



MINISTERS TAKING A STAND

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Dear Ms. Sajet,

We are writing to ask that Margaret Sanger's likeness be removed from all National Portrait Gallery exhibits. Her bust should not be part of the Gallery's "Struggle for Justice" exhibit, which honors "great achievements...striking down long-standing segregationist practices and discrimination in American society." Ms. Sanger may have been a lot of things, but a "champion of justice" she definitely was not.

Perhaps the Gallery is unaware that Ms. Sanger supported black eugenics, a racist attitude toward black and other minority babies; an elitist attitude toward those she regarded as "the feeble minded;" speaking at rallies of Ku Klux Klan women; and communications with Hitler sympathizers. Also, the notorious "Negro Project" which sought to limit, if not eliminate, black births, was her brainchild. Despite these well-documented facts of history, her bust sits proudly in your gallery as a hero of justice. The obvious incongruity is staggering!

Perhaps your institution is a victim of propaganda advanced by those who support abortion. Nevertheless, a prestigious institution like the National Portrait Gallery should have higher standards and subject its honorees to higher scrutiny.

Until now the national spotlight has not fallen on Sanger's background. However, the recent revelations about aborted babies' organs and body parts being sold, have not only brought Planned Parenthood under intense scrutiny, but also raised questions about its founder, Margaret Sanger. If the revelations were not consistent with her character and ideas, one might argue that Planned Parenthood has "gone rogue" and abandoned Sanger. The fact is that the behavior of these abortionists, their callous and cavalier attitude toward these babies, is completely in keeping with Sanger's perverse vision for America.

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Like Hitler, Sanger advocated eugenics—the extermination of people she deemed “undesirables.” Finding that the American people rejected that idea, she then switched to birth control as a way of controlling the population growth of black people and others. The name “Planned Parenthood” was chosen for its obvious marketability. Who wouldn’t want to “plan” for children? The reality is that 90% of the organization’s income comes from the deaths of unborn children.

Ironically, Sanger’s bust is featured in the NPG’s “Struggle for Justice” exhibit, alongside two of America’s most celebrated and authentic champions of equal rights - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and Rosa Parks. If Sanger had her way, MLK and Rosa Parks would not have been born.

In a letter to a Dr. C. J. Gamble on December 10, 1939 regarding implementation of the Negro Project, Sanger wrote, “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.”

How can a person like Sanger, who found common cause with the racial agenda of the Ku Klux Klan (“KKK”), be ranked among true champions of “justice?” She was a purveyor of grave injustice against the most vulnerable.

Planned Parenthood continues to suppress the growth of minority populations by locating 70% of its abortion facilities within in or near black and Latino communities. The Life Issues Institute has an interactive map showing this at:
http://www.protectingblacklife.org/pp_targets.

This explains why elective abortion remains the number one cause of death among black Americans, higher than all other causes combined. We will not remain silent while the National Portrait Gallery venerates someone who sought to eradicate our very existence. Ms. Sanger was a racist, elitist, and her beliefs led to massive destruction of unborn human life. She was no hero.

This letter is the first in a series of actions MINISTERS TAKING A STAND (“MTS”) will be taking to expose the evil of Margaret Sanger and Planned Parenthood. We demand that all images, statues, busts and likenesses, of any kind, of Margaret Sanger, be removed. Notwithstanding the fact that many of us are black, we are a national organization of pastors from various races and backgrounds, and we stand together in opposition to the racist and genocidal legacy of Margaret Sanger.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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