

# *The Eugenics Crusade: A Critique*

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Following are my criticisms regarding the PBS documentary, *The Eugenics Crusade*. This documentary can be viewed online at these (and other) locations on the web:

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/eugenics-crusade/>

<https://www.bitchute.com/video/POPO64RPrNt/>

<https://www.bitchute.com/video/1DWofmdd26Qb/>

It would make little sense to critique a documentary on the eugenics movement without first pointing out that the entire basis of said movement—including its pseudoscience, *eugenics*—was a lie from the get-go. As such, the first error of this documentary can be found in its title. If by “eugenics crusade” the producers of this documentary mean that there was a crusade to improve society through “better breeding” (as is repeatedly stated or implied throughout the film), insofar as the *core* members of the eugenics movement were concerned, no such crusade existed. Though public supporters may have felt that they themselves were part of such a crusade, in fact, they were being deceived.<sup>1</sup> Indeed, those at the very core of this movement were motivated by something entirely different—a *Malthusian* agenda. Essentially, the eugenics movement was little more than a vehicle to further this secretive agenda. Such a mass deception would today be referred to as a “psychological operation” (or “PSYOP”).

**[00:07:49]** As per the above, this idea that eugenicists like Davenport were concerned about the future of American society and seeking to improve it through “better breeding” is pure propaganda. In fact, Davenport was in close contact with members of a powerful secret society at Yale known as Skull & Bones; an organization that could certainly be characterized as a “Malthusian cult” just based on its chosen symbolism and death-centric motif. Like the CIA which preferentially hires from among its ranks, Skull & Bones has a bloody, death-riddled past.<sup>2</sup> This hardly sounds like the kind of company kept by a beneficent individual, now does it? Indeed, Davenport himself had willfully contributed to a heinous and mostly forgotten episode in American history which according to some sources *resulted in the loss of millions of American lives!*

In the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, over 300,000 Americans died each year as a direct or indirect result of the dreaded disease pellagra which seemed to only afflict the poor. Half of these deaths were attributed to blacks who only comprised 10% of the population. Then, in 1914, Joseph Goldberger of the U.S. Public Health Service discovered that this disease condition could be cured simply by feeding the afflicted a balanced diet including meat and dairy products. When word of this reached the inner sanctum of the eugenics cult, its members set out to discredit Goldberger and suppress his remarkable discovery. In 1917 when the National Pellagra Commission published its report on pellagra, no mention was made of Goldberger’s recent work and instead, pellagra continued to be characterized as a

hereditary disease caused by “inferior breeding stock.”<sup>3</sup> As a result of this deliberate suppression of the cure for pellagra, it is estimated that over the following two decades, six million Americans—half white, half black—lost their lives to this much dreaded disease, the cause of which was the deficiency of a B vitamin known as Niacin (Nicotinic Acid) which would be identified in 1937.<sup>4</sup> Believe it or not, it was none other than Davenport himself who had authored the commission's 1917 report on pellagra that enabled this enormous death toll!<sup>5</sup>

**[00:22:40]** The documentary makes out like Mrs. E.H. Harriman was just a benefactor of this “worthy cause” and little more; however, such doesn’t quite align with the fact that the Harrimans already had a very close relationship with various individuals who would go on to become ardent and prominent supporters of eugenics (for example, those who participated in Harriman’s Alaska Expedition of 1899 which surveyed the coastline of Alaska). Moreover, E.H. Harriman's two sons were both brought into the Malthusian cult, Skull & Bones; some members of which were prominent in the eugenics movement. These and other delicious tidbits of historical evidence suggest that the Harrimans weren’t, as portrayed in the film, simply benefactors of some “worthy cause” but rather, willing participants in a Malthusian conspiracy disguised as one.

