THE RADIANCE FOUNDATION PRESENTS

ADOPTION MYTHBUSTERS

NO ONE IS ADOPTING THE KIDS WHO ARE HERE!

MYTH #1

ESTIMATED 862,320 U.S. ABORTIONS IN 2017

(Unfortunately, we have to rely on pro-abortion Guttmacher.org for this estimate.)

THERE WERE 110,373 ADOPTIONS IN 2014.

AS OF 2019, 2014 IS THE MOST RECENT YEAR THAT WE HAVE THESE REPORTED ESTIMATES FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ADOPTION. THERE WERE 17.3 INFANT ADOPTIONS FOR EVERY 1,000 ABORTIONS. AMONG NON-MARITAL BIRTHS, THERE WERE 11.4 INFANT ADOPTIONS FOR EVERY 1,000 ABORTIONS, MEANING ONLY 1 PERCENT OF UNMARRIED MOTHERS CHOSE ADOPTION IN 2014.

IN 2017, THERE WERE 123,437 U.S. FOSTER CHILDREN AWAITING ADOPTION. NEARLY HALF (59,430) WERE ADOPTED.

OF THE 442,995 IN FOSTER CARE 121,203 (OR 27.4%) WERE REUNITED W/BIOLOGICAL PARENT(S).


MOST FOSTER CHILDREN ARE BLACK & NOBODY IS ADOPTING THEM.

MYTH #2

FOSTER CHILDREN IN CARE

- 21% HISPANIC
- 44% WHITE
- 23% BLACK
- 7% TWO OR MORE RACES
- 2% ASIAN/AMERICAN INDIAN/NOT KNOWN


BLACK CHILDREN ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY REPRESENTED IN FOSTER CARE, MOSTLY DUE TO POVERTY & FAILURE OF KINSHIP CARE ACCORDING TO THE FEDERAL GAO.

FOSTER CHILDREN ADOPTED

- 21% HISPANIC
- 49% WHITE
- 17% BLACK
- 9% TWO OR MORE RACES
- 2% ASIAN/AMERICAN INDIAN/NOT KNOWN


ADOPTION ISN'T AS TIGHT A BOND AS THE BIOLOGICAL.

MYTH #3

- 90% OF ADOPTED CHILDREN HAVE A POSITIVE VIEW AND FEELINGS ABOUT THEIR ADOPTION
- 81% OF ADOPTIVE PARENTS REPORT HAVING "WARM & VERY CLOSE" RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR ADOPTED CHILDREN
- 73% OF ADOPTED CHILDREN ARE SURGED TO BY THEIR PARENTS COMPARED WITH 59% OF THOSE IN GENERAL POPULATION


Sadly, there are no comprehensive federal statistics on adoption since 1992, when the National Center for Social Statistics was dissolved. To this day, states provide information only on a voluntary basis. We need federal legislation that makes both abortion and adoption reporting mandatory so we have an accurate picture of what is happening to the most vulnerable among us: our children.

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