

A Brief History of LGBT+ Victimization

**MAR 9,
1969**

Howard Efland was brutally beaten and dragged out of the Dover Hotel, where the LAPD continued to beat him in front of many witness, where Efland died for being gay.¹

**JUN 28,
1969**

The police raid the gay bar, Stonewall Inn, and arrest more than a dozen people. This began the infamous Stonewall riots, and what most consider the beginning of the "Gay Movement."²

**JUN 24,
1973**

An arsonist burned the Upstairs Lounge, a gay bar in New Orleans, killing 32 people.³

**JUN 21,
1977**

Robert Hillsborough was stabbed 15 times in the head and chest by four attackers yelling "faggot," he died 45 minutes later.⁴

**JUL 5,
1978**

A group of minors armed with baseball bats and tree branches convened on a park known to have LGBT individuals, beating randomized people in an attempt to "beat up... homosexuals."⁵

**NOV 27,
1978**

A double assassination, due to being openly gay, was committed against Harvey Milk and Mayor George Moscone, by political rival Dan White at San Francisco City Hall.⁶

**JAN
1979**

Local Baptist minister pays for an anti-gun ad in a newspaper and is accused for causing the beating of Tennessee Williams by five teenage boys in Key West.⁷

**SEP 7,
1979**

Robert Allen Taylor was stabbed to death near Loring Park in Minneapolis. A local reporter interviewed the murderer from jail and was told, "I don't like gays, okay?"⁸

**OCT 7,
1979**

17-year-old Steven Charles of Newark, New Jersey, was beaten to death in New York City by multiple men for being gay.⁹

**JAN 1,
1982**

The beating of Rick Hunter and John Hanson by Minneapolis police outside the Y'all Come Back Saloon for being "faggots."¹⁰

**NOV 8,
1982**

For being openly gay, Robert Altom died after being attacked by Cecil Corrie Turner outside of local bar.¹¹

**JUL 7,
1984**

With the reasoning that he was "flamboyantly gay," an attacker drowned Charlie Howard in Bangor, Maine.¹²

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²<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2013/01/an-amazing-1969-account-of-the-stonewall-uprising/272467/>

³<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cvvRjNqoIYM>

⁴<http://bcrw.barnard.edu/archive/lesbian/Out.pdf>

⁵<https://www.nytimes.com/1978/07/13/archives/5-are-arrested-in-club-attack-in-central-park-came-into-beat-up.html>

⁶<https://www.sfchronicle.com/news/article/Chronicle-Covers-The-assassinations-of-Moscone-10629367.php>

⁷<https://people.com/archive/in-his-beloved-key-west-tennessee-williams-is-center-stage-in-a-furor-over-gays-vol-11-no-18/>

⁸http://www.albanylawreview.org/Articles/Vol78_3/78.3.1129%20Williams.PDF

⁹Ibid.

¹⁰<http://thecolu.mn/20598/throwback-thursday-check-out-these-ads-for-the-saloon-from-the-early-1980s>

¹¹<https://www.inquisitr.com/2885968/police-solves-34-year-old-murder-case-of-robert-altom-who-was-allegedly-killed-for-being-gay-but-suspect-is-dead/>

¹²<https://shadowproof.com/2009/05/06/a-memorial-to-charles-howard-murdered-in-maine-for-being-gay/>



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- JUL 9, 1985** Terry Knudsen was beaten to death by three men in Loring Park in Minneapolis, Minnesota.¹³
- MAY 13, 1988** Rebecca Wight was killed when she and her partner, Claudia Brenner, were shot seven times by Stephen Roy Carr while on the Appalachian Trail because he was “enraged by the couple’s lesbianism.”¹⁴
- MAY 15, 1988** Tommy Lee Trimble and John Lloyd Griffin, two gay men, were shot by Richard Lee Bednarski in Dallas, Texas. Bednarski was convicted of the murders, but only 30 years instead of life because the judge concluded they brought it on themselves for being homosexuals and “cruising the streets for men.”¹⁵
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- JAN, 1990** James Zappalorti, a disabled Vietnam veteran, was stabbed to death for being gay.¹⁶
- JUL 2, 1990** Julio Rivera was murdered in New York City by two men who beat him with a hammer and stabbed him with a knife because he was gay.¹⁷
- DEC 31, 1993** Brandon Teena was raped and killed when his police friends found out he was a trans man his death would later inspire the movie: Boys Don't Cry.¹⁸
- MAR 9, 1995** Scott Amedure was murdered by Jonathan Schmitz, who went and purchased a shotgun after Amedure revealed he was attracted to Schmitz was on The Jenny Jones Show.¹⁹
- NOV 20, 1995** Chanelle Pickett, who was a trans, black woman (23), died after her friend, William C Palmer, found out she was transgender and beat her to death.²⁰
- DEC 4, 1995** Roxanne Ellis and Michelle Abdill, a lesbian couple, were murdered by Robert Acremant, who said he had no compassion for “homosexual people.”²¹
- MAY, 1996** Julianne Williams, 24, and Lollie Winans, 26, were bound, gagged, and their throats slit. The investigation is ongoing to date.²²
- FEB 21, 1997** The Otherside Lounge, a lesbian nightclub in Atlanta, was bombed by Eric Robert Rudolph, the “Olympic Park Bomber;” he bombed it because he believed homosexuality to be an “aberrant lifestyle.”²³

