

The Influence of Columbine

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This diagram portrays the apparent lines of influence from Columbine through subsequent attacks. All of the post-Columbine perpetrators included here either explicitly cited Columbine as an influence or made oral or written references that suggest it influenced their own attacks. Only perpetrators who were directly influenced by Columbine are included. Thus, though Wellington de Oliveira cited Seung Hui Cho (who

cited Columbine), and Ali Sonboly was fascinated by Tim Kretschmer (who also cited Columbine), they are not included because there is no evidence of a direct line from Columbine to de Oliveira or Sonboly. Attacks are arranged chronologically within each column. The lines of influence illustrate links between those who were influenced by Columbine and later perpetrators whom they influenced in turn.

