

Policy Report

THE EFFECTS OF ABORTION ON THE BLACK COMMUNITY

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Introduction

“Politicians argue for abortion largely because they do not want to spend the necessary money to feed, clothe and educate more people. Here arguments for inconvenience and economic savings take precedence over arguments for human value and human life... Psychiatrists, social workers and doctors often argue for abortion on the basis that the child will grow up mentally and emotionally scarred. But who of us is complete? If incompleteness were the criteri(on) for taking life, we would all be dead. If you can justify abortion on the basis of emotional incompleteness, then your logic could also lead you to killing for other forms of incompleteness — blindness, crippleness, old age.”

(Then pro-life) Jesse Jackson, January 1977

Since the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, over fifty-four million babies have been aborted in centers around the nation. It can be said with certainty that the practice has had a personal, practical and political effect on communities and citizens. Every town, city, ethnicity, and age group has suffered from the tragic effects of this mostly surgical and sometimes medical procedure. The true toll of abortion may remain unknown and immeasurable because the data, for the most part, has not been collected or has been ignored by those responsible for its collection.

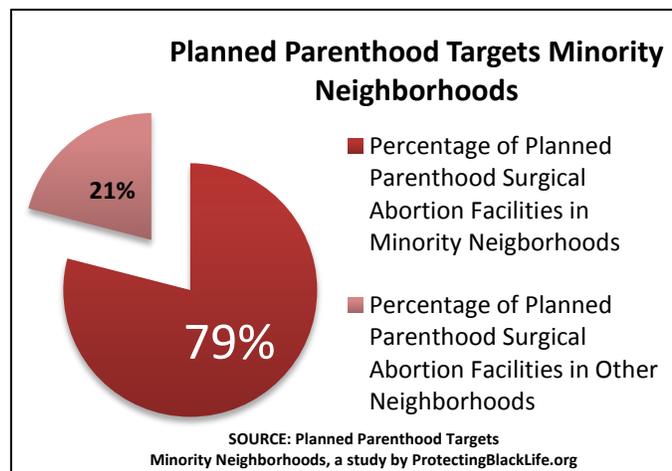
The so-called “right to privacy” that allowed abortion on demand was created by the Supreme Court for women,ⁱⁱ but for forty years now that right has been extended to the abortionist as well. This shroud of privacy enables abortionists to literally get away with murder and mayhem as thousands of women are injured each year.ⁱⁱⁱ Abortion has become the most unregulated industry in the United States because Governors, legislators, and Attorneys General fail to enforce or write laws that will actually protect women. In addition to a lack of regulation, the ravages of “choice” continue to take a toll on individuals, families, states and the economic stability of the nation. This report seeks to examine this issue in the hopes that Congress consider investigations to explore the physical, legal, cultural, and economic harm abortion has created in our nation.

The Abortion Consumer

Dis-proportionally, the leading consumer of the abortionists' services is the African-American female. According to the 2011 Abortion Surveillance Report issued by the Center for Disease Control, black women make up 14 percent of the childbearing population, yet obtained 36.2 percent of reported abortions. Black women have the highest abortion ratio in the country, with 474 abortions per 1,000 live births. Percentages at these levels illustrate that more than 19 million black babies have been aborted since 1973.^{iv}

According to the Departments of Public Health of every state that reports abortion by ethnicity; black women disproportionately lead in the numbers. For example, in Mississippi, 79 percent of abortions are obtained by black women; in Washington, D.C., more than 60 percent; in Georgia, 59.4 percent; in Alabama, 58.4 percent. In state after state, similar numbers are found, with black women aborting at two, three or more times their presence in the population. At every income level, black women have higher abortion rates than Whites or Hispanics, except for women below the poverty line, where Hispanic women have slightly higher rates than black women.^v

The prevalence of abortion facilities within minority communities serves as a major contributor to the rate in which black women obtain abortions. Accordingly, black women are 5 times more likely to have an abortion than white women. A recent study released by Protecting Black Life, an outreach of Life Issues Institute concluded that, "79% of Planned Parenthood's surgical abortion facilities are strategically located within walking distance of African and/or Hispanic communities."^{viii} This study coincides with historical revelations that eugenicists dating to the mid-1900s, "[argued] that the most effective way they could advance their agenda would be to concentrate population control facilities within targeted communities."^{viii}



Historically, blacks have been the unwitting victims of a hidden racist agenda of those behind abortion and birth control organizations because of they believed they were receiving a new civil right – choice. In fact, pro-abortion forces have created messaging that reinforces the notion of abortion as a civil right, as seen in a 2012 meeting of the Congressional Black Caucus and Pro-Choice Caucus. On Capitol Hill, these advocates urged their constituents to challenge the pro-life

position by accusing them of making the alleged disparity in healthcare for black women worse.^{ix} Perhaps unknowingly, these black legislators continually damage their political agenda because abortion is destroying their future constituency.