**[00:26:08]** The documentary neglects to provide *any* substantial details on how Charles Davenport's Eugenics Record Office (ERO) came into being. The *first* national organization in the U.S. to actually address the topic of eugenics in any way, shape or form was the American Breeders Association (ABA) which was created in 1903. Three years following its creation, this organization added a eugenics section (department) alongside the two existing ones which were for studying plants and animals. This new section was chaired by ichthyologist and founding president of Stanford University, David Starr Jordan and its secretary was none other than Davenport himself. It was under the auspices of this eugenics section that in 1910 Davenport created the Eugenics Record Office as a joint project with the Harriman family.<sup>6</sup>

As hinted at by some of the individuals who were a part of this eugenics section, the most likely reason no mention is made of the ABA’s role in creating the Eugenics Record Office is that the origin of the ABA itself (hence, Davenport’s ERO) can be traced back to the *Smithsonian Institution*—no doubt a verboten connection.<sup>7</sup> Further suggesting a Smithsonian role in helping to bring about the eugenics movement, Davenport spent his summers at the Marine Biological Laboratory (MBL) at Woods Hole, Massachusetts and this *independent* laboratory was apparently sited at Woods Hole because the Woods Hole Laboratory (WHL) run by the U.S. Fish Commission—a *federal agency created by the Smithsonian* and progenitor of today's NOAA—had only recently been established there. What makes this all the more intriguing is that many individuals affiliated with the MBL *would later become members of the American Eugenics Society (AES)*!

**[00:26:55]** On this list of ERO scientific directors, two of the men listed were members of Skull & Bones. They are Irving Fisher and William H. Welch. Documentaries such as this one pretending to inform us about the eugenics movement somehow fail to make any mention of this powerful secret society despite that its members occupied prominent positions at the core of the movement. And, as one

might imagine, omitting this relationship between the eugenics movement and Skull & Bones isn't just limited to documentaries either. It seems that well-funded, successful book authors too are afflicted with this apparently common condition, *Isuckatdoingbasicresearcheosis*.<sup>8</sup>

Yes, they're rewriting history right before our eyes, *but what should we expect considering that Skull & Bones, whose fingerprints are all over the much suppressed eugenics movement, actually collaborated with the Smithsonian in 1884 to establish the "gate" through which all of America's history is vetted?*<sup>9</sup> This collaboration resulted in the Smithsonian becoming both the gatekeeper and official revisionist of America's history. Perhaps this might explain why, lurking in the shadows of the present "1619 Project" can be found <drum roll>... *the Smithsonian!*

**[00:34:58]** *"The eugenics movement that Charles Davenport had launched..."*

Davenport didn't exactly launch this movement. He was merely appointed as the Grand Poobah to add legitimacy to a fabricated movement (again, a PSYOP) that had been in the engineering stage for years.

**[00:45:37]** *"The Panama-Pacific Expo was really a defining moment for the American eugenics movement."*

In addition to the eugenics conference that was held in connection with the exposition in San Francisco were some other events, both national and international in scope: In 1912 was held the First International Congress of Eugenics at the University of London.<sup>10</sup> In 1914 the First National Conference on Race Betterment was held in Battle Creek, Michigan.<sup>11</sup> In 1921 the Second International Congress on Eugenics was held in New York City.<sup>12</sup> In 1928 the Third National Conference on Race Betterment was held in Battle Creek, Michigan.<sup>13</sup> In 1932 the Third International Congress on Eugenics was held at New York's American Museum of Natural History.<sup>14</sup>

**[00:56:11]** *"I've been spending all my time and effort trying to save our nation's flora and fauna while my own race is dying out."*

Like other conservationists, Madison Grant didn't just all of a sudden wake up and realize that he was sympathetic to the eugenics cause because he was most likely a Malthusian from the start (for one thing, like Davenport, Grant had close ties to the Malthusian secret society, Skull & Bones). In his book on eugenics, Jonathan Spiro—a contributor to this documentary—puts some effort into keeping the conservation and eugenics movements separated in the minds of his readers; however, the historical evidence indicates that both of these movements were initiated as two parts of the same Malthusian conspiracy.

