

THE
POWER
OF
CHOICE

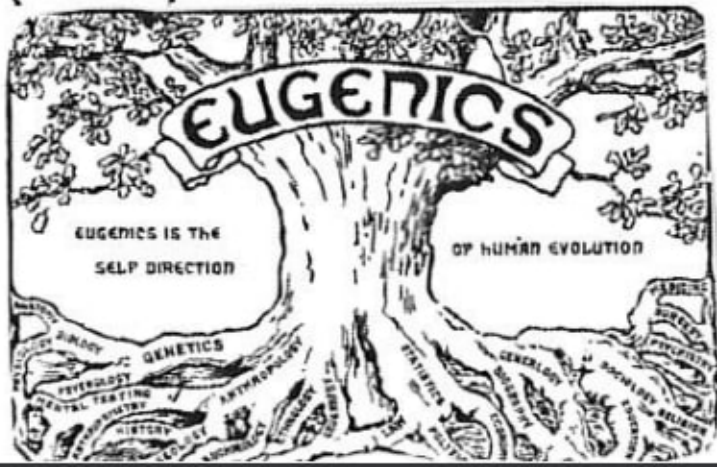
REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE &
THE UNITED STATES
EUGENICS MOVEMENT

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PART 1/3:

A Complicated
Past

WHAT IS eugenics?

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



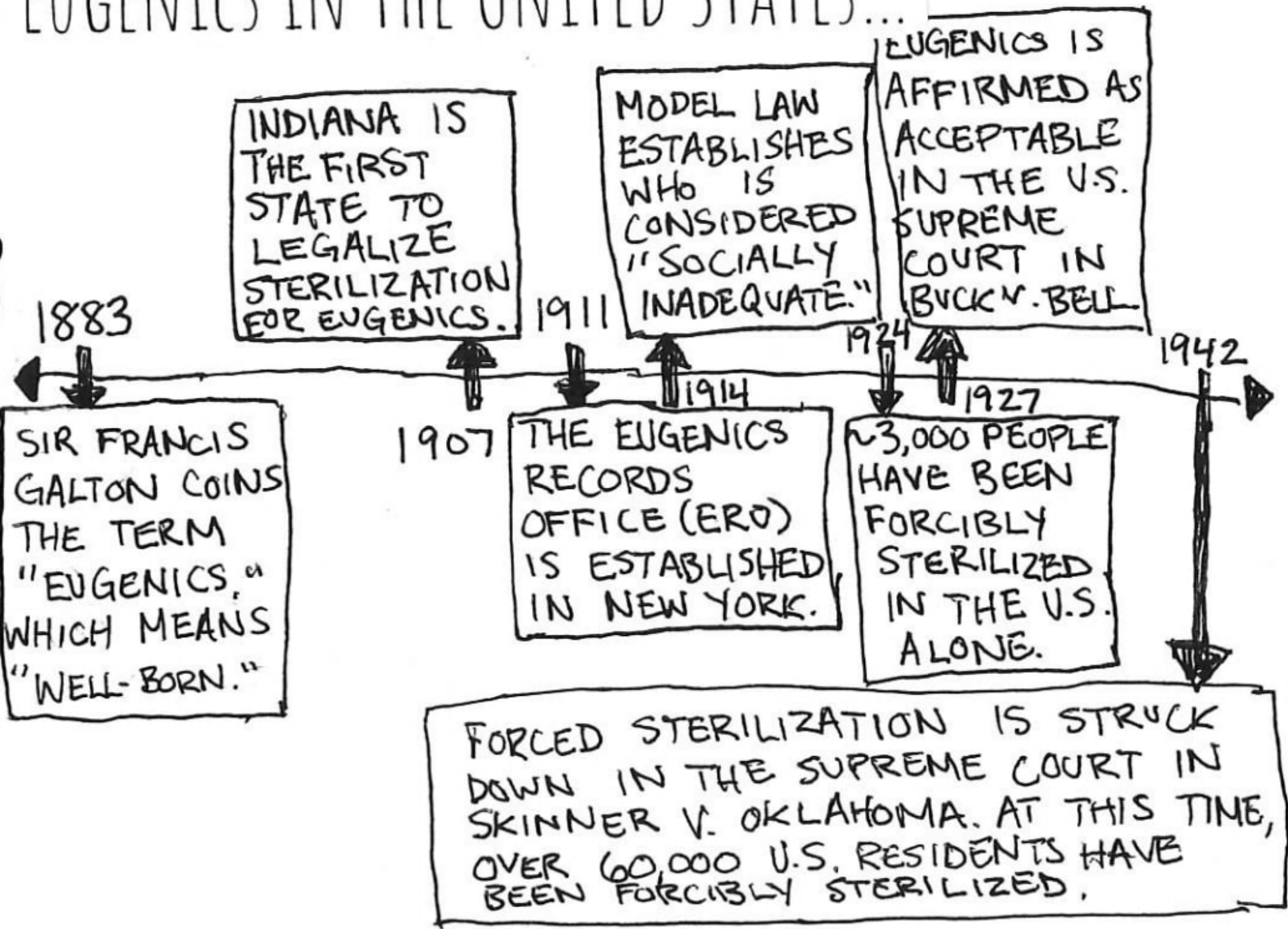
Who HAS "UNDESIRABLE" TRAITS?

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

This means people...

- ... W/ LOWER INCOME.
- ... WHO ARE DISABLED.
- ... WHO HAVE MENTAL ILLNESSES.
- ... WHO ARE IMMIGRANTS.
- ... OF COLOR.

EUGENICS IN THE UNITED STATES...



"So it's over now,
right?"

UNFORTUNATELY, FORCED
STERILIZATION OCCURRED
LONG AFTER 1942:

- PEOPLE W/ MENTAL ILLNESSES WERE STERILIZED THROUGH THE MID-1970S.
- UP TO HALF OF NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN WERE STERILIZED BETWEEN 1970-76.
- NORTH CAROLINA LAWS 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.



What's
being
done?

REPRODUCTIVE
JUSTICE!



LEARN MORE ABOUT
REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE
IN PARTS 2 & 3!

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