

The Bystanders Who Could Be Heroes

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The New York Times:

When the bombs went off at the Boston Marathon, the crowd scattered. But some people ran toward the carnage, so they could help the wounded.

Even in everyday situations, bystanders have opportunities to prevent a crime, call for help or support survivors. Often, they do not: in Torrington, Conn.; in Steubenville, Ohio; in State College, Pa.; in Cleveland, Tex.; and, the most famous case, in Queens.

Do bystanders have a responsibility to intervene in crimes, and should we fault those who don't? Why do some individuals rush to help rather than to escape?

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