American Victims of Abortion

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The details of my abortion in 1972 have faded, but the lies that brought me to that day and its sorrowful aftermath are crystal clear in my mind—falsehoods and deceptions that concealed the truth about abortion. Lies planted in my thinking by clever marketing, media campaigns and endless repetition led to a tragic irreversible decision— the death of my first child.

I didn't really understand back then. At age 20, I had no inkling of the mental and emotional darkness I was about to enter. I couldn't have grasped the immense psychological toll abortion would take for years into the future—unrelenting tears, guilt, shame, and depression. After spending many years in denial, I did eventually find healing. When I understood and rejected distortions about fetal development, doublespeak about choice, rights, planned and wanted children; I understood the reality and victimhood of my aborted child. I understood the absence of moral bases for choosing to "dis-entitle" an innocent human being of life. When I embraced truth, truth set me free and I finally gained inner peace.

As an academic, and as a black person, I was shocked to discover the racist, elitist's roots of abortion, and further to learn that the philosophy underpinning the U.S. pro-abortion movement also the grounds of the Jewish Holocaust in Germany. Eugenicists closely associated with Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood in fact exported U.S. eugenic to the Third Reich.

Sanger's worldview was formed by Malthusian eugenics; Malthusianism- *there's not enough for all of us;* eugenics-*some of us are superior to the rest.* The vision of Malthusian eugenics is limiting the population of unfit and inferior people. Margaret Sanger's contempt and disdain for people she deemed inferior was no secret. Her writing conveyed it openly. Eugenics viewed abortion as a preferred strategy for population control, but individual women and men—the procreators have to be persuaded. How convenient to pose their compliance with destroying their offspring as their choice and their right. For Planned Parenthood—mission accomplished. 30% of all abortions in America are on Black women and children.

Planned Parenthood's philosophy targets the African-American community in particular, but the PP values, supported and promoted by high culture intelligentsia, have inclined the entire culture to less nobility regarding the weak and vulnerable. In this way I believe our best selves have been victimized. Instead of calling to our highest instincts in care of pregnant woman in crisis—love, hope, sacrifice in the service of life and preserving it, 40 years of abortion on demand has been training to accept the view that fear, death, and serving self are the highest good.

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It's past time to lance the national wound of abortion with truth. The high culture—thought leaders, media, celebrities—that brought us abortion seem vested beyond extraction. I dreamed of the volcano of abortion truth that could erupt one day from the grassroots—women and men and their relatives witnessing to their suppressed emotion, unspoken trauma, and lived pain. With abortion denial ended, we as a society could then reconnect with reality and life.