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A Deafening Silence on Black Abortions

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During a recent radio interview with an African-American pastor, I was asked who has abortions. I gave the politically correct answer about young women, teens and adolescents. But then I talked about something that is certainly more politically incorrect and incredibly disturbing.

According to the Guttmacher Institute, Planned Parenthood's research arm, there is more specific answer to this pastor's question. Their statistics show that African-American women have abortions at nearly five times the rate of white women and twice the Hispanic rate. (There are 11 abortions per 1000 white women, 28 per 1000 Hispanic women and 50 per 1000 black women). These women are mostly poor, young and single.

It is interesting to note that African-Americans compose about an eighth of the U.S. population, and yet they have more than a third of America's abortions. Using the statistics through 2005, since abortion was legalized more than 17 million African-American children have been lost. On the eve of the 2010 census, there were 40 million African-Americans in the U.S. They are now only 12.3% of the U.S. population, down from 14.8% in 2000. Those missing millions would have made [a significant difference](#).

This was all reverberating in my mind, as I had just seen the documentary *Blood Money* the evening before. I highly recommend it to you! The movie directly addresses many issues and abuses of the abortion industry, including the issue of black genocide that is effectively being carried out under the guise of abortion in the black community.

In fact, in 1997, before reversing his pro-life stance, Rev. Jesse Jackson said that "abortion is black genocide."

"What happens to the mind of a person and the moral fabric of a nation that accepts the aborting of the life of a baby without a pang of conscience?" he asked.

Twenty years earlier, he had likewise written an article in *National Right to Life News*. He wrote:

Another area that concerns me greatly, namely because I know how it has been used with regard to race, is the psycholinguistics involved in this whole issue of abortion. If something can be dehumanized through the rhetoric used to describe it, then the major battle has been won. ... Those advocates of taking life prior to birth do not call it killing or murder, they call it abortion. They further never talk about aborting a baby because that would imply something human. Rather they talk about aborting the fetus. Fetus sounds less than human and therefore can be justified.

In 2009, Dr. Freda Bush, a prolife, African-American obstetrician and gynecologist in private practice in Jackson, Miss., said that according to CDC records, [abortion kills more African-Americans](#) than the other seven leading causes of death.

Likewise, in a column last year for the *Washington Times*, Julia Duin reports on a journalism conference

on [mortality rates for black Americans](#). She notes that there was no discussion about abortion, which ends one of every three black pregnancies. Duin quotes Day Gardner, director of the National Black Pro-Life Union:

A lot of people don't report abortions in the African-American community...But this is a silent killer among African Americans. We don't talk about it. Millions of African-Americans—including the black media—don't know the statistics on this. We think, abortion must be a thing for white people because they are the only ones talking about it.

In another article carried on *Catholic News Agency*, [Gardener said](#), "Abortion providers are still being located for the most part in black neighborhoods and are still delivering the same old message." That message, she said, is that black, poor urban children are "not worthy of life" and that America would "be a better place without black people."

Gardner points to Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger as the mastermind behind a racist initiative to limit the black population growth. In 1939, Sanger – who advocated the sterilization of "genetically inferior races" – launched the "Negro Project," which Gardner says was meant to "get rid of black people" through abortion and sterilization.

I have ministered to women and men for twenty-six years since I founded *Project Rachel*, the Catholic Church's post-abortion healing ministry. Over the years I have encountered African-American women who were shattered by their abortion losses, but unsure of how to go about seeking help. I have gotten calls from African-American men who were devastated that their girlfriend or wife would consider aborting their child. I have talked to uncles, aunts and grandparents of lost children, all of whom were mourning for the child and very worried about the mother.

I have had women share incredible experiences with me of trying to keep the abortion secret in order to spare their mamas the pain of their decision, only to have that mother show up unbidden at the abortion clinic. Recently in my community a tragedy was laid bare when a young African-American girl conceived a child and had an abortion at the urging of the boyfriend's mother. The girl's family was devastated and brought the matter made into court system by seeking damages. This young woman was attending one of our Catholic high schools.

This is a side of the abortion debacle that is not being discussed much. Why? The silence is deafening!

(The views expressed in this column are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the positions of [Headline Bistro](#) or the [Knights of Columbus](#).)