

A History of Racism within Healthcare

- Timeline
- Family Van

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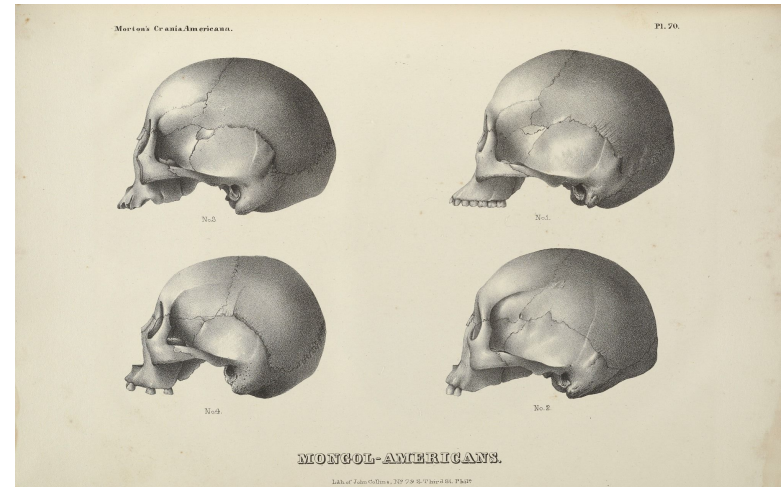
A 2016 study found that many White medical students wrongly believed that Black people had higher pain tolerances than white people....

1500–1770

- ❖ Male European colonists hypersexualized African female's bodies and noted that African/indigenous females were savage beings.
- ❖ These stereotypes characterized Black and indigenous people as non-human and inferior.

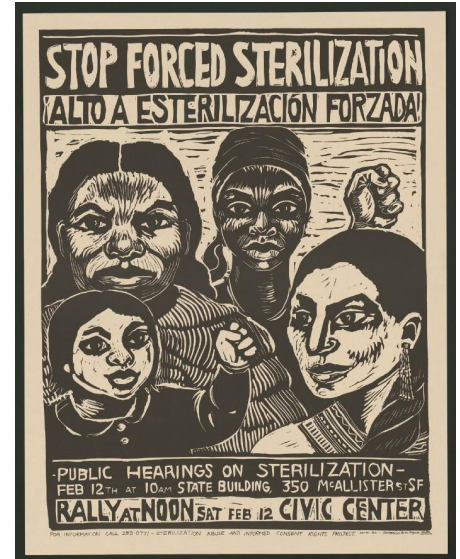
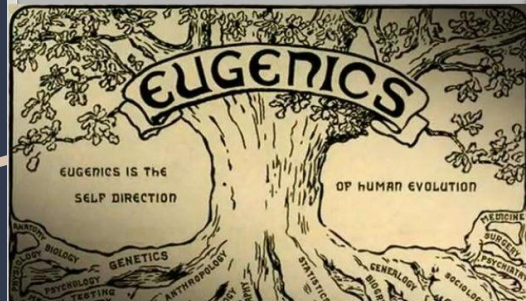
1800s

- ❖ Superiorization of white Europeans
- ❖ Samuel Morton experiments



Late 1800s–1900s

- ❖ Social Darwinism
- ❖ Eugenics
- ❖ Involvement of doctors and the medical field



Mid to late 1900s–Today

- ❖ Black distrust of medicine
- ❖ Tuskegee Syphilis Trials
- ❖ Henrietta Lacks
- ❖ Black exploitation



Family Van



"We meet people where they're at"

3 Part Mission:

1. Service
2. Research
3. Education

Main Goal:

- Improving access to care (referrals to resources)
- Advancing research in the mobile health sector
- Improving health status (preventative screenings)
- Saving health care costs
- Reducing healthcare disparities

The Family Van (during COVID)



During COVID, the Family Van is still providing certain services!

- **Telecare Calls**
 - Volunteers refer clients to housing, food, rent, health, elderly and other resources)
- **Outreach**
 - Volunteers are passing out pamphlets with resource guides, guides with information about typical and healthy blood pressure/blood sugar ranges, and more
- **MASKS**



- Brandeis students (through Waltham Group) have donated over 1000 masks to the Family Van (every single mask has been donated to the Boston community to those in need of PPE)

DATA FROM TODAY...

Researchers found that Black and Hispanic people made up **58%** of all patients hospitalized for COVID-19 and **53%** of those who died from the disease.