

# Eugenics USA: Valone Report on the Human Betterment Foundation

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**It's often forgotten that the United States had a booming Eugenics program that got scaled back after the "bad PR" of Nazi concentration camps and mass graves. Eugenics was a brutally simple idea -- the criminals, the weak and the stupid should be sterilized so they can't produce more stupid, weak and criminal babies. The fact this concept is cosmically bone-headed and ignorant of the actual facts of not only simple human experience, but also biology and genetics, is beside the point. People believe what they want to believe and they can prove anything they desire.**

**Valone's report we present here is an analysis of the Human Betterment Foundation, a highly influential California proto-"think tank" that promoted Eugenics all over the world during the 20s, 30s and 40s.**

In a basement at Caltech, 59 gray boxes contain thousands of documents that reveal in detail how an influential group of California men once hoped to direct the fate of the human race. Within the brittle files is the story of the state's long and largely forgotten effort to sterilize mental patients. **Memos show how civic leaders helped popularize eugenics around the world, including Nazi Germany. Case histories offer a glimpse of the more than 20,000 people who were, by law, sterilized in state hospitals from 1909 through the 1960s.** The Caltech archive contain 16 boxes of patient cases that will remain closed until 2005. But hundred of unnamed records offer sketchy profiles of patients and the motives of doctors who operated on them.

Valone continues:

...let me say that I know those 59 gray boxes in the basement at Caltech very well, and I'm one of only two or three people who have looked through them all. The documents, by the way, are not that brittle, **with the exception of the several hundred individual case reports on people who were sterilized at the Sonoma State Home for feeble-minded infants and children.** Those are the records in the boxes that will remain closed until 2005.

We will be exploring the roots and the fruits of the Eugenics meme in the weeks to come here at Skilluminati Research, but one last excerpt should convey the slippery nature of tracking this beast -- not to mention the many innocent-looking masks it has come to hide behind:

Although the Human Betterment Foundation was dissolved in 1943, the efforts that the Foundation had made promoting eugenic sterilization, especially among the medical community, were continued by two successor Foundations: Birthright, Inc., based in Princeton NJ, and the Human Betterment Association of America Inc. based in New York City. This organization has gone through a series of subtle and not so subtle name changes, first to the Human Betterment Association for Voluntary Sterilization, then the Association for Voluntary Sterilization, Inc.; it is still in operation, based in New York City and operating under the name EngenderHealth (**an organization that now has as its slogan ? Improving Women's Health Worldwide**"). Birthright received most of the records of the Human Betterment Foundation regarding its work on sterilization programs on the United States. Birthright also continued to receive the financial and spiritual support of C.M.

Goethe. The Human Betterment Association for Voluntary Sterilization took up the mission of the HBF in promoting sterilization internationally. Among its sponsors were Lois Gosney Castle, Goethe, and Popenoe, It was during this period, beginning in the middle of the 1940s and increasing in speed in the years immediately after the war, that the American eugenics movement reformulated itself along two fronts: **first, as promoters of a reductionist biological science that would eventually help to foster the origins of modern molecular biology, and secondly, most relevant for our purposes, as promoters of a new worldwide population control movement.**