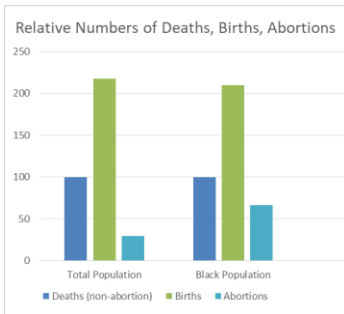




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Does the Abortion Industry Target Minorities?



Education: Planned Parenthood, a major provider of abortion in the U.S., was founded by Margaret Sanger, who disapproved of large families and believed in promoting birth control to decrease the population of the poor, black or any other “inferior” population. In a letter she stated “The most successful educational approach to the Negro is through a religious appeal. We don’t want the word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population. And the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members.” (1)

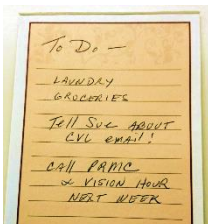
Is this attitude a thing of the past? In Cleveland right now, there is a billboard campaign with statements such as “Abortion is your right.” and “Abortion is good medicine.” But the billboards are placed exclusively in majority-black neighborhoods.(2) A study in 2012 found that 79% of Planned Parenthood’s surgical abortion facilities are within walking distance of black and/or Latino neighborhoods.(3) Whether the abortion industry is motivated by racism or just trying to offer services to the poor, it is a fact that the African American population has suffered disproportionately from abortion.

In 2014, 183,303 Texans died. Compared to the number of deaths, there were 2.18 times as many births, and 29% as many abortions, more than heart disease, the number one cause of death. Among the black population, there were 21,880 deaths, and there were 2.10 times as many births. But the number of abortions was 66% of the number of total deaths, greater than the top 7 causes of death combined. Among the general population there was one abortion for every 7.4 births. Among blacks, there was one abortion for every 3.2 births.(4)

1. In a letter to Dr. Clarence Gamble, 1939, quoted in the video “Margaret Sanger, Planned Parenthood’s Racist Founder” available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kEja-1emRic>
2. <http://www.lifenews.com/2018/01/09/abortion-clinic-targets-black-women-with-billboards-saying-abortion-is-necessary/>
3. <http://www.lifenews.com/2012/10/16/79-of-planned-parenthood-abortion-clinics-target-blacks-hispanics/>
4. Vital Statistics Annual Report, 2014, Tables 3, 16 and 35. Retrieved 1/18/18 from <http://www.dshs.gov/chs/vstat/vs14/anrpt.aspx>



Prayer: Dear Father God, may we always recognize our neighbors of any race or creed, the poor, the handicapped, those who are marginalized in any way, as our brothers and sisters. Help our society to offer respect and true help to those in need, to improve their lives with direct assistance, education and other means, rather than offering the poor permission to kill their preborn children. Help more of our brothers and sisters of the minority communities to join in the work to reduce abortion, to work to change the concept of abortion as a woman’s right or as a boon for the poor. Help all women who are tempted to abort to find the help they need to choose life for their child.



Action: Bring up the topic of abortion with someone who is an advocate for the poor. Express your opinion that it is a travesty that poor women are being offered abortion as a solution to the “problem” of pregnancy rather than being offered real, life-affirming help to support their child. Women of every race and situation deserve the help they need to have their babies, not encouraged to kill their own children as a solution to a problem.