

# JUSTICE GINSBURG NEEDS TO EXPLAIN HERSELF

Excerpts of a *New York Times Magazine* interview with Ruth Bader Ginsburg, which appeared on July 12, included the following quote by the Supreme Court Justice about the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion: “Frankly I had thought that at the time *Roe* was decided, there was concern about population growth and particularly growth in populations that we don’t want to have too many of.”

By contrast, consider what Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, said about this subject:

- “Eugenic sterilization is an urgent need...We must prevent Multiplication of this bad stock.”
- “Birth control must lead ultimately to a cleaner race.”
- “We are paying for, and even submitting to, the dictates of an ever-increasingly spawning class of human beings who never should have been born at all.”
- “We don’t want the word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population.”

There is another reason why Ginsburg needs to clarify her remark. Before she was seated on the Supreme Court in 1993, she hired 57 law clerks over a period of 13 years. All were white. Now if Antonin Scalia, for example, were associated with her disturbing remark, and if he had never hired a single African American, he would have been branded a racist. The fact that Justice Ginsburg was never questioned about her explosive comment is simply astounding.