Their advocacy for continued funding of organizations like Planned Parenthood demeans and eradicates the concept of natural rights and denies the right to life to the most vulnerable of all, the unborn child. Establishing such a cultural norm erodes the natural rights of the elderly and the infirmed, for if the powerful can determine that the unborn child does not have a natural, self-evident right to live, then it is very possible that they can and will determine that certain other humans no longer possess those rights, as well.

The Population Control Nexus

There is a widespread perception that women, particularly African American women, are freely exercising their “choice” when they enter the doors of the nearest abortion center. Nothing can be further from the truth. The reality is that black women are being pushed – led from behind – into abortion centers by a cadre of elitists who agree with Frederick Osborne, the leading eugenicist of the 20th century, that “birth control and abortion are turning out to be great eugenic advances of our time. If they had been advanced for eugenic reasons it would have retarded or stopped their acceptance.”^x

In fact, abortion is steeped in the population control agenda. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg reminded the nation of this in her 2009 *New York Times Magazine* interview when she said “Frankly I had thought that at the time Roe was decided, there was concern about population growth and particularly growth in populations that we don’t want to have too many of,”^{xi} and she was historically accurate. There was concern about population, and Republican President Richard Nixon was at the center of promoting population control, particularly in the black community.

Quotes from Former President Richard Nixon:

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"A majority of people in Colorado voted for **abortion**, I think a majority of people in Michigan are for **abortion**, I think in both cases, well, certainly in Michigan they will vote for it [**abortion**] because they think that what's going to be **aborted** generally are the little **Black bastards.**"^{xiii}

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"...you know what we are talking about – **population control.**"^{xv}

"...we're talking really – and what **John Rockefeller** really realizes – look, the people in **what we call our class control their populations.** Sometimes they'll have a family of six, or seven, or eight, or nine, but it's (an) exception."^{xvi}

These are only a few of the sentiments Nixon expressed in 1972 exposing the genesis of his thinking when he announced the conclusions and recommendations of the 1969 Population Control Commission, headed by John D. Rockefeller.^{xvii} It was in the spirit of these sentiments that Cecile Richards, President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, invited the Republican Party to return to its "family planning" roots.^{xviii}

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Believing Planned Parenthood no longer needed to hide the population control impetus of her organization, Richards stated "A lot of Republicans used to support family planning, and Richard Nixon signed that first federal planning program into law. There's a clear pathway to [win back women's support], and it's to listen to the middle of their party instead of the extreme fringe."^{xx} The "family planning" mantra, a euphemism for abortion, is no longer buried in the pages of Planned Parenthood's tax documents as it was in 2008.^{xxi} Planned Parenthood, believing abortion is so entrenched in the culture that it cannot be removed, now openly exposes what had been hidden – the work of controlling the birth rates of those they consider dysgenic.

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The Racist and Eugenic Roots of the Abortion Movement

It is no accident that abortion has become so deeply entrenched within the black community. Margaret Sanger, founder of the American birth control movement, was a leading spokesperson and activist in promotion of controlling the birth rate among blacks and others she considered genetically inferior. An avid supporter of eugenics, Sanger became a formidable force when pushing her "Negro Project" designed to employ black leaders to promote first birth control and later abortion as viable options for "family planning." She favored the Malthusian branch of eugenics, frequently saying the genetic makeup of the poor and minorities, for example, was inferior.^{xxii} Sanger believed it was necessary to "reduce the birthrate among the diseased, the sickly, the poverty- stricken and anti-social classes, elements unable to provide for themselves, and the burden of which we are all forced to carry."^{xxiii}

Heavily relying on members of the black elite to help craft her message, "The Negro Project," influenced respected black leaders, enticing them to Sanger's cause. Although leaders such as Marcus Garvey strongly denounced birth control and abortion as detrimental to the survival of the black race, other black leaders and organizations supported Sanger - W.E.B. DuBois; Adam Clayton Powell Jr., pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem; the National Urban League; Mary

McLeod Bethune; founder of the National Council of Negro Women; and J.T. Braun, editor-in-chief of the National Baptist Convention's Sunday School Publishing Board in Nashville, TN. Sanger's organization continues in this vein, persuading those whom blacks trust that Planned Parenthood is for the benefit of the black race; today, the growing list of cronies of the abortion industry includes Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton, almost the entire black Congressional Caucus, and now their most prized gem: the President of the United States, who has openly resisted any regulation of the most unregulated industry in the nation.

