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Washington, D. C. —

The pregnancy rate for teen-agers aged 15 to 19 in the District of Columbia soared nearly 20 percent in 1989, according to the *Washington Post*. At the same time, *Family Planning Perspectives*, a publication of the Planned Parenthood-affiliated Alan Guttmacher Institute, rated the public schools in our nation's capital as having one of the best, if not the best, sex education curriculums in the nation.

—*Detroit News*, August 12, 1991

Washington State —

In November, Washington State voters will be faced with two initiatives, one of which would legalize lethal injection, while the other would mandate the killing of any baby who survives an abortion and require abortion funding equal to state expenditures for maternity and pre-natal care.

Washington is the first and only state to ever legalize abortion by direct vote of the people. In light of that fact, the Hemlock Society is optimistic that this same electorate will approve the first lethal injection legalization in the world.

Hemlock Society pro-euthanasia efforts have been concentrated in the states of Oregon and Washington for several years now because the area's population seems particularly receptive to anti-life measures. Recent surveys which show that region to have the lowest percentage of churchgoers in the nation may provide a clue to the root cause of this attitude.

—*Catholic League Newsletter*,
July-August 1991

Massachusetts —

A fetus has the right to sue for the loss of its father's companionship.

The unanimous ruling by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court reversed a decision in Superior Court in Bristol County against Jeremy Michael Angelini, who was not yet born when his father, Leo LePage, was injured Sept. 29, 1985, in a car crash.

—*Detroit Free Press*, July 16, 1991

Colorado —

Betty Peterson, an 87-year-old woman described by nurses as alert and responsive, died July 20 after being denied food and water for 12 days. Her death followed an order by Judge Rebecca Bromley authorizing Mrs. Peterson's family to end her tube feeding. Apparently intending to help set a statewide pro-euthanasia precedent, Bromley also ordered the decision to be appealed, while refusing to issue a stay. By this action, said Colorado Right to Life president Tom Longua, "Judge Bromley guaranteed that Betty Peterson would be dead before the appeal was heard." Mrs. Peterson, a stroke victim who was NOT in a "persistent vegetative state," had never expressed a wish to be denied food and water. NRLC executive director David N. O'Steen, Ph.D., said, "The cynicism and utter disrespect for Mrs. Peterson is unprecedented, even in an era when helpless patients are often starved and dehydrated to death."

—*National Right to Life*
Chapter Newsletter, August 5, 1991

Romania —

Almost 1 million abortions were performed in Romania during 1990; that's three abortions for every live birth in the troubled country. By way of comparison, the United States with its 1.5 million annual abortions, has one abortion for every 2.8 births. Romanian health officials, searching for ways to reduce the number of abortions, are planning to raise the cost of the surgery from the equivalent of 50 cents to \$8.50.

—*National Right to Life*
Chapter Newsletter, June 19, 1991

Miami Beach —

The abortion issue was hotly debated at the National Education Association's annual convention in Miami Beach July 7, but the country's largest teacher's union kept its pro-abortion stand despite intense efforts by pro-life teachers. Among other actions, the NEA prohibited distribution of pro-life literature and buttons, called for the legalization of RU 486, and expressed "grave concern"

about the nomination of Judge Clarence Thomas to serve on the Supreme Court.

—*National Right to Life*
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Editor's note: Attention teachers!

There is a pro-life organization that is working to change the NEA's position. For more information and to join **Teachers Saving Children**, send \$25.00 to P. O. Box 55103, Trenton, N. J. 08638.



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Used Book Sale —

We would like to start planning for our 3rd annual Used Book Sale this fall. We are looking for a coordinator, workers, a location and used books (no text books, magazines or Reader's Digests, please). If you are able to help us out in one or more of these areas, please give us a call, 533-9090.

Please wait for our sale. Don't buy your books at the AAUW sales—they are pro-abortion.

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In January, Lifespan will have 45 billboards placed in strategic locations throughout the Metro Detroit area proclaiming the message that **ABORTION STOPS A BEATING HEART**.

