

monopolized in the hands of the few to the exclusion of

[...] In so called good times, capitalism swallows the many.

masses of people to throw them out again in times of

“Industrial depression.” This superfluous human mass, which is swelling the ranks of the unemployed and

is called by our bourgeois political economists the labor margin. They will have it that under no circumstances

must the labor margin diminish, else the sacred institution known as capitalist civilization will be

undermined. And so the political economists, together with all sponsors of the capitalist regime, are in favor

to Birth Control.

[...]Secondly, there is the mental awakening of woman, especially working men, have learned to see in large

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society because a large family paralyzes the brain and burdens the muscles of the masses of working men.

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Birth Control want. Weighed as the earnings of a man with a large family are, he cannot risk even that little, so he continues in the rut, compromises and cringes before his master, just to earn barely enough to feed the

the light and its proclaiming in a clarion voice that

she will no longer be a party to the crime of bringing

hapless children into the world only to be ground into dust by the wheel of capitalism and to be torn into

shreds in trenches and battlefields. And who is to say her nay? After all it is woman who is risking her health

and sacrificing her youth in the reproduction of the race. Surely she ought to be in a position to decide how many

children she should bring into the world, whether they should be brought into the world by the man she loves

and because she wants the child, or should be born in hatred and loathing.

[...] But it is not woman alone who is being to realize the importance of Birth Control. Men, too,

especially working men, have learned to see in large families a millstone around their necks, deliberately

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in existence by preventing more children from coming

into the world.

Last, but not least, a change in the relation of the sexes, though not embracing very large numbers of people,

is still making itself felt among a very considerable minority. In the past and to a large extent with the

average man to-day, woman continues to be a mere object, a means to an end; largely a physical means and

woman; who have come to realize that if every male end. But there are men who want more than that from

were emancipated from the superstitions of the past nothing would yet be changed in the social structure

so long as woman had not taken her place with him in the great social struggle. Slowly but surely these men

have learned that if a woman wastes her substance in external pregnancies, commitments and diaper washing,

she has little time left for anything else. Least of all has she time for the questions which absorb and stir the

father of her children. Out of physical exhaustion and nervous stress she becomes the obstacle in the man's

protection and also for his need of the companion and friend in the woman he loves that a great many men

want her to be relieved from the terrible imposition of constant reproduction of life, that therefore they are in

favor of Birth Control.

From whatever angle, then, the question of Birth

Control may be considered, it is the most dominant

issue of modern times and as such it cannot be driven

back by persecution, imprisonment or a conspiracy of

[...] Can you blame me if I am an anarchist and have no use for laws? Also, I wish to point out the utter stupidity of the American court. Supposedly justice is

undertaken by quack doctors, ignorant midwives in

secrecy and in haste. Yet the poets and the politicians

sing of motherhood. A greater crime was never

perpetrated upon woman.

Our moralists know about it, yet they persist in behalf

of an indiscriminate breeding of children. They tell us

that to limit offspring is entirely a modern tendency

because the modern woman is loose in her morals and

wishes to shirk responsibility. In reply to this, it is

necessary to point out that the tendency to limit

offspring is as old as the race. We have as the authority

for this contention an eminent German physician Dr.

Theilhaber who has compiled historic data to prove that

the tendency was prevalent among the Hebrews, the

Egyptians, the Persians and many tribes of American

Indians. The fear of the child was so great that the

women used the most hideous methods rather than to

bring an unwanted child into the world. Dr. Theilhaber

enumerates fifty-seven methods. This data is of great

importance in as much as it dispels the superstition that

woman wants to become a mother of a large family.

No, it is not because woman is lacking in responsibility,

but because she has too much of the latter that she

demands to know how to prevent conception. Never

in the history of the world has woman been so race

conscious as she is to-day. Never before has she been

able to see in the child, not only in her child, but every

child, the unit of society, the channel through which

man and woman must pass; the strongest factor in the

building of a new world. It is for this reason that Birth

Control rests upon such solid ground.

Those who oppose the Birth Control Movement claim

to do so in behalf of motherhood. All the political

charlatans prate about this wonderful motherhood, yet

has gone on for centuries past blindly and stupidly

dedicating its offspring to Moloch. Besides, so

long as mothers are compelled to work many hard

hours in order to help support the creature which

they unwillingly brought into the world, the talk of

motherhood is nothing else but cant. Ten per cent, of

married women in the city of New York have to help

make a living. Most of them earn the very lucrative

salary of \$280 a year. How dare anyone speak of the

beauties of Motherhood in the face of such a crime? Not so

long ago our old and hoary Board of Education declared

that mother teachers may not continue to teach. Though

these antiquated gentlemen were compelled by public

opinion to reconsider their decision, it is absolutely

certain that if the average teacher were to become a

mother every year, she would soon lose her position.

This is the lot of the married mother: what about the

unmarried mother? Or is anyone in doubt that there

are thousands of unmarried mothers? They crowd our

shops and factories and industries everywhere, not by

choice but by economic necessity. In their drab and

monotonous existence the only color left is probably a

sexual attraction which without methods of prevention

invariably leads to abortions. Thousands of women

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