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Obama Responds to Geraldine Ferraro's Comments

TRNWire - Sen. Barack Obama went on NBC's Today Show Wednesday and responded to Geraldine Ferraro's controversial comments.

"If Obama was a white man, he would not be in this position," said Ferraro in an interview with the *Daily Breeze* in Torrance, CA. "And if he was a woman (of any color) he would not be in this position. He happens to be very lucky to be who he is. And the country is caught up in the concept."



Dem. candidate front runner
Sen. Barack Obama

Obama called Ferraro's comments absurd, saying "If you were to get a handbook on what's the path to the presidency, I don't think the handbook would start by saying 'be an African-American

named Barack Obama."

"I don't think that would be generally considered an advantage," continued Obama.

"If somebody in my campaign suggested that Sen. [Hillary] Clinton was only where she is because she's a woman, people would take great offense and rightly so," exclaimed Obama. "I just don't think that kind of approach to evaluating candidates or denigrating candidates is particularly useful to the Democratic Party."

Ferraro stepped down Wednesday from an honorary post in Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign amid the controversy.

Obama Wins Mississippi Primary, Texas Caucus

TRNWire - Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL) won the Mississippi primary Tuesday night, stretching his lead over Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY).

Obama beat Clinton 61 percent to 37 percent with 99 percent of the precincts reporting.

With the victory, Obama added 17 delegates to his total while Clinton picked up 11, according to CNN estimates. The Mississippi win was his second consecutive primary victory, having won the Wyoming caucuses Saturday.

It has also been reported that Obama was the winner of the Texas Democratic caucuses that occurred March 4. Obama will be awarded 38 of Texas's delegates, while Clinton will win 29 delegates as a result of the caucuses.

Clinton beat Obama 51 percent to 47 percent in the Texas primary that was also held on March 4, but Obama was expected to win a majority of the 228 Texas delegates due to his caucus win.

Obama now leads Clinton 1,608 to 1,478 in the total delegate count, but it is expected that neither candidate will reach the 2,025 needed to win the Democratic nomination.

Civil Rights Measure Moves Forward; Faces Opposition

By Adeeba Folami

This week more than 128,000 signatures were submitted to the Secretary of State's office by supporters of the Colorado Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI), a measure which would do away with affirmative action in the public sector. As reported in "*Were*

Maraders Hoodwinked by Civil Rights Petitioners?" (DWN, 01/24/08), only 76,000 signatures were needed for the initiative to be placed on the November ballot, however, complaints have already been received that petition workers misrepresented the cause as one which

would end discrimination rather than one which would do away with something which has benefited Blacks, women and under represented populations in efforts to undo some of the damage caused by centuries of racism and sexism in the country.

Richard Coolidge, spokesperson for the Secretary of State's office confirmed that at least three complaints are being investigated which came from individuals claiming to have been "lied to" or "misled" by CCRI
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Planned Parenthood Under Attack As Racist Organization

Adeeba Folami

Many were outraged last week when *The Advocate*, a University of California at Los Angeles student publication, found that seven Planned Parenthood (PP) offices they contacted were willing to accept financial donations to be specifically used to abort Black babies. "Not a single Planned Parenthood representative expressed outrage or concern at the racism behind donations specifically "to reduce the number of blacks." In fact, some even went as far as agreeing with the antiblack agenda," reads "Abortions Earmarked for Race," which ran in the publication's winter edition.

After reading the report, activist Walter Hoye, founder of the Issues4Life foundation based in Union City, California, issued a news release calling for PP to be cut off from public funds. "The Issues4Life Foundation demands the assault against the Black unborn child stop and calls for the defunding of Planned Parenthood



Walter Hoye is sounding the alarm about the staggering number of abortions Black women and girls are receiving. He warns that if the pace continues, Blacks are headed for extinction.

with U.S. tax payer dollars," he said. In a phone interview, he told DWN that PP is the largest abortion provider in the world, receiving over \$300 million tax dollars annually. He went on to cite statistics showing that 1500 Black babies are aborted every day and urged Black leaders and concerned individuals to familiarize themselves with the staggering numbers which show that many — through either active participation or ignorance — are contributing to the genocide of their own people.

