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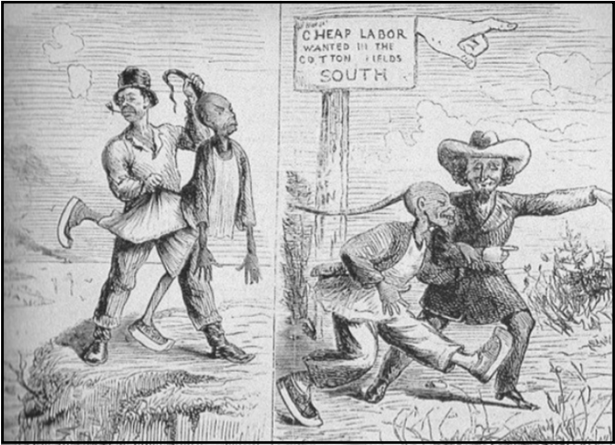
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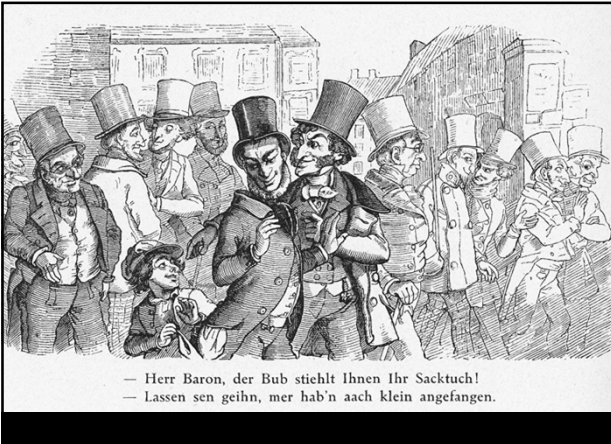
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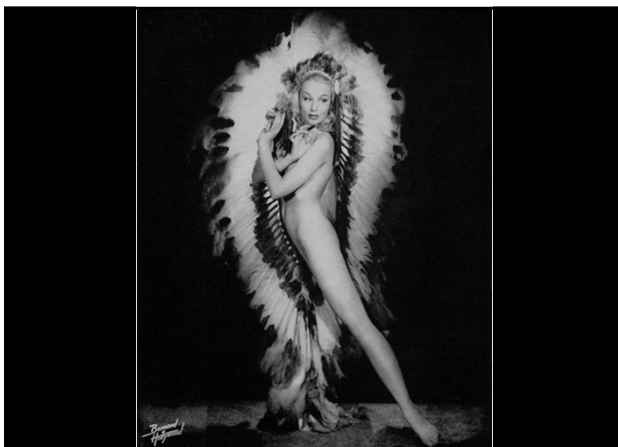
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### Racism Applied

#### Myth of Superiority

- Fallacy of ranking from best to worst
- Benefits to the "superior" at cost to "inferior"

#### Myth of Biological Inheritance

- Fallacy that race is genetic and immutable
- Justifies economic and social dominance of prominent group

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### Systematic Creation of Race: Eugenics

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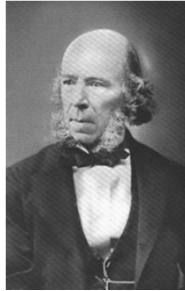
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### Social Darwinism

social & cultural differences in human societies arise through processes of natural selection, similar to those that account for biological differences among populations & species



Herbert Spencer

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### Social Darwinism

Appealing to those in 'superior' social positions  
Assumes society operates through same laws as biology  
False assumption!  
No evidence that what is in biology, is or ought to be in society



J. D. Rockefeller

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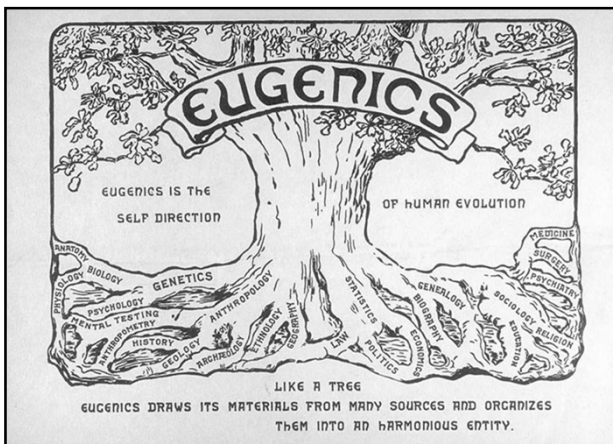
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## Eugenics

- humanity can be improved by altering human genotypes or their frequencies
- evolution of human traits by natural selection could be substituted by evolution through social selection
- Positive eugenics
  - increase frequency of beneficial genes
- Negative eugenics
  - decrease frequency of deleterious genes

