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Discrimination based on race

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 ended segregation and discrimination in education, public accommodations and activities including federally assisted programs. Since abortion was legalized in 1973, the Planned Parenthood Federation of America has been a recipient of federal funds through Title X and Medicaid. The organization has provided its services in a manner that perpetuates the systemic racism that was rife in America before 1964. Their services have resulted in a disproportionate and negative impact and treatment of Blacks and increasingly Latinos. The abortion services provided are aligned with the organization's eugenic beliefs and mission as identified through their founder who began the American Birth Control League (later renamed Planned Parenthood) "to promote eugenic birth selection throughout the United States so that there may be more well-born and fewer ill-born children — a stronger, healthier and more intelligent race."¹

The Black community is the one group identified and targeted since Planned Parenthood's founder, Margaret Sanger, launched the Negro Project in 1939. For years they have directed their messaging and facilities toward primarily Black women and babies. The results of their programming have helped control the birth rate Black community leaders and influencers warned would be genocidal.

Though they denied the "racist" foundation of their organization for years, on June 18, 2020, more than 300 current and former Planned Parenthood employees complained of an environment rife with discrimination and bigoted treatment. A month later, the New York organization acknowledged causing reproductive harm in communities of color. While they did not identify specifics of the harm they acknowledged causing, it is not hard to demonstrate the disparate impact their policies have had on the Black community.

Planned Parenthood Mission

In the 2008 FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, filed by Planned Parenthood, they described their mission in these terms: to achieve "... a U.S. population of stable size in an optimum environment". In 2017, Cecile Richards, former Planned Parenthood president, identified abortion as the tool used to aid in meeting their mission when she tweeted: "Planned Parenthood is proud to provide abortion—a necessary service that's as vital to our mission as birth control or cancer screenings."² Leana Wen, who led Planned Parenthood following Richards, confirmed "First, our core mission is providing, protecting and expanding access to abortion and reproductive health care."³

Surgical Center Locations

The Planned Parenthood Federation of America has placed, deliberately, seventy-nine percent of their surgical facilities within a two-mile walking radius of a Black and/or Latino neighborhood.⁴ New construction of their surgical facilities are 10,000 or more square feet, eighty percent of which were placed in Black neighborhoods alone. As *Town Hall Reports* - “New research shows that Planned Parenthood has located a stunning 86 percent of its abortion facilities in or near minority neighborhoods in the 25 U.S. counties with the most abortions.

These 25 counties contain 19 percent of the U.S. population and are home to 28 percent of the U.S. black population and 37 percent of the U.S. Hispanic/Latino population. In 12 of these counties, Blacks and Hispanics/Latinos are more than 50 percent of the population.”⁴ From 2010 to 2018, Planned Parenthood increased the number of abortion facilities in these 25 counties by 35 percent, with 15 of these 20 new abortion centers established since 2014 alone.⁵

The location of these and all their facilities is not random. As one Planned Parenthood official revealed in a 2017 *Creative Loafing* article, clinic locations are “evidence based”. They solicit colleges such as the Atlanta Rollins School of Public Health to conduct relocation analyses to identify strategic locations.⁶ In many of the communities where they construct these mega centers (10,000 sq. ft. or larger), they mask their presence, usually until the construction is completed in order to prevent protests and the objection of any residents who not want an abortion facility in their neighborhood. Such was the case in the majority Black historical Cherry neighborhood of Charlotte, NC.⁷

Planned Parenthood cloaks their intent to abort infant life in the womb in rhetoric designed to lull Blacks into a belief they are being helped with medical concerns. The VBHC, LLC which is wholly owned by Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Virginia, Inc. submitted an Application for Medical Care Facilities Certificate of Public Need for approval. The aim of the request was to enlarge its facility to provide more than 1800 surgical procedures in the Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Hampton, Newport News, Chesapeake, Portsmouth area to “low income and underserved patient populations”. To justify and identify the community need, VBHC cited the Black infant mortality rates arguing they were “working to prevent teen pregnancy which is linked to infant mortality.”⁸

Today the messaging is they will use “a race equity” lens when locating centers and services, without defining what that means to Black women and their babies.⁹

The Negro Project

The premise of the Negro Project was/is to hire ministers, doctors and others of influence to “straighten it out” if it occurred to any of the more rebellious members of the Black community, they wanted to exterminate Blacks.¹⁰ In the early days they cited WEB DuBoise, Mary McLeod Bethune and others as advocates of birth control who straightened out any misperceptions.

Today they have identified men and women of influence, who routinely are used to sell birth control and abortion to Black men and women.