¹³<https://law.justia.com/cases/minnesota/court-of-appeals/1985/c4-84-2231-0.html>

¹⁴<https://www.adventure-journal.com/2016/10/murder-on-the-appalachian-trail/>

¹⁵<https://www.nytimes.com/1988/12/17/us/texas-judge-eases-sentence-for-killer-of-2-homosexuals.html>

¹⁶https://www.siive.com/southshore/index.ssf/2014/10/parole_denied_to_killer_of_sta.html

¹⁷<https://www.nytimes.com/1991/11/21/nyregion/2-accomplices-guilty-of-murder-in-gay-bashing-case-in-queens.html>

¹⁸<https://abcnews.go.com/2020/story?id=132702&page=1>

¹⁹<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/midwest/ct-jenny-jones-show-murder-case-release-20170817-story.html>

²⁰<http://gendertalk.com/articles/victims/chanelle-revisit.shtml>

²¹https://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/index.ssf/2011/02/oregon_death_sentence_reduced_for_delusional_robert_acremant_convicted_of_killing_lesbian_couple.html

²²https://www.fredericksburg.com/news/crime_courts/after-years-shenandoah-national-park-double-murder-still-unsolved-but/article_c161cfe5-156e-50e7-8b76-0761f186ae79.html

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**OCT 7,
1998**

Matthew Shepard, a gay student in Laramie, Wyoming, was tortured, beaten severely, tied to a fence, and abandoned. He was found 18 hours later and died less than a week after that.²⁴

**SEP 22,
2000**

Ronald Gay opened fire in a gay bar, infuriated for what his last name came to be defined as. He testified in court, in front of the victims and families of deceased victims, that God told him to kill lesbians and gay men as a divinely ordained "Christian Soldier working for my Lord;" his only regret is that he did not kill more.²⁵

**OCT 3,
2002**

Gwen Araujo, a trans woman, was murdered by at least three men who were charged with committing a hate crime. Two were convicted of murder, the third manslaughter; however, the jury rejected the hate crime enhancement.²⁶

**MAY 12,
2010**

Gay Puerto Rican teen beheaded after being offered drugs in exchange for sex.²⁷

**MAY 29,
2013**

Gay black man trying to change his life to "make God happy," verbally assaulted, attacked, and killed.²⁸

**AUG 4,
2015**

Lennox-Choate couple attacked in NYC after marriage.²⁹

**FEB 12,
2018**

Betsy DeVos states that the education department will no longer uphold Title IX in regards to gender identity.³⁰

**MAR 30,
2018**

A man and his girlfriend are facing life in prison after he got her to rape, sodomize and abuse his 11-year-old autistic son because he thought the child was gay.³¹

**JUL 14,
2018**

Anthony Venn-Brown talks about his experience enduring conversion therapy in the 1960s in Australia.³²

**AUG 6,
2018**

Man charged with assaulting three people because he thought they were gay.³³

**AUG 15,
2018**

Transgender girl receives death threats severe enough to cancel classes at her school.³⁴

²³<https://crimeola.com/april-8-2005-olympic-park-bomber-eric-rudolph-pleads-guilty/>

²⁴<https://www.aclu.org/blog/lgbt-rights/lgbt-nondiscrimination-protections/matthew-shepard-was-brutally-murdered-laramie>

²⁵<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/942255.stm>

²⁶<https://www.eastbaytimes.com/2016/10/14/the-murder-of-gwen-araujo/>

²⁷<http://miamiherald.typepad.com/gaysouthflorida/2010/05/puerto-rican-pleads-guilty-in-killing-of-gay-teen.html>

²⁸<https://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/30/nyregion/mark-carson-gay-man-killed-in-greenwich-village-is-remembered.html>

²⁹<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/first-gay-couple-married-west-point-daniel-larry-lennox-choate-n403926>

³⁰<https://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2018/02/12/585181704/the-education-department-says-it-wont-act-on-transgender-student-bathroom-access>

³¹<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5561955/amp/Father-got-girlfriend-20-rape-11-year-old-autistic-son-thought-gay.html>

³²https://www.buzzfeed.com/patrickstrudwick/this-is-what-its-like-to-have-exorcisms-performed-on-you?utm_term=.yeA2DgYn1d#.ig6PX2YJBY

³³<https://www.ozarksfirst.com/news/man-charged-with-assault-says-he-does-not-let-gay-stuff-go-on-/1349709678>

³⁴<https://www.dallasnews.com/news/lgbt/2018/08/14/oklahoma-school-cancels-classes-after-adults-threaten-12-year-old-transgender-student>