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New York's Planned Parenthood Plans to Remove Founder's Name Over Eugenics Views

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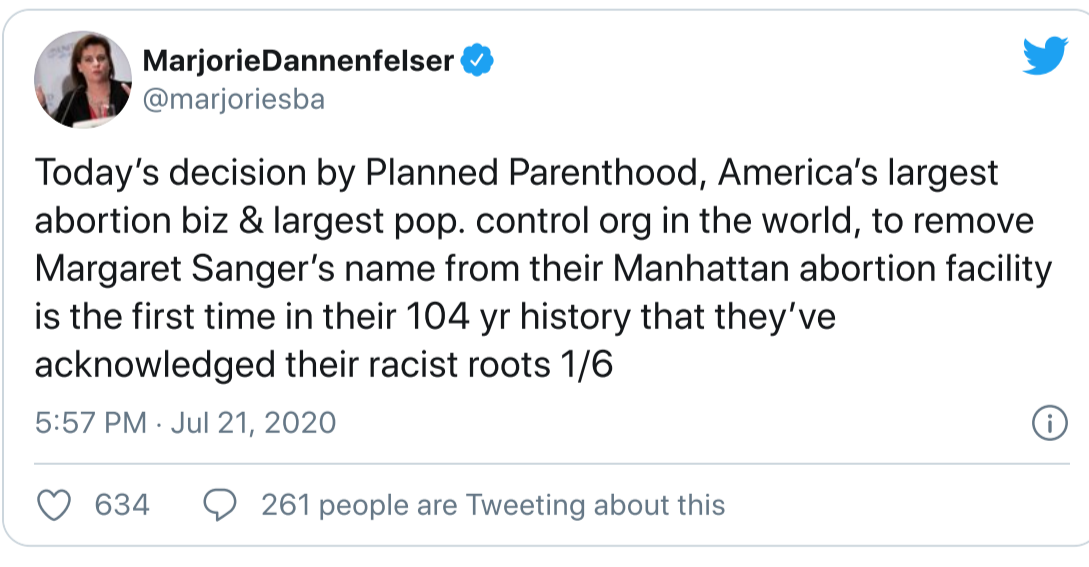
New York's location of Planned Parenthood has plans to remove founder, Margaret Sanger's name from their roster over her harmful views on eugenics. Margaret Sanger did a lot to accomplish the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, which is a staple for supporting reproductive health for women. She opened the first headquarters back in 1916, which was illegal at the time. Her case led to the court ruling of doctors prescribing contraceptives for women for medical reasons. Sanger passed away in 1966.

However, the more negative, more harmful side to Sanger was her views on eugenics, which is believing the human race can be improved through selective breeding. The now-discredited belief targets women and people of color, disabled, and poor people from receiving the right treatments.

Karen Seltzer, Board Chair at PPGNY, regarded how Sanger's views on eugenics are dangerous for people of color, "Margaret Sanger's concerns and advocacy for reproductive health have been clearly documented, but so too has her racist legacy. There is overwhelming evidence for Sanger's deep belief in eugenic ideology, which runs completely counter to our values at PPGNY. Removing her name is an important step toward representing who we are as an organization and who we serve."



On Tuesday, Planned Parenthood of Greater New York (PPGNY) [made a statement](#) to remove Sanger's name from their roster in Manhattan Health Center. "Today, Planned Parenthood of Greater New York announced its plans to remove Margaret Sanger's name from the Manhattan Health Center as a public commitment to reckon with its founder's harmful connections to the eugenics movement. PPGNY also announced it is working with the Community Board, City Council and community to rename an honorary street sign that marks the "Margaret Sanger Square" at the intersection of Bleecker and Mott Streets in Manhattan," the statement said.



The new name of the Health Center and the street will be announced on a later date. With this new step, Planned Parenthood is making the right moves to include Black women and women of color for their reproductive health.

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