


A Sermon on Being Targeted As A Walmart Shopper
Sermon by Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE for January 15th, 2023 (and beyond)

A transfeminine friend of mine e-mailed me on November 27th, 2022 stating that because 32 transgender/non-binary people had been murdered in the US in 2022 (Source: <https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/11/32-transgender-and-gender-non-conforming-people-killed-in-us-this-year-says-human-rights-campaign/>) that amounted to trans genocide. I disagreed with the use of the term genocide and recommended calling it murder aggravated by hate making it a hate crime and compounding any charges against said perpetrators who are acting outside the law which is why they are prosecuted like the Colorado shooter here: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/nation/patrons-in-colorado-gay-club-shooting-hit-gunman-with-his-own-weapon> . My friend at that time said my denying trans genocide was a red flag and they were severing ties with me as a result of my trans genocide denial. I replied and said she was always welcome to contact and to disagree.

I've been giving my friend's belief a lot of thought and decided maybe she was right and 32 deaths amounts to genocide. In such a case, far more Walmart shoppers have been targeted and killed and therefore to accept trans genocide, I have to believe Walmart shopper genocide is a real existential threat at this time. I'm a Walmart shopper and understand I'm being targeted because of where I shop as a result of so many mass homicides at Walmart locations. See this article: <https://www.reuters.com/world/us/walmart-shootings-episodes-gun-violence-retail-chain-2022-11-23/> You need more proof I'm being targeted, here's proof of where I shop sometimes:

Date	Description	Category	Note	Amount	Balance
11/17/22 1 Week Ago	WALMART POS Withdrawal	Shopping		-\$34.88	\$276.20
11/05/22 3 Weeks Ago	WALMART POS Withdrawal	Shopping		-\$21.96	\$135.64
10/20/22 1 Month Ago	WALMART POS Withdrawal	Shopping		-\$42.54	\$161.54
10/12/22 1 Month Ago	WALMART POS Withdrawal	Shopping		-\$27.54	\$39.48
10/08/22 1 Month Ago	WALMART POS Withdrawal	Shopping		-\$31.75	\$91.93
09/29/22 2 Months Ago	WALMART POS Withdrawal	Shopping		-\$24.82	\$27.24
09/22/22 2 Months Ago	WALMART POS Withdrawal	Shopping		-\$15.44	\$120.12
08/13/22	WALMART	Shopping		-\$48.72	\$130.17



The public recognizes both the Colorado and Walmart murders as tragic, doesn't it? And, those murders are recognized as crimes regardless of demographic of the victims and/or perpetrators, right? So, would it be best to highlight where there is disproportionate numbers in hopes to get the same murder rate per capita across all demographics for the sake of equality? I don't think so. I think mainstream is right on point recognizing murder as a crime and resulting deaths as tragedies. According to this article 1.6% or 5,310,400 people identify as non-binary/trans in the US which means 32 killed this year is 0.0006% of that demographic per the article here: <https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/11/32-transgender-and-gender-non-conforming-people-killed-in-us-this-year-says-human-rights-campaign/> But, the overall rate of homicide regardless of demographic is 0.007% per year in the US. Therefore, one could argue that everyone else is at greater risk of being killed than transgender/non-binary per capita.

In addition, far more than 32 people have died as a result of being murdered while attending church services. Source: <https://research.lifeway.com/2020/02/12/how-frequently-do-church-shootings-occur/> To further support the claim or argument that genocide applies to churchgoers, Walmart shoppers, and trans/non-binary community based on the number of deaths and assumed motives of perpetrators, I exhibit that more churches are closing than opening: <https://religionnews.com/2021/05/26/study-more-churches-closing-than-opening/> Is the club in Colorado still open? Who is really being targeted here?

That's the best I could do to support my transfeminine friend who still isn't talking to me because I still believe the government is on her side and against murder as well as hate crimes which is why penalties attach when it is proven beyond a reasonable doubt. And, if she is right, I'm being targeted for genocide as a Walmart shopper and for that reason alone. Churches are moving online for a reason and it isn't just budgetary. Is anyone safe? #AllLivesMatter

MEDITATIVE TABLE/BODY COUNT

DEMOGRAPHIC OF VICTIMS	Odds of Being Murdered Based on Stats
US Citizens/Residents of Any Demographic	1 in 14,285 (Homicide rate from 2020): https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/homicide.htm)
Trans/Non-Binary Gender Identity Persons	1 in 166,667 (Homicide rate from 2022: https://www.jurist.org/news/2022/11/32-transgender-and-gender-non-conforming-people-killed-in-us-this-year-says-human-rights-campaign/)
Male	1 in 50,000 (Homicide rate from 2018: https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2018/crime-in-the-u.s.-2018/tables/expanded-homicide-data-table-6.xls Rest of table this is the source.)
Female	1 in 100,000
Gender Unknown	1 in 125,000
European/"White" Heritage	1 in 100,000

African/"Black" Heritage	1 in 16,666
Latino/Latinx/Hispanic/Latina	1 in 100,000
Other and/or Unknown Heritage	1 in 111,111

MEDITATIVE TABLE ON PERPETRATORS OF MURDER/HOMICIDE

DEMOGRAPHIC OF PERPS	Odds of Being A Suspect Based on Stats
US Citizens/Residents of Any Demographic	1 in 100,000 (Homicide rate from 2018: https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s/2018/crime-in-the-u.s.-2018/tables/expanded-homicide-data-table-6.xls Rest of table this is the source and US Census statistics.)
Trans/Non-Binary/Unknown Gender	1 in 25,000
Male	1 in 33,333
Female	1 in 250,000
European/"White" Heritage	1 in 100,000
African/"Black" Heritage	1 in 14,285
Latino/Latinx/Hispanic/Latina	1 in 100,000
Other and/or Unknown Heritage	1 in 111,111

MEDITATIVE QUESTIONS

What do the above facts mean to you?

What do you feel is most disproportionate when relatively comparing demographic statistics of victims and perpetrators?

Does any demographic seem more or less of a threat to you after reading the above?

How do you respond to feeling threatened and do you anticipate others to do the same as you when threatened?

How many words do you know?

Do you see any evidence of current genocide in the US against any demographic?

Did you know 1 in every 125 US Citizens/Residents (statistic is 841 in 100,000 source: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7117e1.htm> and for 2021) die every year regardless of cause (i.e. injury, illness, or foulplay)?

If you have a 1 in 125 chance of dying at any given time and a 1 in 14,285 chance of being murdered, do you understand you are likely to die of something other than being a victim of murder/homicide?

Did you know you are 114 times more likely to die as a result of any other injury or illness besides murder/homicide?

Did you know the odds of winning any prize in Powerball is reportedly 1 in 24.9 and that you are 5 times more likely to win something in any Powerball drawing than to die now?

Did you find this enlightening?

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"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32 KJV Willful blindness is an abomination.

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