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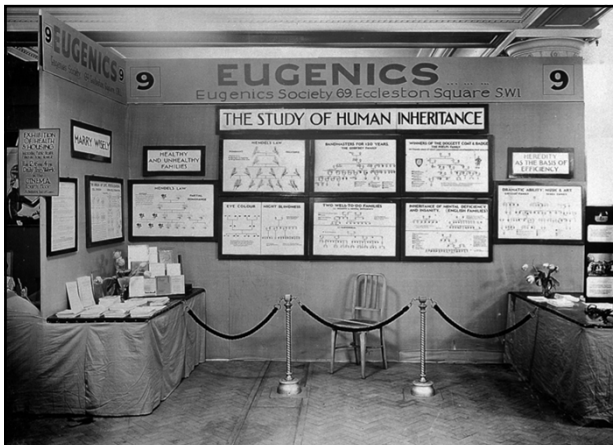
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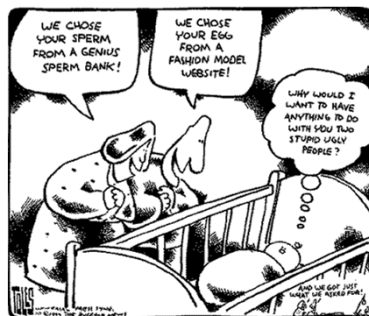
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## Positive Eugenics

- increase frequency of beneficial genes
- Sperm banks
- Genetic engineering
- Parthenogenesis
- Cloning



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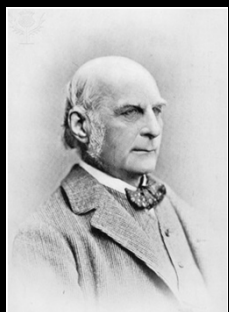
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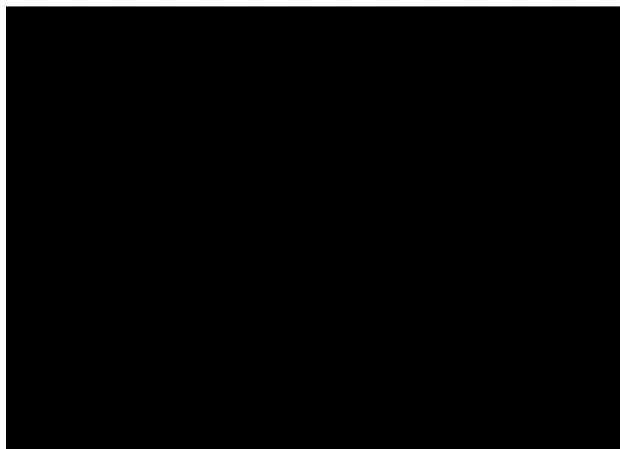
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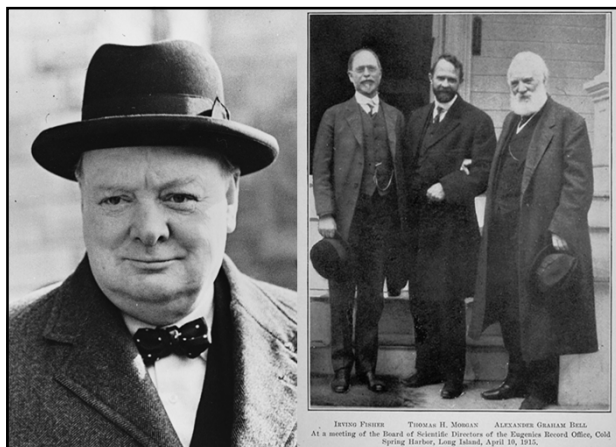
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### American Eugenics Movement

- At height in 1920s
- Intelligence, sexual orientation, and criminality caused by bad blood

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A Group of Physicians and Other Specialists Who Gave Their Services in Examining and Scoring Participants in the Fitter Families Contest

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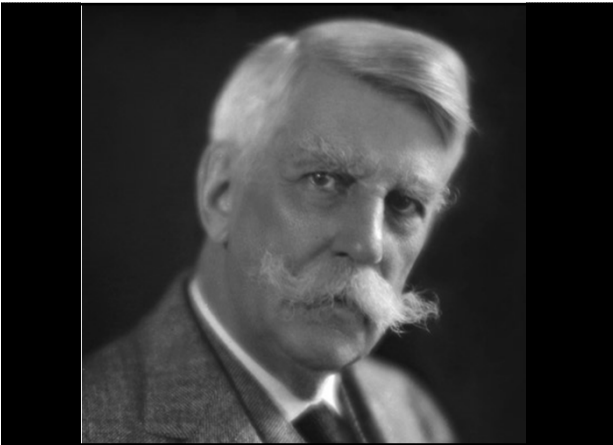
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• It is true that the right to beget children is a natural and constitutional right, but it is equally true that no citizen has any rights superior to the common welfare. Acting for the public good, the State, in the exercise of its police powers, may always impose reasonable restrictions upon the natural and constitutional rights of its citizens. Measured by its injurious effect upon society, what right has any citizen or class of citizens to beget children with an inherited tendency to crime, feeble-minded, idiocy or imbecility? This is the right for which Willie Smith is here contending....Under the existing circumstances it was not only its undoubted right, but it was its duty to enact some legislation that would protect the people and preserve the race from the known effects of the procreation of children by the feeble-minded, the idiots and the imbeciles (*Smith v. Wayne Probate Judge*, 1925)

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