

Fighting Against The Continuously Numbing Cycle

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I stopped knowing what to say months ago but I continue to feel the need to speak out and talk
Almost all of us know this cycle of injustice by now due to the exhausting consistency
A cycle of threats and red flags ignored violence against a community with a handling of it that
mocks

Followed by too many talking heads paying lip service but avoiding the true issue with glaring
persistence

When a shooter makes it clear that he did this because of others who told him to be afraid of the
future for those with the color of his skin

That he should protect himself by killing those trying to “replace them”

He takes lives with his gun and we get to see how much those lives really matter with how well
he’s taken in

When so many black people are killed for a fear based “noble crusade” but is really senseless
mayhem

Because it’s based on the belief that white people are dying out and they’re who matter most
And when that belief is bolstered by some of those talking heads

Who not only take no accountability but can actually get to keep bolstering and boast

Of course even as I write this there’s probably more shooters preparing to make others dead

Others they were taught to hate by people who off that suffering make their bread

I could give you names if I wanted to but if you care enough to read this who know who they are

Or at least I assume you would as the cycle continues and empathy feels like it’s being bled

Of course the reason I wrote this was the shooter who struck in my state which is nerve-wracking
and feels me with sadness and dread

It might not have happened right in my neighborhood but that’s still my proverbial front door

Yet when these tragedies and the reason why they happened are so ingrained into our way of life

It can be hard to muster the energy to care anymore

But of course we have to when anyone can become a victim in ways that feel so much more
targeted and worse than before

So ultimately we mourn and try to protect ourselves in the hopes we are missed by the next
tragedy that comes to pass

And we also have to sigh and be scared and angry that this massacre most certainly isn’t the last
Wondering how we as a country can even do this anymore