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Alright, I'm going to explain this one more time because I keep getting tweets like "people who vote for politicians who let them die of hypothermia deserve to die of hypothermia."

The people who voted red in Texas are, by and large, relatively fine right now. Yes, the storm has hurt them but the storm was going to hurt everyone.

But. They're either rich enough that *their* power wasn't cut off or rural enough that they have fireplaces and wood and wells.

Those millions without power are in places like Dallas county and Tarrant county and Harris county, I.e., the urban places that have the highest concentration of blue voters.

So it's not "(all/most) people voted for hypothermia and now they will fittingly die of hypothermia".

It's "(certain) people voted for the folks in cities to die of hypothermia, and they are, while the aforementioned voters are safe and dry and relatively comfortable."

Well, gosh, why don't those voters *do something* rather than passively being killed??

Do you know how many people live in Harris county? 4 million. Do you know how many ballot drop-off boxes they were allocated last election? 1.

1 box for 4 million people.

Other nonsense in my mentions: "Well, blue voters are still happy to sit in church pews next to red voters." HAHA, WOW, NO.

There is a vast difference between a red church and a blue church down here. The congregations do not significantly overlap, buddy.

(There are dozens of churches within a stone's throw of my house, the idea that red and blue are sharing pews from a lack of choice/variety is *hilarious*. We're solidly in "I've got a bridge to sell you" territory here.)

Another gem: "I'm just making you aware that your neighbors hate you and want you dead."

Oh, is that what you're doing? Thank you! As a trans person, I had no idea! But I appreciate the lesson. And now that I know, I can use my mighty institutional power to oust those neighbors!

Understand this: You say "Texas went red, so they deserve to die."

But you're actually saying, whether you know it or not, "Texas went red, so they've earned the right to kill the blue voters."

That's what you're saying: that because the state managed to make the red votes add up to more than the blue votes, the red voters earned the right to kill the blue voters.

Stop giving them permission to kill us from your cozy little blue state.

You need this to be a Just World. You need this world to have a higher power making sure fair outcomes exist. You need the people who died in Texas this week to have deserved it, to have earned it, to have had it coming.

Because the reality that they were murdered hurts.

This isn't a Just World and you should go see a counselor about that need. It's a very human need, but it's causing you to lash out and hurt people by declaring innocent deaths a just dessert they brought on themselves.

(*The "You" above are the assholes in my mentions saying these things, not You the reader.)

Oh and by the way?

When I mentioned earlier in the year that Kissmate and I need to move because this state isn't safe for our trans selves?

These same blue state assholes swarmed in to shame me and told me we had to "stay and turn the state blue!"

Folks don't want us to take our blue votes and go, but when disaster strikes they want to mock us as we die and tell us it's our own fault for not voting harder.