

Day Gardner Responds to Bennett's Comments on Blacks, Abortion, and Crime

Everyone is talking about the statement made last Thursday by talk show host Bill Bennett. It is my understanding that Mr. Bennett is pro-life and therefore opposes abortion; however, what everyone is so upset about is the fact that as an example, he stated that if Black babies were aborted then the crime rate would drop.

With that remark, Mr. Bennett has opened a whole new can of worms, and I believe we should not try to seal it back up with duct tape. We must admit that there are those who think the world *would be* safer with fewer Black teenagers. Mr. Bennett is not the first to suggest a link between African Americans, crime, and abortion.

On August 9th, 1999, the Associated Press reported a story headlined, "Study suggests link between crime drop, legal abortion," and it included a sub-head line which said: "Researchers conclude that unwanted children are the most likely to break the law." The authors also concluded that those most likely to give birth to "unwanted" children are minorities and the poor.

Black America must wake up to the ugly truth there are many who think the answer to fixing societal problems is to reduce the number of Black Americans through abortion. The fact is there are those who think that Black people who reside in our inner cities are nothing more than poor welfare recipients who just sit around selling drugs and committing crimes all day. They believe that our children will only grow up to be worthless criminals anyway, so let's place abortion facilities at their doors. We'll convince them that we are helping their race by making it affordable to kill their children. And the big plus is that we can lower the crime rate! If all that I'm saying were not true, then why is it that abortion providers pick our neighborhoods to set up shop?

According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, which is the research arm of Planned Parenthood of America, more than 90% of all abortion facilities are placed in minority and poor areas and mostly in the inner cities. Black people need to know this and see it for what it really is. The Cybercast News Service compared the location of abortion facilities with population data from the U.S. Census in 2000. It stated that the results appear to bolster the charge that the abortion industry targets Black communities.

Therefore, in my opinion, Bill Bennett just brought to light a fact that has been well hidden since 1973 and *Roe v. Wade*. To date, more than 14 million Black babies have been targeted and killed by abortion – making abortion the number one killer of African Americans. Mr. Bennett only spoke aloud what some people have been thinking all along. Though the media may try to divert our focus to chastising the messenger, I am praying that Black America will look deeper into the message and stand firmly against the notion that our Black children are criminals even before they are born.

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