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stops a beating heart**



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Euthanasia in the 90s

"Aid in dying is the last 'pro-choice frontier." So says Rita Marker who will be guest speaker of the Educational Center for Life Workshop on Saturday, November 9, 1991, 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Botsford Inn, 28000 Grand River (corner of 8 Mile and Middlebelt).

Ms. Marker is co-director of the International Anti-Euthanasia Task Force at the Human Life Center, University of Steubenville, Steubenville, Ohio. In the statement above, she is quoting Derek Humphrey, founder of the Hemlock Society, who managed the death of his first wife by lacing her coffee with lethal drugs, but who admits he had two pillows handy to smother her in case the poison did not work.

Ms. Marker, who will discuss Assisted Suicide, Living Wills and Durable Power of Attorney, points out that the campaign for managed death

follows the outline of the campaign that resulted in *Roe v. Wade*:

- "The 'hard case' is used to show a need for change in the law.



- Slogans are based on 'rights' and 'choice.'
- Charges are hurled at those opposing change, accusing them of 'trying to impose their morality' by protecting

outmoded laws.

- Assurances are given that needed law reform will 'not result in abuse.'

She points out that in Holland, euthanasia is practiced openly and lethal injection is described as "safe" since it must be reported. Yet only a small proportion is actually reporting, and many Dutch doctors list euthanasia killing as "death by natural causes" on death certificates.

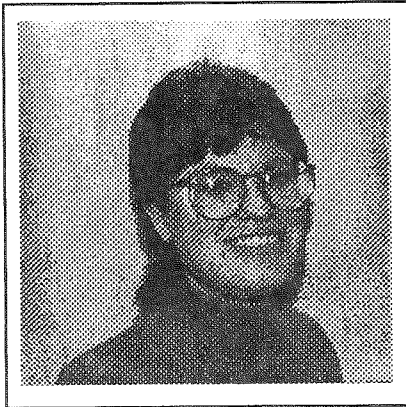
The fee is \$35.00 and includes lunch. To register, please send the name, address, phone number and \$35.00 for each person attending to:

**Educational Center for Life
909 Woodward, Suite #19
Pontiac, MI 48053-3015
For information,
phone (313) 338-1910.**



Book Review

By Janice A. DeMaggio



Third Time Around: A History of the Pro-Life Movement from the First Century to the Present, by George Grant. Brentwood, TN: Wolgemuth & Hyatt Publishers, Inc., 1991, 221 pp.

Feeling discouraged over the slow pace of prolife victories and the seemingly unbreakable grip the pro-death philosophy appears to have on our society?

Third Time Around is the perfect pick-me-up for battle-weary proliferers. George Grant explains that yes, Christianity has always "imposed its morality on society" — and without the work of committed proliferers over the centuries, we would have NO public hospitals, NO orphanages, NO protection of the handicapped; in other words, many of the basics of humane treatment that our society takes for granted are the result of hard-fought fights by proliferers throughout the ages.

Grant vividly portrays the circumstances of previous prolife challenges, starting from the abandonment of unwanted babies and the infirm as an accepted practice in most pre-Judaic cultures, right up to the current American legal and educational efforts to

combat abortion and euthanasia as "rights."

He profiles the personalities of each age so that we can learn from their strategies and take encouragement from their persistence. Did you know, for example, that St. Vincent de Paul, renowned worldwide for his work in clothing the naked and feeding the poor, began in 1652 to crusade against the illegal abortion guilds of his time? Time and time again, I was surprised by famous names from history who have taken up the prolife banner to dispel the pro-death forces of their age; George Grant encourages us to tap into this rich heritage.

I came away from reading this page-turning book feeling invigorated and inspired, ready to plunge into the fray once again. I highly recommend it to others as well.

Janice DeMaggio, former board member of the Detroit Chapter of Lifespan, is now a member of the Sisters of Life in New York.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you on behalf of the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, regarding the status of future state funding for the Teen Parent Programs of Michigan.

It is our understanding that state funds will no longer be available for the 38 programs that presently come under this budget.

