

Alabama Legislator Brings Race Into Abortion Debate

Last week, Rep. Alvin Holmes, D-Montgomery, brought race into an abortion debate in Alabama, claiming whites may think twice about abortion if a black man impregnated their daughter.

During his speech, Holmes asked a white woman if she'd allow her daughter to have a mixed-race baby. Of course the woman said yes, but the question as well as the answer was moot.

The woman was asked that question in a very public forum. Under those conditions, there is no way to tell if she answered honestly to what she—or any other white person—would do if they were faced with the reality that their young daughter was not only expecting a baby but a baby fathered by a black man.

Sadly, there is truth to the statement made by Holmes.

For instance, on Sept. 15, 2006, a Maine couple, Nicholas and Lola Kampf, from North Yarmouth, Maine, kidnapped their daughter, Katelyn, to force her to get an abortion in New York.

Their daughter was 19 at the time. She said the harrowing experience took place after her parents learned she was pregnant with a mixed-race baby. Katelyn is white, and the baby's father, Katelyn's boyfriend at the time, was black.

Katelyn said her mother referred to the baby she was carrying as a "science project."

The parents tied their daughter up, forced her into a car and headed for an abortion clinic in New York. The young woman escaped and contacted police, who arrested her parents.

What I found especially chilling about this story was the fact

that police found a .22-caliber rifle, duct tape and rope in the car. Was that their "Plan B"?

How many situations similar to this have occurred without our knowledge?

The point is, in America, children of all races are ruthlessly butchered by abortion on a daily basis, and statistics show the abortion rate of mixed-race or black children skyrocketing.

Face it—there are those who believe a black baby has lesser value than a white baby. The truth is, race continues to be a major factor in the abortion debate—and ignoring that fact will not make it go away. I believe race many times decides who gets to live and who gets to die.

As Rep. Holmes said, "You know, the truth sometimes hurts. ... You know that, and I know that. You will never admit it."

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