Paying black staff members into the six figures, Planned Parenthood and other abortion supporters have fanned their advocates across the black community, spouting a deceptive but unified message of the lack of access to quality healthcare. Supported by funds provided through such foundations as those headed by the Fords, Rockefellers, Carnegies, Gates, Soros and others, pro-abortion forces deliberately craft messages that play on the fears of some blacks that a lack of access to abortion is somehow discriminatory. Then and now, Sanger's organization has used trusted leaders to convince the black community that abortion as a form of birth control is not only acceptable, but also beneficial to African-American culture.

Although Sanger has often been acclaimed as a champion for human rights, her philosophy was actually quite racist and bigoted. According to George Grant author of *Grand Illusions: The Legacy of Planned Parenthood*, Sanger's philosophy on race, known as "scientific racism," discriminates against other ethnicities based on "quality of genes."^{xxiv} In Sanger's eyes, "scientific racism" in the case of the black community includes skin color. Grant exposes Sanger's discriminatory notions and documents many inflammatory comments she made during her tenure.

Political Ramifications of Abortion on the Black Community and the Nation

On March 6, 1857, U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger B. Taney handed down the Court's decision in the landmark case of *Dred Scott v. Sanford*. In 1846, Dred Scott and his wife, Harriet, had been slaves residing, with their masters, in free territories for almost nine years. Being prompted by their friends and local minister, Dred Scott sued for their freedom. After several years of litigation, the Scotts finally appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Court's decision stated that the Scotts were to remain slaves regardless of their place of residence. However, Chief Justice Taney did not stop there. He further stated that since Dred Scott was not a citizen of the U.S., he could not bring suit into federal courts regardless of the issue. Furthermore, Taney made it clear that slaves were no more than personal property, and, subsequently, had no ability to lay claim on freedom.^{xxv}

By 1860, the overall slave population was close to four million, or 39 percent of the overall population of the Confederacy.^{xxvi} Slaves in South Carolina, the state with the largest percentage of slaves per capita, outnumbered whites at a rate of almost three-to-one, with the greatest percentages in small towns such as Goose Creek, where the slave population was almost 80 percent.^{xxviii} When slavery ended, whites began instituting laws that required blacks to be able to read and write to be eligible to vote and to curtail the possibility of a sudden influx of blacks running for political office. Since almost the entire former slave population had neither skill, blacks were effectively shut out of the political process, preventing them from passing laws more equitable to all races.

At the same time the South erected barriers to voting and holding office, they went even further with the help of the Supreme Court and through the law. The 1896 Plessy v. Ferguson case stripped blacks of another degree of humanity by instituting what became known as Jim Crow.^{xxvii}

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A legal wall of separation between blacks and whites deemed blacks as inferior, not worthy of even occupying the same space as whites unless it was in the role of a servant. This dichotomy in the culture continued until the enactment of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Eugenicists, however, were unwilling to allow the racial divide in America to be healed. Richard Nixon, John D. Rockefeller and others pushed to erect a third barrier to keep the races separate. Their initiatives, as we know from Nixon's comments, were to remove obstacles to abortion, particularly in communities "we don't want too many of," as Justice Ginsburg said.

Such a high frequency of abortion within the black community inevitably creates far-reaching consequences, not only on the women who have obtained abortions, but also on the entire population. Recent census results reveal one such consequence, stating that "African Americans have been surpassed by Hispanics as the largest minority group in the U.S."^{xxix}

Michael Novak, the George F. Jewett scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, had the following to say in regards to the political and social ramifications of abortion on African-American society: "Since the number of current living blacks (in the U.S.) is 31 million, the missing 10 million represents an enormous loss for, without abortion, America's black community would now number 41 million persons. It would be 35 percent larger than it is currently. Abortion has swept through the black community cutting down every fourth member."^{xxx}

Consider this: if those ten million children had not been aborted, the voting power of the black community would now be at 16 percent nationally rather than the current 13 percent.^{xxxi} Blacks who cry in desperation for political change must recognize that the majority of their civic leaders support policies which destroy their future constituency. It is not beyond reason to conclude that today there could be more black Senators and

Representatives in the halls of Congress had it not been for the abortion platform supported by so many liberal black and white leaders. Today, as a result of an abortion, blacks have prevented themselves from gaining greater political opportunity.

