Transgender Day of Remembrance 2019

311 trans and gender-nonconforming people were murdered in the past year worldwide, according to a new report.

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Wednesday, November 20, marks the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDoR) 2019. It is a time to remember those killed as a result of anti-transgender hatred or prejudice.

> On Transgender Day of Remembrance, here are the 22 trans and gender non-conforming people — the overwhelming majority of whom are Black transgender women — known to have been killed in 2019.
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> [TW: anti-trans violence] https://t.co/vtrYgzdvZn
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> — Alanna Vagianos (@lannadelgrey) November 20, 2019

A global report states that 331 trans and gender-diverse people were murdered worldwide between October 1, 2018, and September 30, 2019. Most of these murders occurred in three countries: Brazil (130), Mexico (63) and the United States (30). The data arrive via Transrespect versus Transphobia Worldwide, which publishes the Trans Murder Monitoring research project update.

In the United States, according to the project's statistics, 85% of murdered trans people were

women of color and/or Native American. Globally, 61% of the victims were sex workers.

Transgender Day of Remembrance is an annual observance on November 20 that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.

Find out how you can show support for the community on this #TDOR: https://t.co/2XYC8NqN8T pic.twitter.com/23CDjOQZwg

— GLAAD (@glaad) November 20, 2019

The Human Rights Campaign, an LGBT advocacy group in the United States, put the number of trans murders so far in 2019 at 22. You can read profiles on each case here and in this Huffington Post article.

In honor of TDoR, USA Today published an article highlighting the breakthroughs made by trans people as well as the barriers they still face in 2019, including statistics about the trans population in the states. For example, the trans community includes about 1.4 million people; as of 2016, about 0.6% of adults identified as trans. Hawaii had the highest percentage of trans residents, while regionally, the South has the most transgender residents (567,000) and the Northeast has the fewest (212,000).

This is the 20th Anniversary of Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR). On this day, we gather all around the world to honor the transgender people whose lives were taken during the year. We remember,

we honor and we act. #TDOR

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Transgender people—notably Black or Latina trans women—experience disproportionately high rates of HIV. To raise awareness of the issue, National Transgender HIV Testing Day is observed every April 18.

The December issue of POZ celebrates 100 transgender, gender-nonconforming and nonbinary advocates making a difference in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Read the entire POZ 100 list here, and check out the full magazine here.

To read more about the Transgender Day of Remembrance, including its origins and purposes, visit TDoR.info.

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