The Advocate reports that since 1973, 14 million Blacks have been aborted, clearly the number one killer taking more lives than AIDS, heart disease, cancer or gun violence. Hoye says nearly half the Black population has been exterminated and it is time for change before it is too late. "If we don't
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African Immigrants Emerge to Make Impact in U. S. Election



One in every three African immigrants is a naturalized citizen, and thus qualify to vote.

By Wayetu Moore
WASHINGTON (NNPA) - This election year is different for Olu-funke Okeanawi. The 23-year-old nursing student at Howard University speaks of the Democratic primary with excitement and opportunity, in a noticeably different tone and optimism than many
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wake up, take a look at these numbers and realize it's a moral issue," he said, "there's gonna come a time when there won't be Black America."

Teen abortions without parental consent?

In 2005, he was led to become an anti-abortion advocate after participating in his Oakland, California church's ministry outside of an abortion clinic. He saw that the majority of women/girls entering the facility were Black – most he estimated to be no more than 25 and many looking like high school students. In California, a girl under 18 can be brought in for an abortion without parental consent and some, Hoyer said, are dropped off by their boyfriends. This is something he and others are working to change since school students cannot be given aspirin without parental consent yet something as serious as undergoing a surgical procedure can be performed without it. In Colorado, a 2003 law made it mandatory that abortion providers notify parents of females under 18 at least two days prior to the procedure. There is an option, however, which allows teens who "cannot" reveal their pregnancy to a guardian to seek a judge's order authorizing the abortion.

Hoyer outlined how those going in for abortions are bold and brassy but are strikingly changed when they emerge from the clinic. He sees women visibly shaken and emotionally struggling over what they have just experienced, signs of what he calls Post Abortion Stress Syndrome. "You're looking in the eyes of someone who [went] in with a child in her womb and you can see the difference in her eyes when she comes out," he said. "They're horribly broken and just looking to find someplace quiet where they can go and deal with it."

He further cited the 2006 census report which gives another sign that Blacks are endangered. The Census fertility table reveals the number of births an ethnic group must have to counter the number of deaths and ensure continued existence. Hoyer said the current replacement level for Blacks is far below what it needs to be and he warns that if the daily number of abortions continue, the rate of replacement in the Black community will continue to plummet.

Since this is an election year, he suggests that voters know where those they support stand on abortion. "If a candidate cannot support or protect the life inside the womb of a woman, how can we expect [them] to respect life at all?" he asked, adding that some candidates are backed by PP which makes them – in his opinion – unfit for elected office. He goes as far as to say that those who vote for political contenders committed to continue PP funding are "voting for the extermination of the Black race."

Racism at root of Planned Parenthood?

The willingness of PP representatives today to accept donations from undercover Advocate representatives claiming "the less black kids out there the better," may be right in line with the mindset of the organization's founder, Margaret Sanger who, in the 1920s was a featured speaker at a Ku Klux Klan rally. A nurse by training, Sanger became a full time birth control advocate in 1912, setting up America's first birth control clinic in 1917 and organizing the world's first population conference in 1927. Finally, in 1942, she formed the Planned Parenthood Federation, an organization whose aims were greatly influenced by her views on eugenics, a term which means "normal genes" and asserts that human genetics can be improved through selective breeding. Also, that elimination of undesirable traits can be achieved the same way. This same philosophy was promoted by Adolph Hitler and "Nazis" who believed that certain Caucasian features and physical traits were superior to those of other groups of people who were considered inferior and unworthy to be reproduced.

Decades ago, Black leaders, like the Nation of Islam's Elijah Muhammad, spent years warning about the "Birth Control Death Plan" designed to kill off or greatly reduce the Black population, even relating his admonitions to Biblical stories that many Blacks were familiar with but never thought to apply to themselves. "The Birth Control Law/Act is directed at the so-called Negroes ... The story of Moses and Pharaoh is a warning to you today," he wrote in "Message to the Black Man," (1965). "They are seeking to destroy our race just as Pharaoh sought to stop Moses' race by killing off all the male babies at birth. Do not let them trick you."

