



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

Education

Prayer

Action

Abortion's Influence on Black History



No woman can call herself free until she can choose consciously whether she will or will not be a mother.
Margaret Sanger

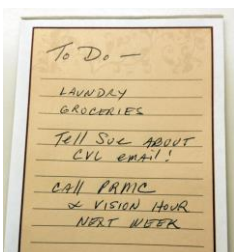
Education: In 2018, for every 1000 live births in New York State, there were 322 abortions. For African-American women, however, there were 704 abortions for every 1000 live births. (1) Margaret Sanger was the leader of the American birth control movement and founder of Planned Parenthood. In regard to her “Negro Project” she wrote “We should hire 3 or 4 colored ministers ... with engaging personalities. 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.**” (3)

When abortion was legalized, the black community was targeted to consider the right to abortion as a positive thing for the black community. The 2010 census of the distribution of ethnic neighborhoods showed that 79% of PP facilities were located within walking distance of African-American or Hispanic neighborhoods. (4) We know that abortion can have devastating effects on women, contributing to substance abuse and other factors which contribute to poverty. (5) And just as the loss of millions of babies to abortion (and birth control) has caused shortages in nurses and other professions, reduction in demand for products, and a crisis in Social Security and Medicare, the voting power of the black community is 35% less than what it could have been if ten million black babies had not been aborted. (4)

1. https://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/vital_statistics/2018/table23.htm
2. “The Effects of Abortion on the Black Community”, a Policy Report from the Center for Urban Renewal and Education. <https://www.congress.gov/115/meeting/house/106562/witnesses/HHRG-115-JU10-Wstate-ParkerS-20171101-SD001.pdf>
3. From a letter to Dr. Clarence Gamble, 1939.
4. https://www.protectingblacklife.org/pp_targets/index.html
5. <https://www.christianvoicesforlife.org/documents/2021/2/Does-Abortion-Help-to-Alleviate-Poverty.pdf>



Prayer: Dear Father God, please bless the African-American community and help them to achieve true racial equality throughout our society. Help them to understand that abortion is hurting their community, just as everyone who chooses abortion is harmed. Help them to reject the idea that abortion is a right and a choice that will help them to succeed. Help every facet of our society, every church community, be willing to offer women the support they need to have their babies. Let chastity be taught, but sinners accepted without judgment, since we are all sinners even if our sins are not always as visible as pregnancy.



Action: Whatever community you belong to, try to help your church to teach that women experiencing a crisis pregnancy will be helped rather than judged, that abortion is wrong, and that our merciful God offers forgiveness and healing to those who are suffering after abortion. If someone states that poor women need abortion to escape poverty, explain to them that women who have had abortions are actually more likely to subsequently require welfare assistance, and the odds of going on welfare increase with each subsequent abortion. (See Ref. 5.)