Natural Rights vs. Court Decisions

Since the 17th century emergence of critical thinker John Locke, the debate about natural rights has raged, and questions abound on the government's involvement in protecting life, liberty and property. In order to avoid the question of government protection for life in the womb, the Supreme Court accepted arguments that the child in utero is not life until it reaches the level of viability, which they said happens sometime after the first trimester. Like slavery, tension was created in the public square concerning who "qualifies" for natural rights and the protection it affords. In the 1850s, it was the black slave who sought freedom and equal protection under the law. Today it is the unborn child.

If the baby in utero is not a human being in the fullest sense of that term, then he or she has no natural right to life. However, if the opposite is true, then the unborn child is entitled to the right to life, and the mother has no more say in its viability than she does in determining the viability of post-birth children. Ignoring the advent of ultra sound and other medical devices that make it abundantly clear that the baby in utero is life and indeed human, the natural rights of the baby has been an ongoing topic of discussion in the corridors of the Congress and the halls of federal courts.

The current laws of the land vest in the mother the right to terminate life in the womb. This often creates a relationship conflict between the man and woman, attacking the traditional family model. In fact, the abortion industry has taken great care to promote ideas that clash with traditional family structure and ideology by celebrating a lifestyle that promotes moral decay - promiscuity and abortion as birth control. The current law does not acknowledge the rights of the child; however, deeming "the product of conception" is the equivalent to being the property of the mother, and she alone is the arbiter of the child's life or death.

William Saunders of the Family Research Council, commenting on Hadley Arkes' *Natural Rights and the Right to Choose*, had this to say about the parallels between abortion and slavery: "In asserting a 'right to choose,' abortion proponents undermine the concept of natural right, for they deny a nature that transcends the preferences of others. Law is thus reduced to power: it secures the 'right' of the powerful to define who has rights, even to define who is 'human.' It can

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no more be ‘contained’ than could a ‘right to own slaves.’ It will seep into areas of care of the elderly, the infirm, and the handicapped. It has already poisoned the policy discussion where the status of the embryo (prior to implantation especially) is at stake. By reducing rights to a mere reflection of the preferences of the powerful, a ‘right to choose’ puts all rights, even those claimed by abortion proponents, at risk, because such rights are always subject to redefinition when power shifts.”^{xxxii}

It is ironic that while the Fifteenth Amendment (1870) to the U.S. Constitution abolished discrimination based on race, a more “civilized” 1973 U.S. Supreme Court discriminated against the life of the unborn child, handing down a decision that stripped the most vulnerable among us of rights, once again allowing the powerful to determine exactly who had the right to life. Abortion-rights activists understand that, from a political standpoint, abortion on-demand must not be limited. Rather, for them to muster the greatest amount of political power, they must have a majority of Senators and Representatives who support their agenda.

Attitudes in society and government have certainly evolved since the time of our nation’s inception, when a Judeo-Christian belief system was the premise for government and law. This evolution has moved America further and further away from Biblically-based values, toward a culture that accepts behaviors

the Bible calls sin. By 1973, a very liberal U.S. Supreme Court wielded its power and forced all states to abolish any restrictions they might have against abortion in the same way the U.S. Supreme Court allowed the owners of Dred Scott to retain their “property” in 1857. Cultural changes and opinion often influence the federal court system over time, leaving expediency and pragmatism as the order of the day rather than honor and a genuine concern for life.

This evolution also included movement in the religious community toward a doctrine of moral relativism. The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (RCRC) is but one example. Founded by members of old-line/mainline Protestant denominations, such as Episcopalians and Presbyterians, the RCRC targets African-Americans and teenagers in its “outreach.”

