ABORTION in the African-American Community
21st Century Issues

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ADMITTEDLY …
ABORTION TAKES AN INNOCENT LIFE

• MARGARET SANGER: “… abortion was the wrong way, no matter how early it was performed it was taking life.”¹

• PLANNED PARENTHOOD: “… abortion kills the life of a baby after it has begun. It is dangerous to your life and health. It may make you sterile so that when you want a child you cannot have it.”²

• U.S SUPREME COURT JUSTICES: “… if intact D&E [Dilation and Evacuation] is truly necessary in some circumstances, a prior injection to kill the fetus (i.e., 'offspring or little one') allows a doctor to perform the procedure, given that the Act's prohibition only applies to the delivery of 'a living fetus' (i.e., 'offspring or little one')”³

• U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG: “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. So that Roe was going to be then set up for Medicaid funding for abortion. Which some people felt would risk coercing women into having abortions when they didn't really want them.”⁴

IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS (Scene 16): 6:00 Minute Clip.

THE IMPACT OF BLACK ABORTIONS

• According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute (AGI), the former research arm of Planned Parenthood, 30% Of All Abortions Are Performed On Black Women.
• According to the National Vital Statistics Reports of 2009, in 2005 there were 587,000 Live Black Births, 452,000 Induced Black Abortions and 292,808 Black Deaths from all causes, excluding induced abortion. If we do the math we have 587,000 Live Black Births against 744,808 Black Deaths (i.e., 452,000 Induced Black Abortions + 292,808 Black Deaths from all other causes) which equates to a Black Life Deficit of a -157,808.

• Abortion, which has taken the lives of more Black Americans than heart disease, cancer, strokes, accidents, diabetes, homicide, and chronic lower respiratory diseases combined, is the number one (1) cause of death in Black America.
• In the last thirty-eight (38) years over 53 million lives have been lost to abortion. Of the 53 million lives lost, Black Americans, alone, have suffered the lost of over twenty (20) million lives.
• Still further, these numbers do not include those aborted by abortifacients such as ellaOne10 or by "private physicians' procedures."
• According to the CDC Table 100, reporting on "ABORTIONS BY SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS: 1990 TO 2005" (http://bit.ly/cH4d8q), if you had 1,000 BLACK WOMEN (15 to 44 years of age), IN YOUR PEWS, 493 of them HAD ABORTIONS in 2005. Please note that for 2005 the CDC data legally DID NOT include data from CALIFORNIA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, LOUISIANA, the DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (DC), and NEW YORK CITY (NYC).
• From 1882 until 1968 (86 years), 3,446 Black Americans were lynched by the Ku Klux Klan here in the United States. Today, that number is surpassed in 3.4 days by abortion in the Black community.
• Black American women have three (3) times the risk of suffering an early preterm birth (EPB, birth under 32 weeks) and four (4) times the risk of an extremely preterm birth (XPB, birth under 28 weeks).

NEW YORK CITY

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STATISTICS¹

• 89% of all abortions in NYC are minority babies.

• In 2008, there were 512 abortions per 1000 live births for whites, while there were 1,260 abortions per 1000 live births for Blacks in New York City. By 2009 there were 1,489 abortions per 1,000 live births for Blacks in New York City. This is an 18% increase in the wrong direction.

• Of the 4.3 million abortions in New York City since 1970, close to 3.3 million are Black and Hispanic.

STATUS²

“It’s down, or at least it should be coming down soon,” Peter Costanza, the general manager of Lamar Advertising New York, said in a telephone interview on Thursday. Why did I take it down? Yesterday, somebody came into the restaurant [below] harassing the waiters and waitresses. I don’t want any violence to happen around the buildings there.”

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On the last day of black history month, **Monday, February 28, 2011**, hundreds gathered across fourteen (14) states to mourn the loss of black lives to the abortion industry. Led by black leaders in cities across the country, we paused to reflect upon the scourge of abortion and the lives it destroys. [Video News Report]

Women are still dying, not as a result of a coat hanger, but at the hands of butchers called abortionists.

The **Black Pro-Life Coalition** is striving for a world that values every human life, from conception until natural death. We will not be silent while abortion ravages, in epidemic proportions, the black community under the perverted guise of reproductive justice. [http://www.blackprolifecoalition.org]
LOS ANGELES

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California could be considered, by its sheer numbers, the nation’s Abortion Capital. In the latest year (2008) for which statistics are available, 214,190 abortions were committed in California, an increase of 8,760 from 2005, the last reported year. The abortion rate has increased from 26.9 to 27.6 in 2008. Taxpayers funded 80,069 abortions through Medical the previous year. There are a whopping 522 abortion providers in the state, dwarfing even New York state’s 249 abortion clinics.¹

Reference: 1. This Awareness Campaign is sponsored by the Issues4Life Foundation and the Radiance Foundation for more information please visit: http://www.toomanyaborted.com/ca
Highest Abortion Rate In The Country

The Alan Guttmacher Institute (AGI) says the abortion rate for Black women is almost five times that for white women. Sixty-nine percent (69%) of pregnancies among Black women are unintended. When you do the math, every 86 seconds of every single day of the year in America, a Black baby is aborted.

With the highest abortion rate in the country, the silence in the Black American Church regarding the evil of abortion is killing us. The numbers reflecting the impact of abortion in the Black American community are horrifying.

Understand Why
Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. (Proverbs 4:7)

Top Four Reasons
1. Post Abortive
2. Racist
3. Compromised
4. Uninformed

The Power Of One
Through relationships and community, truth is experienced.

• One On One
• One At A Time
ONE QUESTION

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Wesley J. Smith, J.D., is my friend and Special Consultant to the Center for Bioethics and Culture Network. On Father's Day, Sunday, June 18th, 2006, had this to say on the back of a Starbucks Cup that soon became a collector's item:

“The morality of the 21st century will depend on how we respond to this simple but profound question: Does every human life have equal moral value simply and merely because it is human?”

One Answer

Wesley says if we answer “YES” to his question then “we have a chance of achieving universal human rights.” Wesley goes on to say, if we answer “NO” to his question then it means that “we are merely another animal in the forest.”

One Destiny

My answer to the question: "Does every human life have equal moral value simply and merely because it is human?" is: "Yes, every human life does have equal moral value simply and merely because it is human.”

However, as I look at the abortion battle in Black America and ponder our destiny, it appears the silence in our pulpits and consequently the voting patterns in our pews, reflect the not so well-hidden racial agendas of ultra wealthy white elites who believe Black Americans "are merely another animal in the forest.” I wonder what is your answer to the One Question?