

The Roanoke Times  
Letters to the Editor ([karen.trout@roanoke.com](mailto:karen.trout@roanoke.com))  
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Dear Editor:

David Nova, vice president of Planned Parenthood Health Systems Inc., referenced a statement by Lawrence B. Finer, Director of domestic research, Guttmacher Institute that black women have three times as many abortions as whites not because of racism on the part of Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), but because blacks have three times the unintended pregnancies (Working for the good of the public, letters, 4/25).

Mr. Finer did not explain the high rate of unintended black pregnancies, but his solution is "better sex education" and "expanded access to contraceptive services, including through the federal Title X and Medicaid programs" ("Abortion Intentions", Saturday, April 12).

PPFA, with 75% of their facilities in black communities, has for decades encouraged premarital sex (e.g. [teenwire.com](http://teenwire.com)) and has **inundated the black community with contraceptives** beginning with Margaret Sanger's 1940's racist "Negro Project" to eliminate blacks. PPFA has received over \$4 billion of federal Title X and Medicaid funds for their "family planning" of blacks and has generated over \$3 billion in revenue from black abortions.

Guttmacher Institute data helps explain the reason for the high rate of black pregnancies and abortions and indicts Mr. Finer's "solution". **Contraceptives fail!** The Guttmacher Institute reported that 58 percent of the women who have had abortions and 48 percent of women who had unplanned births were using contraceptives in the month they became pregnant!<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Stanly K. Henshaw, "Proportion of unintended Pregnancies Declines Significantly Since Late 1980s", *Family Planning Perspectives*, Jan. 1998.

Abortion is the fail-safe contraceptive. Malcolm Potts, former medical director of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), said, "As the idea of family planning spreads through a community there appears to be a rise in the incidence of induced abortion at the point where the community begins to initiate the use of contraceptives."<sup>2</sup>

The PPFA decades-long approach of more and more contraception has not reduced unintended black pregnancies and abortions, and Guttmacher data indicates this is largely the result of PPFA's harmful meddling in black communities netting huge profits for themselves. That is not only racism, it is also abuse of black women.

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<sup>2</sup> Malcolm Potts, et al, "Abortion", *Cambridge University Press*, 1970, p. 230.