

Female identifying monologues (choose one of two)

1. REGGIE FLUTY (Former female police officer who found Matthew Shepard at the fence)

Yeah, I've heard about people who say it wasn't a hate crime. Nobody says that to me. And if they do, it gets shut down so fast. I won't discuss it. It's not an option, it's bullshit and I'm not wasting my time or theirs...

Shame is a funny thing. It makes you really look at yourself hard, you know? And when you have that kind of thing happen in your town, and it hurts a whole community, where you think, "Yeah, that can happen here." And it's hard when you're very ashamed of yourself to stand up and say, "Yeah we screwed up." Instead we start making excuses, and pointing the blame at somebody else or others – we do that as individuals, we do it as a community, we do it as a nation. And that's what I think we've done.

2. JUDY SHEPARD (Matthew Shepard's mother)

When Dennis and I made the recommendation to the judge to take the death penalty off the table for Aaron McKinney ...we did that because we just didn't think taking away another son was going to fix anything. And we didn't think Matt would want that either. But it wasn't entirely altruistic. We also understood that if we took the death penalty off the table, we would never have to deal with McKinney again. No appeals, no nothing—he's just gone. And we didn't want Matt's brother Logan to have to deal with that in his life. He would just be gone. So, when McKinney showed up on 20/20 I thought, this is exactly what we didn't want. Here he is again, saying whatever he wants whether it's the truth or not. Changing his story. ...

I'm angrier now than I was then. Because it's still happening. (begins to cry softly, but does not give in to the tears) sorry. Dennis said it best, '10 years of change, no progress.' Meaning that yes, things have changed at the human level, at the grassroots level... but legislatively... legally, nothing has changed.... the hate crime legislation hasn't passed on the federal level, "Don't Ask Don't Tell" is still there, the Defense of Marriage Act is still there. We just can't make it to the top.

So here I am at the 10-year mark still fighting, and I had to adapt so I could keep doing this. Or, the feeling would be that it would have all happened in vain! I wasn't going to let that happen. Plus, just doing the work was my survival! It was how I coped with losing Matt. I could keep him with me all the time. And I was talking to someone and they said "Well don't you think maybe it's time to let go, don't you think you're keeping Matt alive by doing that?" And I said "Of course I'm keeping him alive by doing this! That's the point!" That is exactly the point. And I can keep telling the same wonderful stories and my friends don't say "Judy, you told me that story yesterday and the day before that and the day before that." I can just keep telling it.

Male identifying monologues (choose one of three)

1. ROB DEBREE (Albany County Sheriff's Department; investigator on the Matthew Shepard case)

We've proven that there was no drugs on board with McKinney and Henderson...just NONE. We had blood samples from both of them that night because they both ended up in the hospital. Even through their own statements the last time they did the meth was...two to three weeks prior.

(Frustrated) I was under the assumption that was a pretty well proved thing at the trial. ... Look, I wish people had seen...When McKinney was in a detention facility he had no problem telling everybody he had killed the faggot...he was his own little hero. In the detention facility. In fact, the day of his sentencing, when he went back over there, he was smiling. He had just said, supposedly, that he felt so bad for the family, for what he had done, but he goes over in the detention facility and he's smiling to the other prisoners. So...I don't care what McKinney tries to come up with now, or Henderson. I really don't care. I have been in law enforcement going on my 27th year...I don't know how many times I've addressed it and whether people want to accept it or not, I don't know what we need to do to get people to understand.

2. CHILDERS (Conservative Representative in Wyoming legislature)

Ladies and gentlemen I too have been married 46 years. I have 3 lovely children and I'm very proud of them. Two are sons with two granddaughters and another one on the way. My third daughter, lives in Montana. (Long Pause) She's gay. She has a significant other. They aren't married because Montana's law doesn't allow it. But folks to my dying breath there's not anybody in this country could say that she is a terrible person, or a something person that needs to be—have their rights restricted. She lives a quiet life with her significant other. Most people would never know she's gay, and quite frankly until she graduated from College my wife and I didn't know it. Her freshman year, very first semester, we had a counselor say she better come home. And why? Well we had no idea. But she came home because the counselor was very concerned about what was happening to her. And quite frankly I think there was a possibility of suicide. She has grown from that point to a very stable person, and productive and does things for society quite well. She represents a health care faction for the physical therapy association—travels all over the nation. Smart? Oh Lord she's smart. Good person. But what we're doing with this Constitutional Amendment, should she have lived here, is to deny her civil rights. You know folks I grew up in the South. The town that I grew up in was segregated... Now you think about a gay person in red-neck country, I can say that cause in Northeast Texas that's redneck country. And the prejudice against the gay and lesbian community is there I'll guarantee ya. And that hate in their eyes or the fear in the gay person's eyes is there. Do we want a society in this State to do that? Do we want to deny the rights of a gay and lesbian person? I don't think so. Ladies and Gentleman this bill is wrong. And I suggest you vote against it. (SITS)

3. AARON MCKINNEY (one of two convicted murderers of Matthew Shepard)

I'd have to. I would never wanna have to do that. You know how I feel about Father Roger. But I couldn't look him in the eye and not... I'd have to tell the truth. I do have remorse, but like I said, for all the wrong reasons. For my dad. For ending up in here. For getting Russ stuck in here. ...

If I could go back and not be the one who killed him I would. ... But I am better off in here, myself. I'm doin' way better in here than I ever was out there. I met guys in here with a real sense of honor. Out there, people'll stab you in the back for a nickel bag. Besides, I am a criminal. I should be around criminals. I always was drawn that way. Shit, I remember crawling through people's doggie doors when I was eight years old to steal their shit. I don't know why, but I was always like this. Nature trumps nurture.

Like my brother's not like me at all. Works hard, going to school. He's a really good kid he definitely is a totally different kind of person than me...so like they say...nature trumps nurture.