**[01:01:09]** *"In September 1921, at New York's American Museum of Natural History, Grant convened an international eugenics congress to whip up support for the cause."*

Grant convened it? Grant was just the *Treasurer* of the event! More accurate would have been to say that the event was convened by its president, Henry Fairfield Osborn who was director of the museum hosting the event. Plus, I love how this quote makes it sound like it was all Grant's idea that this

congress on eugenics be held. It wasn't. Also interesting here is that the documentary makes mention of this, the *second* international congress on eugenics and yet it fails to mention the *first* one which took place *in London* in 1912!

**[01:05:47]** Never does the documentary point out for its viewers that the American Birth Control League which was founded by AES member Margaret Sanger, eventually came to be known as Planned Parenthood.

**[01:11:11]** “*Sponsored by the American Eugenics Society, a propaganda organization run by the movement's evangelists, Harry Laughlin and Madison Grant...*”

Here, the viewer isn't told that, alongside Davenport, Laughlin and Grant, the founders of this organization included Skull & Bones member Irving Fisher who was chairman and first president of the society. Likewise, serving on the advisory council of the AES was William H. Welch, another Skull & Bones member. Averell Harriman, an AES member whose mother was on the AES advisory council, was also a member of Skull & Bones. Recall that both Fisher and Welch were listed as scientific directors of Davenport's Eugenics Record Office. Clearly, Skull & Bones had a significant interest in the AES and in fact, it was Fisher who, during the 1921 international congress on eugenics, initiated the motion thereby creating the ad interim committee that soon became the AES.<sup>15,16</sup>

These are just the more prominent Skull & Bones members who were involved in the eugenics movement and no doubt, many other members of this secret society were involved behind the scenes as can be seen just by the fact that the earliest trustees of the Carnegie Institution of Washington (CIW)—an organization which helped to fund Davenport's Eugenics Record Office—included at least ten members of Skull & Bones, not to mention (as was previously noted), its *first* president was none other than Daniel Coit Gilman—one of the incorporators of Skull & Bones!

**[01:22:20]** Yes, it's true that the majority opinion on *Buck vs. Bell* was rendered by the “venerable” Oliver Wendell Holmes, but it's interesting to say the least that, at the time of this decision, the Chief Justice was William H. Taft, Skull & Bones class of 1878. And incidentally, Taft's father, Alphonso was one of the two founders of Skull & Bones.