“Its purpose is to promote the idea that abortion, including partial-birth abortion, is not sometimes a tragic necessity...but is a ‘holy work,’ and the defense of the unlimited abortion license is, according to RCRC, a holy war. Abandoning its calling to be the standard-bearer for society, the RCRC teaches young people that abortion is a rite of passage to adulthood, and their parents have no right to interfere with their ‘reproductive choice.’”^{xxxiii}

As Martin Luther King, Jr. stated in *Strength to Love*, “The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state. It must be the guide and the critic of the state, and never its tool. If the church does not recapture its prophetic zeal, it will become an irrelevant social club without moral or spiritual authority.”

However, there is hopeful news that Americans are less likely to support abortion rights. In August 2012, a CNN poll asked, “Do you think abortion should be legal under any circumstances, legal under only certain circumstances, or illegal in all circumstances?” Some 62 percent want abortions illegal in all cases or legal only in certain instances while just 35 percent want abortions legal for any reason”.^{xxxiv}

CNN also asked, “Do you think abortion should be legal in most circumstances or only a few circumstances?” Here, 52 percent took a pro-life view saying abortion should be illegal in all (15 percent) or most circumstances (37 percent) while just 44 percent took a pro-abortion view saying abortions should be legal in all (35 percent) or most (9 percent) circumstances.

The Costs of Abortion – Its Economic Impact

Very few think about the costs of abortion, other than in the context of the price to get one. Yet, the numbers demonstrate there is indeed a price to be paid when the population equivalent to the “73 largest cities, from New York all the way down to cities the size of Chandler, AZ” have been aborted.^{xxxv} Movement for a Better America^{xxxvi} has been sounding the alarm, calculating that:

- **Abortion drives the greatest health care and education crisis in history.** As baby-boomer nurses and teachers retire, we face a looming shortage of 1 million nurses and 2 million teachers. We also face critical shortages in key professions such as science, medicine, and higher education.

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- **Another consequence of abortion is a disastrous shift in the supply-demand equation that underlies our economy.** 55 million abortions represent a huge loss in consumer demand. If those babies had been born, our fast-paced economy would still be going strong. Those we aborted were the future consumers, producers, parents, and taxpayers we needed to keep our economy growing.
- **The abortion boom is also behind the crisis in Social Security and Medicare.** In 1940, we had 145 people in the workforce for every person on Social Security. That's when it looked like a great idea! By 1952, the ratio had dropped to 16 to 1. It is now 3 to 1. In less than 20 years, it will be only 2 to 1. That's when the government Ponzi scheme will completely collapse.

Even before these shortages can be fully realized, the immediate impact of increased sexual activity leading to abortion can be seen when examining sexually transmitted disease in America. Millions are affected by sexually transmitted illnesses, resulting from their own poor choices and actions. In fact, according to the American Social Health Association (ASHA), more than half of all Americans will contract an STD or STI in their lifetime.^{xxxvii} There are over 65 million Americans living with an STD/STI and there are over 19 million new cases each year, only some of which

are curable.^{xxxviii} More than eight billion dollars is spent each year to diagnose and treat STD/STIs, and this figure does not even include the most dangerous: HIV/AIDS.

In fact, the Kaiser Family Foundation warns: “Sexually transmitted diseases are at epidemic proportions – half of the ten most frequently reported infections to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are STDs, including the most common, chlamydia. However, the scope of the epidemic and its impact is often underestimated by the public and unacknowledged by many health care professionals.”^{xxxix} Besides the costs to diagnose and treat these infections, there are other indirect costs that could be eradicated immediately, simply by curbing sexual activity. It is only through sex that these diseases are contracted. Abstinence, while not curing the disease, would immediately stop their spread among unwed couples.

Our economy's 55 million missing people has certainly caused a significant decline in the tax base that will go unanswered, as there are not enough people to support the economic expectations of today's debt-laden America.

The Horrors of Kermit Gosnell

On March 18, 2013, the trial of abortion monster Dr. Kermit Gosnell began in Philadelphia. Two months later Gosnell was convicted on three charges of murder, 21 felony counts of performing illegal late-term abortions, and 211 counts of violating the 24-hour informed consent laws.

Gosnell's convictions really just reflected the tip of the iceberg of what was going on in his clinic. Until inspectors showed up in February 2010, as a result of an investigation for suspected illegal drug prescription use, Gosnell's facility operated uninspected for 17 years. According to the Grand Jury report, the last state inspection, before the 2010 raid, had been in 1993.

Anecdotes of those who worked there suggest the scope of murder, illegal abortions, abuse of women – mostly low income minority and immigrant women – went far beyond what could be adequately documented to stand up for the trial.

