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Close But Not Touching: The Eugenics and Birth Control Movements From 1900-1930

While Margaret Sanger has been stereotyped as a leading eugenicist in the United States, she (and the Birth Control movement) was actually kept at arm's length by leading American eugenicists. This presentation will discuss the relationship between the two movements during the first decades of the twentieth century, areas of overlap and reasons for their continued separation. This issue obviously has contemporary importance due to recent efforts to employ eugenic ideology in order to portray Sanger (and by extension Planned Parenthood) as a pseudo-Nazi. The presentation is based on a July 2013 article I wrote that was published in *Social Work*.