Ministers such as William Barber, of North Carolina, who promotes abortion as an equal and moral right similar to voting and civil rights.¹¹ Barber was the recipient of one of Planned Parenthood's "Care, No Matter What" inaugural awards. Or Timothy McDonald of Georgia, a Board member of Planned Parenthood for about five years ending in 2017, who said Planned Parenthood made him a better pastor while denouncing members of Georgia's prolife community. McDonald was featured in their 2012 release called *A Vital Service*, a video project that specifically targeted Black women.¹²

Doctors such as Willie Parker a frequent keynote speaker at Planned Parenthood events across the nation "loudly and proudly proclaims his commitment to providing abortions".¹³ Yashica Robinson, MD has no problem joining Planned Parenthood in lawsuits against laws states have passed to protect women rather than harm them.¹⁴

Today Planned Parenthood has expanded the reach of the Negro Project to include elected officials and candidates for office "who promise to go above and beyond to protect and expand health care access".¹⁵

Georgia Senate candidate Raphael Warnock is one such example. For the \$2531 provided his campaign he made clear "I believe unequivocally in a woman's right to choose." Stating abortion rights are consistent with his faith, he vowed to fight to keep it legal if he wins the election.¹⁶

Another legislator Janine R. Boyd, endorsed by Planned Parenthood went above and beyond when she offered an amendment to the Ohio Heartbeat bill to exempt Black women from the requirements because of historical "rape and forced birth imposed on enslaved women."¹⁷

Planned Parenthood's largesse (\$4,250) was extended to Georgia Rep. Dar'shun Kendrick. Her idea of above and beyond was to release a "testicular bill of rights" that required men to obtain a sex partner's permission to get a prescription for Viagra and make it a felony for a man to have sex without a condom.¹⁸

The most astounding example of a Black candidate going above and beyond to expand abortion is Kamala Harris, recipient of more than \$81,000 from Planned Parenthood.¹⁹ While DA in California and running for the U. S. Senate she met with Planned Parenthood officials to plan a strategy to stop undercover journalist David Daleiden's project to expose Planned Parenthoods violations of federal law as they sold the body parts of the babies they aborted.²⁰ It is alleged Harris actually met with six members of the Planned Parenthood organization before ordering a raid on the home of the undercover journalist.

When Black Democrat candidates and elected officials dare to support prolife policies, Planned Parenthood will seek their removal by whatever means necessary. Such was the case with John DeBerry, a 26-year veteran Tennessee lawmaker they had removed from the ballot.²¹ Pennsylvania Rep. Margo Davidson felt their sting when supporting legislation to clean up abortion in Pennsylvania after convicted serial killer Kermit Gosnell killed her cousin in a botched abortion. Pennsylvania sought to ensure no other woman faced the squalid conditions found in that center. Margo retained her seat²² defeating Planned Parenthood's attempt, as did Mack Jackson of Georgia, the only democrat who voted in favor of Georgia's heartbeat bill.

Planned Parenthood has threatened violence against a Black legislator who sponsored pro-life legislation. The president of Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast “complained about the representative’s (Representative Katrina Jackson) unwillingness to hear your pleas, and jokingly said that you wanted to “put (Deon) into a ring and let you kick her ass!” Those hearing this complaint did not receive it as a joke and as a result Melissa Flournoy resigned her position.²³

Marketing and Messaging

The primary messaging of Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers is that abortion is safe. The reality for Black women belies this messaging. Black and Latina women have died at the hands of Planned Parenthood abortionists and the public rarely finds out about these deaths as abortion supporters mask them in female health rhetoric. When discovered, the public learns of the tortuous deaths many of these women experienced such as Tonya Reaves whose death showcased the incompetence of the doctor. Tonya was left bleeding in the Chicago Planned Parenthood for more than five hours after the abortionist failed to complete the abortion even though she tried several times.²⁴ Cree Erwin died on the fourth of July, 2016 after a failed abortion at a Planned Parenthood in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Though Cree sought medical help from a local hospital, they did not complete the abortion referring her back to Planned Parenthood and she died a very pain filled death in her mother’s bed.²⁵

The Planned Parenthood in St. Louis, Missouri is considered the most dangerous abortion facility in America having been responsible for 75 documented cases of injury.²⁶ They were cited by the state for a number of health violations including ones that substantially harmed patients.²⁷ The St. Louis Planned Parenthood was not the only one to harm women. Fifty one of the 100 documented injuries in 2019 were at a Planned Parenthood facility.²⁸

In 2007, Planned Parenthood and other pro-abortions entities gave the Obama-Biden transition project a plan for *Advancing Reproductive Rights and Health in a New Administration*.²⁹ That plan, the skeleton for the Affordable Care Act, introduced the illusion abortion is health care, access to which was being denied by the government’s refusal to allow taxpayer funds for abortion.