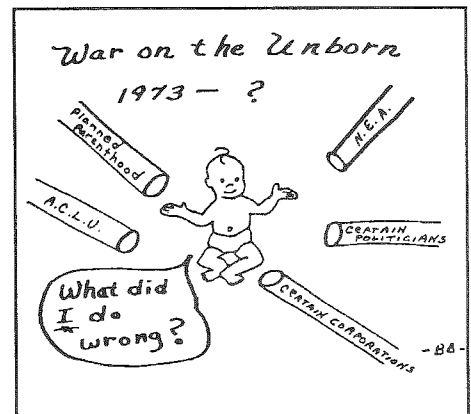
St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher's Transitional Living Program for teen parents is in jeopardy. We are asking for your support in advocating for this program. I have enclosed some materials regarding the relevance of such cutbacks.

Thank you for your concern and response to this very important issue. Sincerely,

Mary Anne McDonnell
St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center

Editor's Note: According to additional information from the St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center, in the past 6.5

years, this program has served 92 clients. These residents, with support from the program, have been able to move on to educational and skill training to prepare for independent living. If this program helps just one teen parent become self-sufficient, it can save taxpayers an estimated \$2,240,184. Letters should be sent to Governor John Engler and your state legislators addressing the issues relevant to this vulnerable population.



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What Did Dr. Koop Really Say?

By Paula Ervin



In July, 1987 at a briefing for Right to Life leaders, President Reagan directed his Surgeon General, Dr. C. Everett Koop, to prepare a report on the mental and physical health of women following abortion. The opposition has made hay out of the Koop reply. In fact, at a recent "Dayna" show on Channel 2 in Detroit, a representative of Michigan's chapter of the National Abortion Rights Action League stated that Koop said the mental post-abortion effects were "miniscule." We disagree.

But what did Dr. Koop really say?

In both his cover letter to President Reagan on January 9, 1989 and his full report to the American people, he begins by stating that, in his past he had been "very outspoken against abortion." (In fact, he co-authored the book and video titled *Whatever Happened to the Human Race?*, the video portion of which has been shown widely to church and educational groups.)

In replying to the President, Dr. Koop felt obliged to take off his prolife hat and put on his Surgeon General's hat, adhering to a neutral stance and referring to the scientific evidence from both sides of the debate, while admitting that both sides are emotionally highly charged.

In his efforts to maintain neutrality, some curious aspects emerge: Under "Human Development," he says there is much controversy about when life begins and when that life becomes human,¹ continuing that it's a question that "cannot yet be answered with

scientific certainty." After saying that, he details conception — the egg and sperm uniting to form a single cell with its genetic wonders as set forth in the DNA, and concludes, "From conception until death, human growth is a continuing and maturing process — physically and, eventually mentally and emotionally."² So that to our unpracticed eye, his description of conception neatly answers the question of when life begins.

He says that there are almost 250 studies reported in the scientific literature dealing with the psychological effects of abortion. He called on his staff in several agencies of the Public Health Service to evaluate them against "appropriate criteria and these were found to be flawed methodologically."³ In other words, were the findings of Study A or B or C compared with a similar control group of women who had carried to term? And, for instance, did the adverse effects stem directly from the abortion itself, or were they a composite effect of an abusive or unhappy past of which the abortion was the final blow?

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having had one.**

Another interesting aspect of his neutrality is evident when he says, "Anecdotal evidence abounds on both sides." (This is true.) Then he adds, "When pregnancy, whether wanted or unwanted, comes to full term and delivery, there is a well-documented, low incidence of adverse mental effects."⁴

His comments on abortion's physical effects tally with those widely reported: infertility, damaged cervix, premature birth, etc. and he says that these events are difficult to prove because a) half the abortions are done in free-standing clinics where helpful records have not

been kept, and b) because 50% of women who have had abortions deny having had an abortion. Further, many of the above physical problems may occur in women who carry to term or who have never been pregnant.

He calls on the government to do a study on a "cohort of women of child-bearing age on the variable outcomes of mating."⁵ This would include effects of failure to conceive as well as physical and mental outcomes of pregnancy, "planned or unplanned, wanted and unwanted, whether carried to term, miscarried or aborted."⁶ He estimates a 5-year study could be done for \$10 million or up to \$100 million, but says a major problem in designing the study is eliminating the gap between women who admit and those who deny having had the operation.

