

Criminal Offenders Statistics

Lifetime chances of a person going to prison are higher for –men (11.3%) than for women (1.8%) - **Blacks (18.6%)** and Hispanics (10%) than for Whites (3.4%)

More than 6 in 10 persons in local jails in 2002 were racial or ethnic minorities.

An estimated 40% were Black; 19% Hispanic, 1% American Indian; 1% Asian; and 3 % of more than one race/ethnicity.

In 2002 Black inmates (31%) were more likely to be in jail for drug offenses than White inmates (19%) Hispanic inmates (28%). Drug trafficking made up a larger percentage of the drug offenses for Blacks (16%) Hispanic (14%) , than for Whites (9%).

Black and Hispanic inmates (27%) were more likely to be violent offenders than White inmates (22%)

Reference: U.S. Dept. of Justice

House of Representatives Passes Parental Rule for Abortions

In a vote of 270 to 157 the House passed the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act on April 27, 2005. It prohibits any adult from transporting a minor girl across state lines to have an abortion without the consent of her parents.

The White house issued a statement in support of the bill which reads “....the parents of pregnant minors are best suited to provide them with counsel, guidance and support”. Those opposed to the bill feel that it puts some of the young women who are the victims of sexual abuse by their fathers, in serious danger.

This legislature encompasses the Child Custody Protection Act which did not impose criminal sanctions against doctors, only against the adults who accompanied minor girls across state lines from a state that had strict parental consent laws to one that did not.

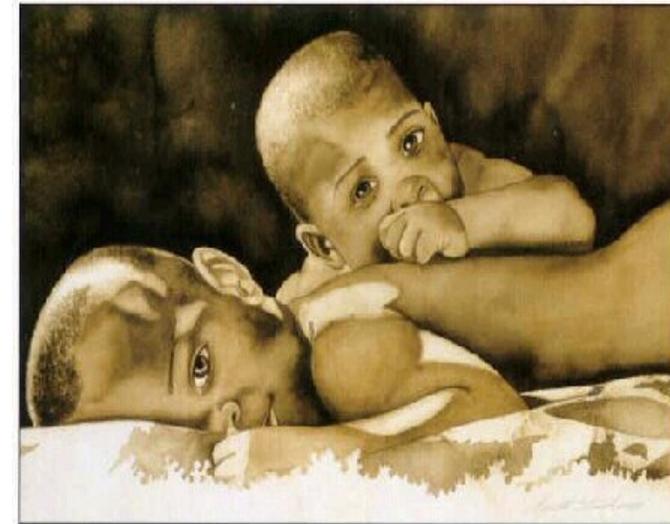
It's success in the senate is unpredictable since it is strongly opposed by the pro-abortion pressure groups; however, there is cautious optimism.



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June is Abortion and All Acts of Violence Awareness Month



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In the African American Community

The facts about Abortion

The last year complete data is reported on Abortions by researcher William Robert Johnston is 2002. During this year there were 4,021,726 live births registered, 584,930 legal abortions reported and 26 abortions performed abroad.

The consequences of widespread loss of respect for the dignity of life seen in violent acts and the tolerance of abortion makes it all the more urgent to reject lethal punishment and uphold the sanctity of human life. The Roman Catholic Church teaches that abortions are a form of murder, no matter what the situation or conditions leading up to the pregnancy. A human person comes into existence at conception, perhaps two weeks before pregnancy begins. (Physicians regard pregnancy as beginning after conception, when the fertilized ovum implants itself in the wall of the uterus).

Earlier this year the Senate and House of Representatives passed a bill (S51) which ensures that women seeking an abortion are fully informed of the pain experienced by their unborn child, ***“Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act of 2005”***.* It encompasses multi-facets on the subject and states specifically that at least 20 weeks after fertilization, an unborn child has the physical structures necessary to experience pain. This Act further substantiates the need to change the culture to reflect Biblical truth and traditional family values.

***Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act of 2005**

The Prevalence of Violence

Most Social Science Researchers and scholars agree there is a high correlation between poverty and violence in the African American community. Homicide rates soar in neighborhoods where there is high unemployment, children are raised without fathers, and social institutions are in disarray. Other root causes include homelessness, literacy, mental illness, hopelessness, and drugs.

Historically Blacks have been the recipients of organized violence in this country. When slavery was declared illegal in the 19th century, US laws have often been changed or have been manipulated in order to exclude Blacks from financial success, individual freedom, and in our society.

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method applied varies from city to city. Sometime ago in Cincinnati a coalition was formed, a moratorium called and a project initiated, to focus on Black crime. In other cities an emphasis has been placed on Youth programs with a spiritual component. Active community involvement is stressed since it is central in the solution. City police are also researching programs used in other places to curtail violence. City Council Task Forces are studying the problem.

We must realize that Black violence subjects the entire community to a perpetual existence of vulnerability. It is a very complex, difficult and risky business. It's easy to become outraged or emotional when we hear of a violent incident, but very difficult to work towards motivating Black youth to love themselves enough to love others. This perspective does not reach the evening news.



STATISTICAL DATA ON ABORTIONS

Approximately 1,370,00 abortions occur annually in the U.S.

88% of abortions occur during the first 6 to 12 weeks of pregnancy.

60% of abortions are performed on women who already have one or more children.

43% of women will have had at least one abortion by the time they are 45 years old.

52% of women getting abortions are younger than 25 years of age.

51% of women who are unmarried when they become pregnant will receive an abortion.

Unmarried women are 6 times more likely than married women to have an abortion.

63% of abortion patients are White, however, Black women are more than 3 times as likely to have an abortion, and Hispanic women are 2.5 times as likely.

43% of women getting an abortion claimed they were Protestant, while 27% claimed they were Catholic.

Reference—Alan Guttmacher Institute

