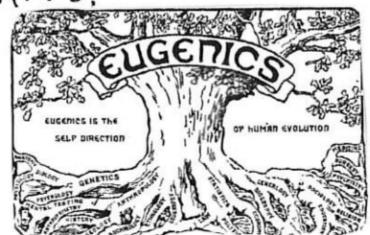
THE POWER OF CHOICE

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE & THE UNITED STATES EUGENICS MOVEMENT

PART 1/3: A Complicated Past eugenics

EUGENICS 15 A MOVEMENT AIMED AT "IMPROVING" THE OVERALL HUMAN GENETIC COMPOSITION BY SELECTIVELY ELIMINATING "UNDESIRABLE" TRAITS.



Who HAS "UNDESTRABLE" TRAITS?

FOR A LONG TIME, SPEOPLE IN LOWER SOCIAL STANDINGS WERE THOUGHT TO HAVE SOMETHING EGENETICALLY "WRONG" W/ THEM.

This means people ... ... WI LOWER INCOME. ... WHO ARE DISABLED.

... WHO HAVE MENTAL ILLNESSES.

... WHO ARE IMMIGRANTS.

... OF COLOR.

EUGENICS IN THE UNITED STATES

1907

INDIANA IS
THE FIRST
STATE TO
LEGALIZE
STERILIZATION
EOR ENGENICS.

MODEL LAW ESTABLISHES WHO IS CONSIDERED I'SOCIALLY INADEQUATE."

AFFIRMED AS ACCEPTABLE IN THE U.S. SUPREME COURT IN BUCKY.BELL

1942

SIR FRANCIS
GALTON COINS
THE TERM
"EUGENICS,"
WHICH MEANS
"WELL-BORN."

1883

THE EUGENICS
RECORDS
OFFICE (ERO)
IS ESTABLISHED
IN NEW YORK.

V3,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN FORCIBLY STERILIZED. IN THE U.S. ALONE.

FORCED STERILIZATION IS STRUCK DOWN IN THE SUPREME COURT IN SKINNER V. OKLAHOMA. AT THIS TIME, OVER 60,000 U.S. RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN FORCIBLY STERILIZED,

"So it's over now,

UNFORTUNATELY, FORCED STERILIZATION OCCURRED LONG AFTER 1942:

- PEOPLE WI MENTAL ILLNESSES WERE STERILIZED THROUGH THE MID-1970s.
- AMERICAN WOMEN WERE STERILIZED BETWEEN 1970-76.
- PERMITTED STERILIZATION OF BLACK WOMEN UNTIL THE 1970s.
- AT LEAST 148 WOMEN WERE STERILIZED IN CALIFORNIA PRISONS BETWEEN 2006-2010.

EUGENICS AND ITS CONSEQUENCES ARE IN THE LIVING MEMORY OF THOUSANDS OF U.S. WOMEN OF COLOR.



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