The report is a recognition that the entire abortion controversy has many faces and depths of understanding not yet penetrated. In discussing the woman who carries to term he suggests, "The sexual partners of such women should be held jointly responsible for the mother's and child's medical care and for child support."⁷ And more importantly, he says, "The public issue of abortion is not primarily about health but about morality and law."⁸ This is a thoughtful document by a man concerned with our people. Nowhere does he say post-abortion syndrome is "miniscule." On the contrary, he wants to carry current studies much farther.

¹ Report to the American People, p. 6.

² Ibid.

³ Cover letter to the President, p. 2.

⁴ Report, p. 6.

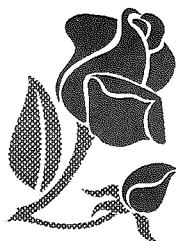
⁵ Cover letter to the President, p. 3.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Report to the People, p. 24.

⁸ Ibid, p. 21.

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State Fair

A wonderful experience happened at the Fair this year. A mother came by with her 3-year-old daughter to thank us for her daughter's life. At the time of the Fair three years ago, this Mom had an appointment for an abortion. Our booth and literature changed her mind. She is delighted with her daughter and loves her

dearly. What a wonderful affirmation of our commitment.

Our sincere thanks to our State Fair volunteers; we deeply appreciate your dedication and enthusiasm.

Membership

Thanks to all who have renewed their membership for this year. There are many we have not heard from, and we are anxiously waiting to hear from you. Your renewal is very important to us as it helps us to continue our prolife efforts.

Be warm; solve parking/security problems

The Detroit Chapter will provide a bus to any large group coming to the

January 19th, Sunday afternoon, Kennedy Square Rally.

Each January, on the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, in cities all over this nation, large groups of prolife gather to show their respect for human life.

We need you, your friends, your prolife signs and banners and members of your congregation to help us send a powerful life message to the people of metro Detroit.

Please help us make this the best Rally ever. For information, to register for the bus transportation and/or to volunteer to help, call 874-0432 or 533-9090.

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And the fairs go on

Celebrate autumn at the South Lyon Pumpkinfest! Lifespan will have a booth at their 7th Annual Pumpkin Fair on October 5, 1991 from 10:00 a.m. till 6:00 n.m. They will have juried crafts, juried fine arts and a flea market.

We need workers for our educational booth. The South Lyon Area Activities Association provides free space to non-profit groups. Try to attend and show our appreciation for allowing us to participate in their family-oriented fair. Call Clare to sign up.

LIFE CHAIN - October 6, 1991

Is everyone ready to make a statement for the unborn? Lifespan will be lining up along Woodward between 13 Mile and 6 Mile at 2:00 p.m. For a specific location, call the office at 258-9760. See you there!!

Rita Marker

Have you registered for the workshop? Get your reservation in early for Saturday, November 9th. The cost is \$35.00 and includes lunch for the all-day informational gathering. Call Educational Center for Life at 338-1910 or our office at 258-9760 for further information.

Volunteers, where are you?

A few have responded and were put to work at the fairs. However, more are needed on a longer term commitment. Many projects are

waiting for those helping hands and fertile minds. We need help in the office for telephoning, mailing and clipping print materials for the files. Won't you give us a couple of hours a week? Call Clare, and say yes!

Bowling for Life - a special project

No one has called yet. Give me a glimmer of hope! Perhaps all you can do is teach us how to score a game or figure averages. Or maybe you happen to know someone who is prolife and owns a bowling alley. You just never know till you ask. Perhaps you bowl on a league and have a team who would bowl for LIFE for an afternoon. Perhaps you might be interested in a 50/50 charity bowl-a-thon with your church group! We need you. Call Clare at 258-9760.

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State Fair

Our thanks to all of you who selflessly gave your time to work our State Fair booth.

The comments from the workers were very encouraging. "The booth looked great." "What a theme, 'Abortion stops a beating heart.'" "The new TV and video unit was super." "The fetal models drew the most attention — I felt like a biology teacher discussing them with interested kids, moms and dads." "The teens were shocked at our baby models at 11-12 weeks and were full of questions." "I feel the tide is changing as almost everyone seemed prolife."

