



## Mass Victimization: Causes and Effects

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Mass victimization, which includes mass murders and mass shootings, has been a part of U.S. culture for many decades. An early public event occurred in 1927 when Andrew Kehoe dynamited the Bath Consolidated School, killing 38 children and 5 adults. Comparisons over time show that public and private/domestic mass shootings and mass murders are at an all-time high. It is no longer surprising to hear about another mass shooting or mass murder. The objective of this Special Issue is to sort through the public and private/domestic mass victimization events examining each for similarities and differences among offender and victim characteristics; location(s) of incidents; weaponry, e.g., firearms and other weapons of choice; effects on the community; potential explanations for the increase in incidents; red flags noted before an event; and prevention tactics to reduce the incidence. Empirical research and theoretical papers covering any one or a combination of these and other characteristics are encouraged.





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