

FEMALES AS SERIAL KILLERS:

- 92% of female serial killers (FSK's) are white, female, knew their victim. Many were upper or middle class women.
 - Primary motive was for money
 - Conversely, studies show that men tend to kill more for sex
 - Almost all killed with poison
 - Conversely, most male serial killers inflicted violent body damage to their victims
- 100% of the women in this case study of 64 FSK's were Christian
- Most were married at some point
- Most of these women had college degrees or other forms of higher education.
- 40% of women worked in health-related jobs such as nurses or doctors.
- 22% worked in caregiving roles such as babysitters
- Nearly two-thirds of the 64 FSK's knew their victims or were related to them in some way.
- 44% killed their own biological children.

Psychological Profiles and Theories

- **"Black Widow" Killers:** These women kill spouses or family members, often for financial gain (e.g., life insurance fraud).
- **"Angel of Death" Killers:** Nurses or caregivers who kill patients, sometimes under the belief they are "helping" them.
- **Revenge Killers:** Women who kill due to deep personal grievances, such as abuse or betrayal.
- **Thrill Killers:** Rare among women, but some kill for excitement or a sense of power.

Notorious Female Serial Killers (your group will be randomly assigned area

- **Aileen Wuornos (USA, 1989-1990):** A rare example of a female serial killer who used firearms, Wuornos was a sex worker who killed seven men, claiming self-defense.
- **Belle Gunness (USA, late 1800s-early 1900s):** Lured wealthy men to her farm, killed them for their money, and disappeared—potentially faking her own death.
- **Nannie Doss (USA, 1920s-1950s):** Known as the “Giggling Granny,” she poisoned multiple husbands, children, and relatives for life insurance money.
- **Elizabeth Báthory (Hungary, 1500s):** One of history’s most infamous killers, she allegedly tortured and murdered hundreds of young girls, though some argue this was exaggerated.
- **Jane Toppan (USA, late 1800s):** A nurse who poisoned over 30 patients, claiming she enjoyed bringing them to the brink of death and reviving them.