Our appearances in public places are very important, so let us know of any bazaars, festivals, craft shows, etc. where we can continue to educate on the LIFE issues.

Membership renewals

Please continue sending in your membership renewals as our literature racks are pretty empty, and we need your donations to replenish them quickly, especially for students.

Many young people are more receptive to their peers speaking out on the humanity of unborn children and the dangers of abortions whether it be in a school

debate or on a one-to-one basis than listening to one of our speakers. Our literature is free and our lending library includes videos and books.

Christmas cards

Our beautiful 1991 Christmas cards are in our office. We need volunteers to help in getting them ready for the card sales and distribution. You may select your own time and day. Remember, "Many hands make light work."

Reminder

Call AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center, 422-8060, for details about their First Auction and Brunch on Sunday, October 20, 1-5 p.m.

And the Winners Are

70 bowlers, including 9 adult residents from area group homes, participated at our 9th annual Bowling for Life FUNdraiser raising over \$4000 to help protect the unborn.

Most pledges collected (8-27-91)

1st prize	Matt Bradley	\$ 700.42
2nd prize	Ben Bradley	592.54
3rd prize	Jim Astalos	300.65
4th prize	Barb Schmid	289.00
5th prize	Becky Trumpka	173.86

High games with handicap

Child	Ben Bradley	259
Man	Chuck Staples	247
Woman	Barbara Graham	276

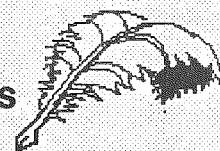
High series with handicap

Ben Bradley	727
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Because of your love and dedication for all defenseless human life, YOU ARE ALL WINNERS! We thank you for your hard work in soliciting and collecting pledges.

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From the President's Desk



Several weeks ago, I delivered my only beloved son, Michael, with all his worldly goods (except his car), to Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Georgia. It has been quite an adjustment around here, especially at the grocery store. We had pizza left over for three days.

The adjustment for us at home is nothing compared to what Michael is going through. For 17 years he has been loved, nurtured, and spoiled. The apron string and umbilical cord are cut. Now comes the test.

Is he viable?

The word "viable," according to my dictionary means, "capable of living." Viability is tossed around by the courts, legislators, and media as some magic moment when an unborn child "might" be worthy of protection from an abortionist.

Then there are the so-called experts who say even after birth a child must pass a "quality of life" test, before being considered viable.

And, on the other end, we have the Hemlock Society and Dr. Kervorkian using the capable of living a "meaningful" life exam.

And yet how many of us are truly viable? As members of the human race and society as a whole, we depend on our families, communities and government.

It has been said that a civilized society is judged on how it treats its most vulnerable citizens — the unborn, the handicapped, the elderly.

Do we pass the test?

P.S. Did you know that 25% of the 1991 high school graduating class died in 1973, the year abortion was legalized?



Legislative

NATIONAL NEWS

Addresses

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Congressional Abortion Battles Heat Up Congress Must Hear from ProLife Americans

President Bush vetoed a bill August 17 that would have allowed the District of Columbia to fund abortions. "From the outset of my administration, I have repeatedly stated my deep personal concern about the tragedy in America of abortion on demand," he told Congress. "As a nation, we must protect the unborn." This veto marks the third time Bush has vetoed the District's funding bill because of the abortion language.

The President's veto sent a message to pro-abortion leaders in Congress, who were unusually busy just before August recess promoting a flurry of abortion-related bills. Among other actions, prolife forces in the Senate August 1 narrowly defeated an amendment to the Department of Defense authorization bill, S. 1507, that would have required U. S. military hospitals overseas to perform abortion on demand. The measure, sponsored by pro-abortion Sen. Timothy Wirth (D-Co.), fell two votes short of the 60 votes necessary to "invoke cloture," a procedure used to limit debate. The House of Representatives had already passed a version of the defense bill which contains the pro-abortion language: the two versions now head to a conference committee where their differences will be resolved.

