara was stabbed to death by her partner. (*Femicide: Narratives of Gender Crimes*. SN Meneghel - 2013)

What is my reaction to this true story?



freeonline.wordpress.com (womensaid.org.uk)

UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

Goal 16 Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere.

Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)

3 - Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security.

5 - No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment

7 - All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to protection of the law.



CEDAW (Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women)

Articles 1-16 outline what governments must do to end discrimination against girls and women. It also lists specific areas where discrimination against girls and women must end i.e. in law, marriage, education, health care, and employment.

SAFE FROM FEAR
SAFE FROM VIOLENCE

"States shall recognise, encourage and support the work of relevant NGOs and of civil society active in combating violence against women and establish effective co-operation."

(Article 9: Council of Europe's Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women.)

<https://rm.coe.int/168008482e>

ACTION

Raise awareness of *Femicide* and lobby for justice wherever this occurs.

Work for gender equality in every country.

Visit <http://femicide-watch.org/readers/must-knows-femicide>

Read 'A Gendered Analysis of Violent Deaths' - http://www.smallarmssurvey.org/fileadmin/docs/H-Research_Notes/SAS-Research-Note-63.pdf

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Global Facts

- ❖ *BBC Monitoring* followed press coverage of women killed by another person on 1 October 2018 around the world. Their regional specialists counted 47 women reported killed that day apparently for gender-related reasons, in 21 different countries. <http://femicide-watch.org/products/47-women-killed-one-day-around-world-because-their-gender-bbc-news>
- ❖ The highest number of Femicides occurs in South Africa, South America and Central America. <https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis>
- ❖ In 2017, intentional homicide took the lives of a total of 87,000 women. More than half, 50,000 (58%) were killed by intimate partners or family members. <https://www.unodc.org/gsh/>
(Source: 2019 Study on Global Homicide: Gender-related killings of women and girls | UNODC)

In 'Laudato Si' Pope Francis states:

'It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered species, while remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being... (91)

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

is a systematic and widespread human rights violation. It cuts across age, socio-economic, educational and geographic boundaries.



www.google.ie/search?rlz=1C1E0DB_enIE584IE584&biw=1920&bih=974&tbm=isch&sa=1&q=pixiebay

49 Countries have no laws to protect women from domestic violence. <http://hdr.undp.org/en/content/violence-against-women-cause-and-consequence-inequality>.

“GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE - A GLOBAL EPIDEMIC ... endangers the life of women & girls with negative consequences not only for them, but also for their children & communities. Ending this scourge is integral to the development of women’s human capital & unleashing their contribution to economic growth.”
(Feb. 2018 - World Bank study)

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2018/02/01/more-than-1-billion-women-lack-legal-protection>

CHILD MARRIAGE....



www.google.ie/search?q=Photos+of+child+brides+pixabay

New data (2018) confirm that practice of child marriage has continued to decline around the world, with accelerated progress in the last 10 years. However, **12 MILLION GIRLS** are still married in childhood each year (UNICEF 2018).

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence...



DAY 13...

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