The Grand Jury that investigated Kermit Gosnell speculated why he operated so long without getting attention: "We think the reason no one acted is because the women in question were poor and of color, because the victims were infants without identities, and because the subject was the political football of abortion."

The years that Gosnell committed his atrocities with no regulatory oversight, and the challenges to get national media attention to his trial once it began, should provoke extra vigilance today to address the issues involved that still are not getting adequate attention and the extent to which similar abuses are occurring elsewhere.

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Post-Gosnell

To ensure a recurrence of Gosnell was not possible, several actions steps were taken by Senator Mike Lee, the House Judiciary Committee, and the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Actions taken are listed below:

- During the Gosnell trial, on May 8, 2013, Senator Mike Lee (R-Utah) offered a resolution "Expressing the sense of the Senate that Congress and the States should investigate and correct abusive, unsanitary, and illegal abortion practices."
- The House Judiciary Committee sent letters to each Attorney General to determine whether state and local governments are being stymied in their efforts to protect the civil rights of newborns and their mothers by legal or financial obstacles that are within the federal government's power to address.
- The House Energy and Commerce Committee sent letters to each state health officer requesting that they provide information on how they regulate and monitor abortion clinics to protect the health and safety of women.

Despite the steps taken, the states were largely unresponsive to the calls for action. Accordingly, the Center for Urban Renewal and Education (CURE), a DC based black conservative think tank, organized strategic steps to provide a voice for the voiceless.

CURE's Response

The National Black Pro-life Coalition, Protecting Black Life, and the National Black Pro-life Union joined with CURE to privately meet with six Senate staffers to discuss how to *move* the ball forward to open the legislative hearings that they requested last year. The meeting focused on adding penalties to the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act of 2002.

The Born-Alive Infants Protection Act was signed into law by President Bush after passing unanimously in the Democrat controlled Senate. It outlaws the murder of infants born during late term procedures—what Gosnell was doing. But the law is basically symbolic because it invokes no criminal or civil penalties when violated.

CURE and the partnered organizations have focused on encouraging federal action in response to women being maimed, molested and murdered in abortion clinics. As such, the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act must be updated to adequately protect against these tragedies. Updated language should include protection of whistleblowers, civil penalties for failure to uphold the law and open hearings to determine whether the black community is being targeted by abortion facilities.

Below you will find testimonials, about the limited public response received in regards to proof

of medical negligence, by the coalition members involved in this project:

- **Catherine Davis, co-founder of the National Black Pro-life Coalition, Post- Gosnell Testimonial**
- **Arnold Culbreath, Founder/CEO of Breath of Life, LLC & Breath of Life Foundation, LLC., Post- Gosnell Testimonial**

Black Women and Abortion

- Abortion is the leading cause of death for African Americans, more than all other causes combined, including AIDS, violent crimes, accidents, cancer and heart disease.
- In 2008, Black women had abortions at a rate 3.4 times higher than White women.
- In 2008, Black women received 30% of the abortions even though African Americans are only 12.6% of the population.
- Over their lifetime, Black women average 1.6 more pregnancies than White women but are 5 times more likely to have a pregnancy that ends in abortion.
- More than 16,000,000 Black babies have died by abortion since 1973.
- Approximately 360,000 pre-born Black babies are aborted every year, nearly 1000 per day.

Planned Parenthood has historically targeted African Americans for abortion

- Sanger's "Negro Project" in 1939 was intended to stop the growth of the Black community.
- Sanger persuaded Black pastors to push her population control program within their congregations.
- Black pro-life leaders have long insisted that Planned Parenthood purposely places its abortion facilities in or near Black neighborhoods.
- Life Issues Institute's 2005 study of Census 2000 data confirmed that 60% of PP surgical abortion facilities were located in close proximity to Black neighborhoods and 78% were near Black and/or Hispanic/Latina neighborhoods.

Does Planned Parenthood still target minorities for abortion? New Research from *Protecting Black Life* (an outreach of Life Issues Institute) uses Census 2010 data to reveal that this targeting still exists.

- 62% of Planned Parenthood surgical abortion facilities are within walking distance (2 miles) of relatively high Black populations.
 - 79% of Planned Parenthood surgical abortion facilities are within walking distance (2 miles) of relatively high Black and/or Hispanic/Latina populations.
- **Dr. Day Gardner, Founder of the National Black Pro-life Union, Post- Gosnell Testimonials**

On January 19, 2011 Black abortionist Kermit Gosnell, owner and operator of the West Philadelphia Women's Medical Society abortion clinic was charged with eight counts of murder for killing a 41 year old mother and seven newborn babies. Unfortunately, unless you lived in Philadelphia-very little was heard about these heinous crimes.

