

ADOPTION MYTHBUSTERS

V1.2023

NO ONE IS ADOPTING THE KIDS WHO ARE HERE!

MYTH #1



ESTIMATED 930,160 U.S. ABORTIONS IN 2020

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

THERE WERE ONLY 79,161 ADOPTIONS IN 2020.

THESE STATS ARE FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ADOPTION WHICH REPORTS NATIONWIDE ADOPTION STATS EVERY FEW YEARS. THEY INCLUDE ALL PRIVATE DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS AS WELL AS THOSE OUT OF THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. SADLY, ONLY **1 PERCENT** OF UNMARRIED MOTHERS FACING AN UNPLANNED PREGNANCY MAKE A PLAN FOR ADOPTION.

IN 2020, THERE WERE 117,470 U.S. FOSTER CHILDREN AWAITING ADOPTION. NEARLY HALF (57,881) WERE ADOPTED.

OF THE 407,493 IN FOSTER CARE 107,333 (OR 26%) WERE REUNITED W/ BIOLOGICAL PARENT(S).

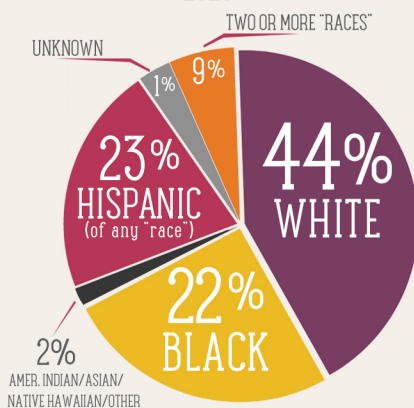
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MOST FOSTER CHILDREN ARE BLACK & NOBODY IS ADOPTING THEM.

MYTH #2

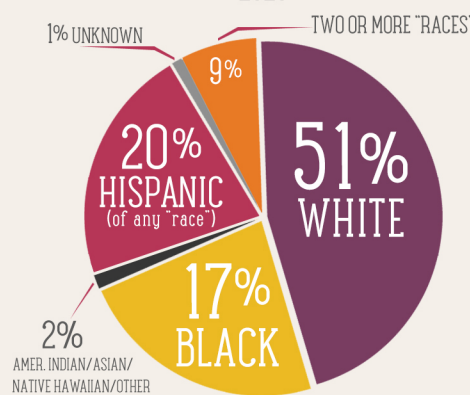
FOSTER CHILDREN AWAITING ADOPTION

2020



FOSTER CHILDREN ADOPTED

2020



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BLACK CHILDREN **ARE** DISPROPORTIONATELY REPRESENTED IN FOSTER CARE, MOSTLY DUE TO POVERTY, NEGLECT & FAILURE OF KINSHIP CARE ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE.

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 SUNG TO BY THEIR PARENTS COMPARED WITH **59%** OF THOSE IN GENERAL POPULATION

DATA SOURCE: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/report/adoption-usa-chartbook-based-2007-national-survey-adoptive-parents>



Sadly, there have been no comprehensive federal agency 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.