Forty three years later, Hoyer is issuing a similar warning, specifically against the birth control method known as abortion. According to his release, half of Black women's pregnancies end in abortion as opposed to only 16% of White women's. Also, one third of all American abortions are performed on Black women even though they make up less than 7% of the population. Hoyer encourages all to look at the staggering statistics and reassess the views they hold on this issue. "Until you've actually seen abortion, you really don't know what it is," he said, going on to recommend the Issues4Life website, (issues4life.org), as a good starting point for those interested in learning more



Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, is pictured sharing her birth control plans at a KKK rally in the 1920s. This indicates what is at the root of the organization and may explain why representatives of the group today are willing to accept donations from those wanting their funds to be used to reduce the Black population.

International Briefs

Student Video Records White Students Debasing Black Employees

(GIN) - A student-made video of White college students forcing five Black cleaning workers to kneel and drink soup that had been urinated in at University of Free State (UFS), is reviving hostility against South African universities that create segregated living dormitories for Whites.

"We are not against Whites. We are against racism," said Black student leader Tom Thabane. "We are living in modern South Africa. We come from multiracial schools. The time has come for us not to tolerate segregation."

In 2007 the university senate finally passed a motion to integrate dorms. A 70 percent to 30 percent split has been reached in female hostels, but in traditionally White male dormitories, fewer than 15 percent are Black.

Four middle-aged women and a man were seen in the degrading video that ends with a caption in Afrikaans that reads: "At the end of the day, this is what we really think of integration."

The victims vomited after being made to eat fouled food.

The video clip has sparked widespread condemnation and students and staff held an anti-racism march at the campus in Bloemfontein, the capital city of the Free State Province of South Africa. According to Volksblad newspaper, lawyers for the two students deny they committed any criminal acts.

The university is known for having predominantly White students since the days of apartheid and in recent years it has encountered difficulties trying to integrate people from other racial groups, reports the BBC's Mpho Lakaje.

University rector, Frederick Fourie, is said to be "extremely upset about the incident". Black staff members have been given time off and offered counselling, the university said.

Siviwe Vamva, from the South African Students Congress, said the group would hold a national strike on Mar. 6 to highlight its anti-racism campaign.

"We are saying that all these issues must be brought forward so that all the people of South Africa can see that racism is still a dominant feature in South African society," he said.

Flawed Elections Foreseen for Ethiopia

(GIN) - Ethiopians will be getting their first chance to vote since the general election in 2005, which ended with violent protests and the jailing of most leaders of the opposition.

Leaders of the Coalition for Unity and Democracy were eventually pardoned and released from jail last year, and government says they are free to vote and run for office.

Elections are scheduled for April for the CUD's old seats and for Addis Ababa city council, which the opposition won, but which has had an appointed caretaker administration since 2005.

Since then, however, the party name - CUD - has been given to a breakaway group, and the party symbol - the "V" for Victory sign - went to another party altogether.

Two major opposition leaders initially sentenced to life terms, CUD chairman, Hailu Shawal, and the man chosen as mayor of Addis Ababa in 2005, Berhanu Nega - received political asylum and now live in the U.S.

Chinese Pelted With Stones By Fed-up Miners

(GIN) - Months of delays in settling complaints of poor working conditions, exploded in a rock-throwing melee by Zambian miners against Chinese managers at the Chambishi Smelter, part of a multi-million dollar Chinese investment in the area.

An estimated 500 workers at the mine site turned against the managers who they believed were dodging talks.

The Chinese are not respecting Zambian labor laws, said Teddy Chisala, a workers' representative. Workers are now paid about \$80 per month.

Several buildings were burned in the violence and a protester was injured.

China is one of the biggest buyers of Zambian copper but complaints continue to surface of long working days, 7 day work weeks, and inadequate medical clinics.

Meanwhile, a deal creating a tax-free zone worth \$800 million is close to being signed by 50 Chinese investors and Zambian officials. The cozy relationship between government and the Chinese has created a backlash with the main opposition party accusing Pres. Levy Mwanawasa of allowing the Asian newcomers to exploit workers.

China argues it is spreading prosperity in the world's poorest continent where the West has failed.