

Anxiety is life to me. Mixed with some sobriety; throw in notoriety, this is my anxiety.

Always looking over my shoulder. Will this get better as I get older? Carrying it around like a boulder, this is my anxiety.

Dark holes and deep depression, popping pill after pill in rapid succession. How did I not see the progression? This is my anxiety.

Days to weeks, weeks to months, and months to years, why is my head constantly filled with tears?

Keep a straight face, don't shed any tears; this is my anxiety.

Waking up to go to sleep, climbing this mountain seems so steep. Close to the edge, I'll surely leap. This is my anxiety.

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WOMEN AND CHILDREN LOST BY GUN VIOLENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. KELLY) for 5 minutes.

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise yet again because Americans are dying in our movie theaters, city parks, on street corners, and in elementary school classrooms. Even our homes and relationships aren't safe.

A new CDC report found that half of all murdered women are killed by a partner or an ex-partner. Guns are their weapon of choice.

Mr. Speaker, the report found that 5,234 American women have been killed by husbands, boyfriends, or exes with guns.

Has this Congress acted? No. Three American women are shot and killed by an abuser every day. Congress does nothing.

This year, 352 Americans have already been lost to gun-related domestic violence. Congress does nothing. Felons buy guns online; abusers get weapons without background checks. Congress still does nothing. Convicted stalkers legally purchase guns in 29 States, yet, still again, this Congress does nothing.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to read some quotes from brave women who called the National Domestic Violence Hotline—women in danger, women fearing for their lives, women that this Congress has ignored in order to cater to the NRA.

One survivor said: "Abuser threatened our young child that he would shoot the entire family and maybe others."

Another survivor said: "He never fired the pistol, but he would sit on my chest and point it at my head. He would put it right next to my temple."

The NRA doesn't think there is a problem. They think it is politically motivated and claims victims manipulate "emotionally compelling issues such as 'domestic violence' and 'stalking' simply to cast as wide a net as possible for Federal firearm prohibitions."

Are you kidding me?

Victim No. 103, Amber White, 32.

Victim 104, Korinda Rodriguez, 32, killed on her way to work.

105, Jabria Hall, 23.

106, Lauren Walker, 32.

107, Karen Smith, 53, a teacher. Her estranged husband killed her and her 8-year-old student, Jonathan Martinez.

108, Trini Do, 29, killed with four family members at her son's eleventh birthday party.

109, Kathleen Grimes, 54.

110, April Bailey, 39.

111, Zina Daniel, 42, killed with two others when her abusive and estranged husband bought a gun from Armslist, walked into a spa, and started shooting.

Victim 112, Emily Young, 24. Her husband had twice admitted to domestic violence charges, but he had a gun.

113, Ashley Hicks, 23.

114, Latina Verneta Herring, 35, killed along with her 8-year-old son, Branden, because of a fight over car keys.

115, Lidia Juarez, 37.

116, Fannie McWhite, 61.

117, Tracy Judd, 33, and her 23-month-old daughter.

118, Amber Weigel, 25, and her 2-year-old daughter, both killed because the father didn't want to pay child support.

119, Tania Adams, 41, a mother of three boys.

120, Gladys Tordil, 44, murdered in a high school parking lot in front of her daughter.

121, Karla Ayde-Garcia Arellano, 25.

122, Jitka Vesel, 36, shot at least 11 times by a boyfriend who bought a gun in Washington and drove to Illinois.

123, Rashanda Franklin, 29.

Victim 124, Tammy Mattison, 49.

125, Jennifer Krieger, 44, killed along with her 14-year-old daughter Kelsie.

126, Camille Thompson, 26, murdered with her two young children in the car.

127, Mary Shipstone, 7 years old, shot by her father while at a safe house.

Kate Allen, 43, killed with her two 10-year-old children at a Cracker Barrel. It was her daughter Kerri's 10th birthday.

Courtney Price McKinney, 22.

Maria McIntosh, 19, killed alongside her father and her sister.

Crystal Hamilton, 29.

Officer Ashley Guindon, 28, was also killed responding to Crystal's call. It was her second day of work.

Nalisha Gravely, 19.

Ernestina Lara Chaires, 44, killed while trying to escape her abuser.

Rachel Naomi Peters, 32.

Cara Russel, 52.

Sandra Smith, 42, killed alongside her 15-year-old son Daniel.

Olga Neubert, 37.

Elizabeth Rodriguez, 26.

Tabitha Apling, 33.

Michelle Morris, 50.

Laura Aceves, 21.

Kathy Edwards, 53.

Alejandra Hernandez, 28.

Jamila Odom, 41.

Ashley Hasti, 31, the first victim in a Minnesota-to-California mass shooting that ended on the campus of UCLA.

Maria Guadalupe Sobrevilla, 58.

Joyce Haynes, 41.

Amanda Colley, 36. Her murderer was on probation for violation of the protective order against him.

Larissa Barros, 18.

Mr. Speaker, we failed these women and their families.

UNITED NATIONS INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. COSTELLO) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to raise awareness of the work Ambassador Nikki Haley is doing to increase transparency and accountability at the United Nations in many ways, but particularly as it relates to the U.N.'s Interim Force in Lebanon.

This Force is tasked with an important responsibility: doing everything it can to disrupt and stop the illegal activities being carried out in Lebanon by Hezbollah, a group that seeks to destroy Israel and that receives funding from Iran.

Part of this responsibility is ensuring weapons are not present near Lebanon's border with Israel. Unfortunately, for too long, the Force was not doing enough to acknowledge the presence of weapons, even as Hezbollah increased its weapons and put them on display for the media.

At the behest of the United States, the Security Council has now agreed to increase the accountability of this Force, an important step for the security of one of our greatest allies, Israel, and for accountability and transparency at the United Nations.

DACA STORIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, last week on the east front outside the Capitol on the lawn, I met with a group of DREAMers. DREAMers, of course, refers to young Americans who were brought here as children without proper documentation, but who have grown up in our communities, studied in our schools, and are American in every way but on paper.

The DREAMers I met with, Mr. Speaker, were fasting—fasting to protest the President's destructive decision to end the DACA program that allowed them to register to live and work in the only country they consider to be theirs. They were fasting to encourage us in this House to take action to remedy their situation by enacting a permanent fix, as President Trump has suggested.

One of the young DREAMers, Mr. Speaker, I met was a young man named Diego. He is 28. Born in Mexico, he came here as a young child and was raised in Arkansas. He didn't make a decision to come here. He was brought here by his parents.

Thanks to DACA, he was able to get a job, a driver's license, and pay taxes to support the country he loves. Diego