For more than 30 years Kermit Gosnell ran a bloody abortion clinic in a black neighborhood where he made millions of dollars killing black children. Gosnell perpetuated the epidemic of black-on-black crime which is a national problem that has become increasingly more pronounced over the years.

A year ago, New Jersey Reverend Clenard Childress and I held a press conference in Philadelphia to call out the media for their refusal to cover the trial. We then stood shoulder to shoulder in a coalition organized by Star Parker and CURE to call immediate attention to the travesty of child killing in Philadelphia.

Last year, I cringed and gnashed my teeth while sitting in the almost empty Philadelphia courtroom hearing testimony after testimony of babies screaming and screeching while being killed by Gosnell and his employees.

I heard gruesome testimony by abortion clinic workers about how Gosnell would deliver fully developed, viable children and then turn them over to cut their spinal cords. Gosnell even joked that one baby was big enough to walk to the bus stop- he then cut that little boys neck and tossed him into a shoebox. It was no big deal to him -- to kill these children-to slash their necks as they struggled-as they strained -- as they cried.

If that wasn't grotesque enough-he severed off the tiny feet of several babies and kept them -- displayed in jars on a shelf as a sort of souvenir.

Gosnell stored the bodies of children in milk jugs and large soft drink containers and juice bottles. Forty seven babies were found frozen in a refrigerator freezer. They had to be thawed out like TV dinners so that the coroner could determine their first and last moments of life.

Employee Lynda Williams actually played with a baby who survived a botched

abortion for several minutes and then she snipped the child's neck. Sherry West, a former employee, testified at Gosnell's trial last April stating that she witnessed a baby screaming, lying on a shelf after having been delivered during an abortion procedure at Gosnell's abortion clinic. In her testimony she described the baby as being 18-24 inches long and one of the largest babies she had seen delivered there. Her words pierced my heart as I recalled how happy I was when my son, Lawson, was born at 19 inches long.

I heard Elizabeth Hampton, Gosnell's sister-in-law, who also worked at the abortion clinic, cry on the witness stand stating many times that she hated the thought of being jailed--after all she was only hired to clean the place. I found it maddening that Elizabeth Hampton didn't cry for the babies who were murdered on a daily basis in that house of horrors. She didn't cry for the women that she held down when they writhed in pain during an abortion procedure, she didn't cry for the women injured there. She cried only for herself.

There, in the courtroom among the blood stained chairs and blood encrusted procedure tables-- was also a garbage disposal. Elizabeth Hampton described her job as the cleaning lady -- how she would clean out the suction machine by dumping its contents which included blood and body parts collected from the suction machine into the sink. Obviously, she would then run the disposal.

Other workers talked about babies delivered into toilets -- one baby used swimming like motions before being scooped out and killed.

Elizabeth Hampton's common law husband, Jimmy Johnson took the stand. He worked at the clinic as the plumber and maintenance man. He said that toilets got stopped up on a regular basis. He testified that on several occasions he had to go outside of the house to clean out the trap which was clogged up by baby arms, legs, little hands and feet and other shrockled up body parts.

I'm a pretty thick skinned-tough cookie -but the thought of shredded, flushed children was unbearable. I remember thinking...is this America...the beautiful?

On May 13, 2013, Kermit Gosnell was sentenced to serve life in prison without parole convicted of three counts of first-degree murder for killing new born babies in his abortion clinic by cutting their spinal cords with scissors. He was also charged with involuntary manslaughter for the 2009 death of Karnamaya Mongar, a Nepalese refugee who lived in Virginia with her family.

Here's the thing...Gosnell is not an anomaly.

Every day children of every race are being sliced and diced-killed in the most grotesque ways imaginable. We must face the fact that thousands and thousands of children are slaughtered in a blood bath by the hands of Gosnell-like abortionists every day-- hundreds of thousands of babies are butchered each and every year. By the Grace of God we must not forget--we must do all we can to end the killing.

