

## Day 13: December 7<sup>th</sup> - Femicide

**Femicide** 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?

## femicide census

profiles of women killed by men



### Global Facts

- ❖ A large proportion of femicides are committed by current or former partners. (WHO -<http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/>)
- ❖ The highest number of Femicides occurs in South Africa, South America and Central America. <https://www.insightcrime.org/news/analysis>
- ❖ In 2012 intentional homicide took the lives of almost half a million people <https://www.unodc.org/gsh/>
- ❖ Family members commit 66% of Femicide attacks. (Femicide: A Global Problem, 2012).

### 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)*

## UN Sustainable Development Goals

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

**Goal 16.1:** 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) <https://rm.coe.int/168008482e>

### ACTION

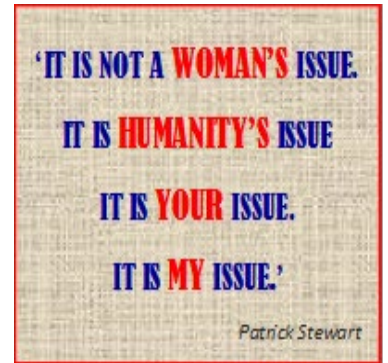
**Raise awareness** of Femicide and lobby for justice wherever this occurs.

**Work for** gender equality in every country.

**Read** 'A Gendered Analysis of Violent Deaths' -

[http://www.smallarmssurvey.org/fileadmin/docs/H-Research\\_Notes/SAS-Research-Note-63.pdf](http://www.smallarmssurvey.org/fileadmin/docs/H-Research_Notes/SAS-Research-Note-63.pdf)

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## **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

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



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*16 Days of  
Activism  
Against  
Gender  
Violence...*



**49** Countries have no laws to protect women from domestic violence.

## **CHILD MARRIAGE....**



[www.google.ie/search?q=Photos+of+child+brides+pixabay](http://www.google.ie/search?q=Photos+of+child+brides+pixabay)

15 million girls under the age of 15 are married each year.

See: [www.mercyworld.org](http://www.mercyworld.org)

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