Over the next 8 years and each time legislation was introduced to regulate abortion, Planned Parenthood placed Black women at the forefront to make the case that any regulation of abortion was a denial of access to “reproductive healthcare” to women of color.

In 2007, Live Action, a D.C. based prolife advocacy for dignity and human rights organization, sponsored a campaign to expose Planned Parenthood’s willingness to accept donations to terminate Black babies. “The calls also reveal that many Planned Parenthood centers set up “women in need” or “justice” funds, designating money specifically for covering the cost of aborting minority children.”³⁰ The practice of receiving donations to target Black babies was first revealed in 1986 by Faye Wattleton, the first Black president of the organization.³¹

In 2012, Cecile Richards, former president of Planned Parenthood, had the Ford Foundation on whose board she sits, to hire Beldon Russenello strategists to craft a response to the Black

Children are an Endangered Species and other billboard campaigns. Introduced at a forum hosted by the women of the Congressional Black Caucus, the strategists rolled out language that is still being used today, such as every community should have access to quality healthcare; cite historical disparities whenever the prolife community refers to the number of abortions on Black women; and challenge the other side to defend why they are contributing to making the disparities worse.³²

At the same time, they launched the attack against the billboards, they activated a network in the main stream media to suppress the voices of Black leaders in the pro-life movement. While every media outlet in the nation, including print, carried the story of the Black Children are an Endangered Species billboards, after the 2012 presentation, very few if any national media carried stories on campaigns hosted by members of the National Black Prolife Coalition, despite sending reporters to cover the event. A recent example included the 2019 National Day of Mourning. As commented in an opinion piece in The Wall Street Journal, “Black pro-lifers, alas, are treated as if they don’t exist. Quick example: How many outlets even reported the National Day of Mourning that concluded this past Saturday with a prayer service in Birmingham, Ala., for all the black lives lost to abortion? One of its leaders was Alveda King, a niece of Martin Luther King. Another was Catherine Davis of the Restoration Project, who notes that the estimated 20 million black abortions since *Roe v. Wade* in 1973 are more than the entire African-American population in 1960.”³³

When a state dares to pass legislation that would protect women or babies in the abortion chambers around the nation, Planned Parenthood launches an attack that pits a handful of Black women against the legislation as if the entire Black community is in agreement. Their messaging almost always is that women in communities of color will be denied access to “reproductive healthcare” if the measure passes. A recent example of this was Georgia’s heartbeat bill. Planned Parenthood recruited SisterSong, a black lead nonprofit, and the ACLU of Georgia, lead by the daughter of Civil Rights pioneer Andrew Young to file suit against the bill.³⁴

They also launched a social media campaign to underscore the message that the lives of Black women are endangered by childbearing painting a picture that Black babies are a disease to the mother. On Halloween in 2017, Planned Parenthood’s message was “If you're a Black woman in America, it's statistically safer to have an abortion than to carry a pregnancy to term or give birth #ScaryStats”.³⁵

Planned Parenthood and Sex Education

Planned Parenthood brags: “Planned Parenthood is the single largest provider of sex education in the United States, reaching 1.5 million people with education and outreach each year. In communities all across America, they are seeking to expand their reach into public schools and other venues to “teach” children about birth control, healthy relationships, abstinence, and sexual orientation.³⁶ Their sex education programs have been used to create a pipe line of customers into one of their abortion centers dotting Black neighborhoods. One community in Georgia recognized Planed Parenthood’s sex education program created a steady flow of customers into the abortion center and they fought hard to remove them from the Richmond County schools. As

they did so, the numbers of abortions in Augusta, GA declined. By year six, the Planned Parenthood closed its doors, no longer able to bring in enough revenue to keep the center open.

The services of Planned Parenthood Federation of America have long had a disparate impact on Black women and their babies. Abortion has been grown into the leading cause of death for Blacks³⁵ resulting in a fertility rate (1.8) that is less than the required number (2.1) to replace the population.³⁶ At this rate by 2050 the total Black fertility rate will be 1.3 or lower, a rate that is irreversible. More than 20,000,000 Blacks have been aborted since 1973. While doing so, Planned Parenthood has broken a myriad of federal laws including overbilling and over payments.³⁷ They have sold the parts of babies they aborted in violation of federal laws³⁸ including possible HIPPA violations³⁹ and partial birth abortion violations.⁴⁰

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