



## Margaret Sanger – 1879-1966

If Margaret Sanger had her way, she would be remembered as the prominent leader of the birth control movement who liberated women and gave them sexual freedom. Don't be fooled! Margaret Sanger is the kingpin architect who launched the most thriving crusade against women, minorities, and the disabled.

She is depicted guardedly and deceitfully in the history books – all part of her master plan to set and [control a narrative](#) that is being played out today.

Contrary to what we have heard, Margaret Sanger was not a compassionate liberal woman who dedicated her life's work out of concern for poor minority women and their families, and women's reproductive healthcare. Rather, she was closely associated with leaders of the [eugenics movement](#), which include Lawrence Lader (author of her biography) and Alan Guttmacher, who played a pivotal role in the founding of Planned Parenthood.

Margaret Sanger was the sixth of eleven children, born to poor Irish immigrant parents in Corning, NY. Her father advocated for socialism and was an outspoken critic of the Catholic church. Her mother was Catholic, and died at age 50 of tuberculosis. Sanger claimed her premature death was caused by eleven childbirths and seven miscarriages. She [lashed out](#) at Catholic clergy and her father for causing her mother's death, hence committing her life's work to [perfect contraception](#) to relieve women from the horrible stain of repeated, unwanted pregnancies.

Raised in poverty, she married into wealth and settled in Greenwich Village, NY, where she became closely associated with leading figures in the eugenics movement, believing that some human races were superior to others and therefore, superior races should be encouraged to reproduce, while inferior members of society, such as the poor or minorities should be regulated and controlled

Sanger published *The [Birth Control Review](#)* in 1917. In the May 1919 edition, she wrote: "More children from the fit, less from the unfit – that is the chief aim of birth control." In November 1921's edition, she declared, "birth control: to create a race of thoroughbreds." That same year, she founded the American Birth Control League (later to become Planned Parenthood).

### **BIRTH CONTROL REVIEW**

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Not only did Sanger have a disregard for the poor, whom she referred to as "human weeds", she also had a disdain for blacks, of which her motives were clear: "Remember our motto: if we must have welfare, give it to the rich, not to the poor...we are paying for and even submitting to the dictates of an ever increasing, unceasingly spawning class of human beings who never should have been born at all."



Sanger joined forces with her wealthy racist friend, and heir to the Proctor Gamble fortune, [Dr. Clarence Gamble](#) to create the "[Negro Project](#)". Under the guise of helping the poor black community, a strategy was in place to recruit charismatic black ministers to encourage black women to use birth control. Sanger wrote to Dr. Gamble: "we do not want the word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population and the minister is the man who can straighten that idea out if it ever occurs to any of the more rebellious members."

Today Planned Parenthood is the largest provider of abortion in the US, responsible for aborting a disproportionately higher number of black babies. According to Candace Owens, author of *Blackout*, black women have the highest abortion rate among all racial groups; while they represent 13% of the US female population, they make up 40% of all abortions. Seventy-eight percent of [Planned Parenthood clinics are located](#) in low income minority communities.



Sanger also had a strong aversion to marriage: “The marriage bed is the most degenerating influence in the social order.” She endorsed over throwing the family unit and making way for a “voluntary association” between sexual partners that focus more on sexual gratification rather than reproduction. In her book: *Women and the New Race* she wrote: “Many, perhaps, will think it idle to go further in demonstrating the immorality of large families, but since there is still an abundance of proof at hand, it may be offered for the sake of those who find difficulty in adjusting old-fashioned ideas to the facts. The most merciful thing that the large family does to one of its infant members is to kill it.”

### **The Margaret Sanger legacy, is a legacy of lies:**

- Although** married, Margaret Sanger resented marriage.
- Although** a mother, she resented motherhood.
- Although** confirmed in Catholic faith, she denounced Christianity and God.
- Although** Quaker-appearing, she was a serial adulteress.
- Although** she was ‘opposed to abortion’, she believed in infanticide.
- Although** she was a socialist, she married a multi-millionaire industrialist oil tycoon and became an anarchist.
- Although** she employed genocidal policies, she posed as a reputable community health service provider.
- Although** a millionaire, she vowed to spend her late husband’s \$5 million dollars on herself before she died, (leaving nothing to her sons and grandchildren)

Maine Right to Life believes the bust of Sanger should be removed and Planned Parenthood should be defunded. **If you agree, will you write your local Representatives and tell them?** There are several bills before the legislature this session asking for more taxpayer dollars to fund Planned Parenthood and to increased access to abortion.



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*Bust of Margaret Sanger in Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery’s “Struggle for Justice” exhibit.*