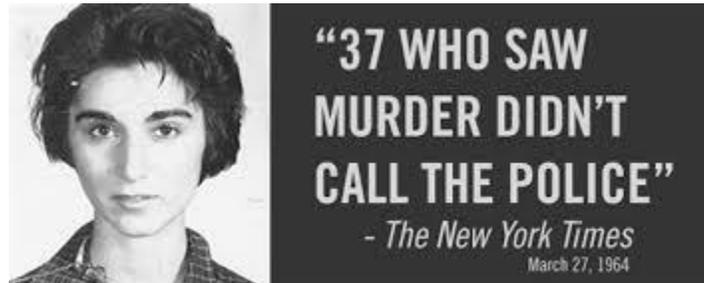


Silent Witnesses



In the early hours of 13 March 1964, nearly home from work, 28 year old Kitty Genovese was knifed outside of where she lived. Two weeks after the murder in Kew Gardens, The New York Times published an article claiming that 38 witnesses saw or heard the attack, but none of them called the police or came to her aid. The incident prompted inquiries into what became known as the bystander effect or "Genovese syndrome", and the murder became a staple of American psychology textbooks for the next four decades

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPSLmQ5QLS0>

Start at 16:17

1. How many witnesses admitted that they watched the murder?
2. What two questions does the journalist ask?
3. Why is it significant that there is a street lamp where they attack takes place?
4. What does it mean that many had front row seating? Or some pulled up chairs.
5. How long did some watch during the first attack?
6. Who did neighbors call?
7. What were some of the reasons why no one got involved?
8. Do you think their reaction is typical?
9. When did the people actually come out of their apartments?
10. What did the journalist say he saw in Pakistan that made him look closer at himself?

11. Why would the prosecutors not want to focus on the reaction of the witnesses?
12. When someone yelled out the window what did the attacker do?
13. What does an upstairs neighbor do when he opens his door?
14. What is the first conviction?
15. Was justice served?
16. What does diffusion of responsibility mean?
17. What is the secret of street crime?
18. What happens to Kitty's brother in Vietnam?
19. What is her brother finally able to do 27 years later?
20. How would Kitty have reacted according to her brother?
21. What are Good Samaritan Laws?
22. Do people have the right to just mind their own business?