A Call to Action

In the forty years since the legalization of abortion, there have been five Republican and three Democrat Presidents. In fact, Roe was decided when Richard Nixon was president. He not only supported the decision but also initiated the population control agenda that has been steeped in the industry since its inception. At least three of the five Republican Presidencies were undergirded with a Republican Senate and House for part, if not all, of their terms. During this same time period, Republican Presidents appointed and the Congress confirmed many of the Supreme Court Justices – appointments most thought would ensure the overturning of Roe v. Wade. Yet we have had 55 million babies die at abortionists' hands. It is hard to see any progress at a federal level to stem the tsunami that has consumed the lives of 1.2 million or more babies every year since 1977.

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According to the Guttmacher Institute, 0.3% of abortion patients experience complications that require hospitalization.^{xl} That translates to more than 3,000 women each and every year! Planned Parenthood alone botched 12 abortions in 2012; including the horrific death of young Tonya Reaves.^{xli} She was left bleeding for more than five hours before clinic employees sought emergency assistance. It was too little, too late, and Tonya died needlessly in an ill-equipped “medical facility.”

“People think Planned Parenthood is a counseling-based business,” says Beverly Clark, a former Houston city councilwoman and congressional candidate. She goes on to say: “The bulk of their business is from doing abortions. And parents are always shocked when they find out these people are going into schools and teaching our children about birth control. They tie in ‘helping the poor’ with the issue of abortion. They tell us the world is overpopulated. That is brainwashing so they can continue to have clients for their industry. If we stopped abortion, we would hurt somebody’s pocketbook.”^{xlii}

More recently, as of March 4th, 2015 the Planned Parenthood in Houston sent five women to receive emergency medical care within a thirty day period, after being injured during an abortion.^{xliii} And Planned Parenthood is just one example of the many abortionists that operate beneath a reasonable standard of medical care. The nation was shocked in 2009 when the squalid conditions of a Pennsylvania abortionist (Kermit Gosnell) were revealed.

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In addition to delivering live babies and murdering them, this physician had numerous complaints for the injuries he heaped upon vulnerable women, including passing diseases because of his unsanitary practices and the death of Karnamaya Mongar.^{xliv}

Abortionist and Abortion Centers such as Gosnell continue in operation, due partly to a reluctance to enforce the law. A nurse in Gosnell's clinic attempted to release the horrific activities occurring, yet authorities were unresponsive. Currently, this dismissal of whistleblowers and failure to practice due process of the law continues. On March 7, 2015, Michele Herzog attempted to inform the police of an abortionist that was operating without a medical license. She spoke with women exiting the Florida facility that confirmed that James Scott Pendergraft executed abortion services that day. Yet, the police remained unresponsive to her appeals.^{xlv}

Pendergraft and five of his operating clinics are one of the many that have not been thoroughly investigated for illegalities. This is alarming since some of these doctors have prior records of negligence and sexual abuse. For these reasons, ending abortion in the United States is one of the primary goals of the Center for Urban Renewal and Education (C.U.R.E.). To reach this end, C.U.R.E. is actively working with the following organizations who share the same concerns:

- Care Net (<http://care-neturban.org>)
- CEC for Life (pro-life arm of the Charismatic Episcopal Church at www.cecforlife.org)
- Focus on the Family (www.family.org)
- Citizens Link (<http://www.citizenlink.com>)
- Human Life International (www.hli.org)
- LEARN (Life Education and Resource Network at www.LearnInc.org)
- Vitae Caring Foundation (www.vitaecaringfoundation.org)
- National Black ProLife Coalition (www.blackprolifecoalition.org)
- Heartbeat International (<https://www.heartbeatinternational.org>)

Recommendation

Immediate steps must be taken to rein in the lawless behavior of abortionists like Kermit Gosnell, who have no consideration for the dignity of life – inside or outside of the womb. We urge Congress to place criminal and/or civil penalties in the Born-Alive Infant Protection Act to ensure other abortionists face severe penalties for taking the life of an infant born alive. To ensure that proper penalties are given we endorse open hearings which shall be conducted to evaluate claims of malpractice and/or illegal late-term abortions. In addition, we strongly encourage an open hearing to evaluate the strong data that indicates black communities are being targeted by abortion providers.

Conclusion

We are determined to increase public awareness, especially in the inner-city and minority communities, about the devastating effects of abortion. Combined with this outreach, our goal is to intensify pressure on the legislative and legal machines to stop this hideous and barbaric act

which continues to ravage black culture in particular, and American society in general. Our pro-life mission is to assist women in crises with alternative answers based in faith, family, and community.

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