Separate bills have been passed in both House and Senate which would nullify the Bush Administration's prolife Title X regulations preventing federally-funded family-planning clinics from counseling or referring for abortion. The regulations were upheld

by the Supreme Court recently in *Rust vs. Sullivan*, but are the target of a multi-million dollar campaign by Planned Parenthood. Prolifers have responded with their own media campaign designed to educate Americans on Title X, which has met with a positive response.

National Right to Life Committee President Wanda Franz, Ph.D. makes it clear that grassroots prolifers need to raise hometown lobbying and letterwriting efforts to a higher pitch. "It is critical that prolifers meet with their congressman and senators to lobby in support of the prolife regulations and parental notification," she said.

WHAT YOU CAN DO
ABORTION IS NOT FAMILY
PLANNING. TELL YOUR
MEMBER OF CONGRESS
NOW! Urge them to vote to sustain any vetoes by President Bush relating to abortion. Also, write or call the White House Opinion Line (202) 456-1111, before 5 p.m., or (202) 456-1414, after 5 p.m., to ask President Bush to veto any legislation that weakens current laws or regulations on abortion.

*The above article is an excerpt
from the August 20, 1991
National Right to Life
Chapter Newsletter.*



They will be warned

MICHIGAN ABORTION FACTS

The following statistics are from the 1990 Report on Abortions in Michigan, Office of the State Registrar and Center for Health Statistics, Michigan Department of Public Health.

- A total of 36,183 abortions were reported in 1990. The number of abortions declined 1 percent in 1990, with 36,557 reported in 1989.
- 44.7% of women procuring abortions in 1990 have had at least one previous abortion, while 16.6% have had two or more.
- 54.5% of abortions in 1990 were performed on women residing in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties.
- 51.7% of the unborn babies killed were at a gestational age of 9 weeks or greater.
- 168 abortions were performed when the unborn child was over 20 weeks old. Nineteen of these showed "evidence of life."
- Table 3 of the report is reprinted below in its entirety.

Table 3

NUMBER OF REPORTED ABORTIONS BY AGE OF WOMAN AND CITY OF RESIDENCE
FOR CITIES OVER 40,000 POPULATION
MICHIGAN, 1990

City of Residence	Total	Age of Woman						
		10-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40 or Older	Age Not Reported
ALL CITIES								
Number	19,864	4,865	6,685	4,261	2,467	1,259	299	28
Percent	100.0	24.5	33.7	21.5	12.4	6.3	1.5	0.1
Ann Arbor	887	172	330	176	107	75	25	2
Battle Creek	312	99	99	54	42	15	3	-
Bay City	241	72	77	51	20	13	6	2
Dearborn	189	40	57	49	23	15	5	-
Dearborn Hts.	147	27	34	37	29	16	4	-
Detroit	8,872	2,220	2,912	1,958	1,121	527	118	16
East Lansing	431	115	228	51	21	13	3	-
Farmington Hls	95	13	31	23	11	[(17)]	-
Flint	1,190	300	426	252	140	58	12	2
Grand Rapids	724	178	222	180	83	47	14	-
Kalamazoo	956	259	388	158	94	49	8	-
Lansing	842	173	304	186	110	56	12	1
Lincoln Park	177	45	47	51	15	15	3	1
Livonia	160	39	42	21	28	26	4	-
Muskegon	374	101	113	86	42	25	7	-
Pontiac	324	80	122	72	36	[(14)]	-
Roseville	247	56	77	53	37	18	6	-
Royal Oak	207	41	49	48	40	24	5	-
Saginaw	803	224	268	150	96	47	18	-
Southfield	288	49	88	73	44	28	5	1
St. Clair Shrs.	221	55	62	44	40	[(20)]	-
Sterling Hts.	448	102	159	87	57	33	9	1
Taylor	415	94	160	87	48	22	3	1
Troy	201	49	53	44	26	23	6	-
Warren	628	131	207	155	88	38	8	1
Westland	387	112	97	93	53	22	10	-
Wyoming	98	19	33	22	16	[(8)]	-

Population based upon the 1980 census.

Source: Office of State Registrar and Center for Health Statistics
Michigan Department of Public Health

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"Instead of decreasing and aiming to eliminate the stocks that are most detrimental to the future of the race and the world it tends to render them to a menacing degree dominant."