- 1 For details of how this deception was carried out, see the section entitled “A Movement in Disguise” found in the paper, *Two Coastal Marine Disasters and the Fingerprint of Malthus* (<http://truthbetold.strangled.net/articles/tcmdatfom.pdf>).
- 2 A good source for such information regarding the CIA is William Blum's *Killing Hope: U.S. Military and CIA Interventions Since World War II*. For a timeline that includes many CIA related atrocities, See: [http://www.serendipity.li/cia/cia\\_time.htm](http://www.serendipity.li/cia/cia_time.htm). With regards to Skull & Bones, see William P. Litynski's *Skull and Bones: A Faustian Bargain* which can be found at <https://archive.org/details/skull-and-bones-a-faustian-bargain>.
- 3 *Island Earth Timeline*; See: <http://truthbetold.strangled.net/events.php?page=5#id1078>.
- 4 *Island Earth Timeline*; See: <http://truthbetold.strangled.net/events.php?page=8#id1587>.
- 5 Allan Chase, in his book, *The Legacy of Malthus: The Social Costs of the New Scientific Racism*, devotes an entire chapter to the “Great Pellagra Cover-Up.”
- 6 *Island Earth Timeline*; See: <http://truthbetold.strangled.net/events.php?page=5#id939>.
- 7 It's generally acknowledged by historians that the American Breeders Association (ABA) played a pivotal role in helping to bring about the eugenics movement in that this organization was the genesis of Charles Davenport's Eugenics Record Office which was prominent at the core of the movement. What isn't so widely acknowledged however is that the American Breeders Association was ultimately a creation of the Smithsonian. In 1906, on the urging of Davenport, the ABA set up a Committee on Eugenics which in 1909 became a full-fledged section alongside those already existing for the study of plant and animal heredity. This third section of the ABA which concerned itself with the heredity of man is said to have been the nucleus from which Davenport's Eugenics Record Office originated. Now although the ABA was more directly a creation of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) acting through the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations (today known as the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities or APLU), in fact, both of these organizations owe their existence to the Smithsonian. The American Breeders Association was founded at the 14th annual meeting of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations held in New Haven, Connecticut in 1900. The establishment of its “parent” association came about as a result of the *Hatch Act of 1887* which was itself a natural consequence of Congress having enacted the *Morrill Land Grant College Act of 1862*. Like the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the *Morrill Act* came into being as a result of lobbying on the part of the U.S. Agricultural Society which was not only established with the help of the Smithsonian but its annual meetings were held there as well. Not surprising, the state delegates to these annual meetings included such individuals as Joseph Henry and Spencer F. Baird—the *Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian!* Furthermore, the American Breeders Association's Smithsonian lineage is hinted at by some of its members' close ties to this organization. One such member was Aleš Hrdlička. Hrdlička, who was on the ABA's eugenics committee (and would later become a member of the American Eugenics Society), was curator of physical anthropology at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History. Likewise, Alexander Graham Bell was a Smithsonian regent and interestingly, he had traveled to Genoa, Italy in order to bring the remains of James Smithson back to the Smithsonian.
- 8 On page 31 of *War Against the Weak*, in a paragraph discussing the establishment of the Carnegie Institution, author Edwin Black writes that, “Twenty-four of America's most respected names in science, government and finance were installed as trustees. The celebrated names included National Library of Medicine cofounder John Billings, Secretary of War Elihu Root and philanthropist Cleveland Dodge. Renowned paleontologist John C. Merriam became president.” Well sure, Merriam eventually became president of the CIW (he was the organization's third president). By mentioning Merriam in the context of CIW's founding though, Black gives the false impression to his readers that Merriam was the institution's *first* president, which conceals an important connection to Skull & Bones and ultimately the inescapable fact that the secret society was instrumental in helping bring about the eugenics movement. Of course, this could just be a mistake on Black's part, in which case I apologize in advance for being harsh in my criticism; however, carelessness doesn't explain how an established investigative journalist and book author such as Black could write—with the help of *a team of researchers*, no less—an *encyclopedia* volume on the subject of the American eugenics movement without ever once mentioning Yale's most infamous secret society, with its numerous ties to this movement. This, in addition to Black's sickening, apologetic attitude in defense of the Malthusian inspired institutions at Cold Spring Harbor (and elsewhere)—as illustrated in the introduction to his book (page xxiv)—suggests either extreme ignorance and naiveté on his part or something far more serious.
- 9 *Island Earth Timeline*; See: <http://truthbetold.strangled.net/events.php?page=3#id536>. This of course begs the question, since when is secrecy—as in “secret society”—compatible with truth and the accurate recording of history? For further details of this collaboration, see *The Cardiff Giant: Elaborate Hoax or a PSYOP?* ([http://truthbetold.strangled.net/articles/the\\_cardiff\\_giant\\_elaborate\\_hoax\\_or\\_a\\_psyop.pdf](http://truthbetold.strangled.net/articles/the_cardiff_giant_elaborate_hoax_or_a_psyop.pdf))
- 10 *Island Earth Timeline*; See: <http://truthbetold.strangled.net/events.php?page=5#id986>.
- 11 *Island Earth Timeline*; See: <http://truthbetold.strangled.net/events.php?page=5#id1019>.
- 12 *Island Earth Timeline*; See: <http://truthbetold.strangled.net/events.php?page=6#id1177>.

- 13 *Island Earth Timeline*; See: <http://truthbetold.strangled.net/events.php?page=6#id1328>.
- 14 *Island Earth Timeline*; See: <http://truthbetold.strangled.net/events.php?page=7#id1454>.
- 15 *Island Earth Timeline*; See: <http://truthbetold.strangled.net/events.php?page=6#id1177>.
- 16 Plus, as is noted in *Two Coastal Marine Disasters and the Fingerprint of Malthus*, the AES was twice headquartered at Yale within walking distance of the Skull & Bones headquarters or “tomb” as it’s called.