In the late 1930s Sanger instituted the Negro Project, a program to gain the backing of black ministers, physicians and political leaders for birth control and sterilization in the black community. Sanger wrote, "The most successful education approach to the Negro is through a religious appeal. We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members."

There are disturbing indications that this state of mind has not vanished. Even now, 70% of the clinics operated by Planned Parenthood — the operator of the largest chain of abortion facilities in the nation — are in black and Hispanic neighborhoods. The schools in which their school-based clinics are located are substantially non-white. In a March 1939 letter, Sanger explained why clinics had to be located where the "dysgenic" races lived: "The birth control clinics all over the country are doing their utmost to reach the lower strata of our population . . . but we must realize that there are hundreds of thousands of women who never leave their own vicinity."

Blacks must no longer keep silent on this issue. We cannot permit the public to continue to imagine that we are obediently following our national leaders in endorsing abortion on demand and we must resist the forces

that drive black women to seek abortion. The black community in cities such as Baltimore, Chicago, Detroit and Washington, D.C. has started crisis pregnancy centers to help these women. We are already besieged by homicide, drugs, AIDS and an alarmingly high infant mortality rate. We do not need to re-enact the sterilization programs of the 1930s and 1940s.

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Abortion is Not a Civil Right

By Greg Keath, Founder and President
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The battle around the abortion issue has raged for years with the understanding that the major combatants involved are either white liberals, white evangelical Protestants or white Catholics. Meanwhile, black America — which is affected more profoundly by abortion than is any other group in society has experienced its own sharp internal division. While most black leaders have favored abortion rights, opinion surveys have found mainstream blacks to be among those most strongly opposed to abortion on demand.

Where does black America really stand on the issue? Statistics from the Department of Health and Human Services suggest that black women are more than twice as likely to abort their children as white women. For every three black babies born, two are aborted. Forty-three percent of all abortions in the U.S. are performed on black women. From figures supplied by the federal government and the Alan Guttmacher Institute, Richard D. Glasow of National Right to Life has estimated that some 400,000 black pregnancies are aborted each year. At the same time, according to a 1988 poll taken by the National Opinion Research Center, 62% of blacks said abortion should be illegal under all circumstances.

How can blacks consistently tell pollsters they oppose abortion while we exercise that right proportionately more than any other group in America? In part, black abortion rates reflect the pressure of social service and private welfare agencies in our communities. A black teen-ager told me she had asked Planned Parenthood in Detroit for help in carrying her baby to term and putting it up for adoption. But because the baby's father was white, a clinician advised her to abort the baby because, "No one wants to adopt a zebra." Better-educated black women are pushed toward abortion by different forces: the threat to educational hopes or aspirations to economic independence.

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As these women struggle with their profound moral choices, many national black leaders have ceased to look at abortion as a moral problem with moral consequences, and have come to see it instead as an opportunity for forging political alliances. At the March for Life rally in 1977 Jesse Jackson said, "The solution to a [crisis pregnancy] is not to kill the innocent baby but to deal with [the mother's] values and her attitudes

toward life." Twelve years later, he spoke to the enormous April 1989 abortion rights march in Washington.

The black leadership has succumbed to the temptation to present abortion as a civil rights issue. By this reasoning, abortion is to women in the 1980s what desegregation was to blacks in the 1960s. Any erosion of abortion rights would accelerate the "move to the right" that black leaders say threatens black progress. At a news conference earlier this year (1989) sponsored by Planned Parenthood, Jesse Jackson, Andrew Young and Julian Bond issued a statement denouncing Operation Rescue, comparing those who participate in abortion clinic sit-ins to "the segregationists who fought desperately to block black Americans from access to their rights."

But many blacks wonder whether black civil rights and abortion fit so neatly together. Black pregnancies have historically been the target of social engineers such as Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood. Sanger was convinced that blacks, Jews, Eastern Europeans and other non-Aryan groups were detracting from the creative intellectual and social potential of America, and she wanted those groups' numbers reduced. In her first book, "Pivot of Civilization," she warned of free maternity care for the poor:

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