Full Reading List
History of Eugenics and Modern Effects
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Print means I found them in books or do not know if they are online and available for download. I also have not read all of the books on this list. In addition, I have marked academic articles as such.

History of American Eugenics and European Eugenics: Primers

- A History of Eugenics in the United States and Germany [PDF] by Kit Mead
- A Brief History of European and American Eugenics Movements (academic)
  - Compressed History of Eugenics (unfinished)
  - Part One,
  - Part Two,
  - Part Three
- Overview of Eugenics

Secondary American Eugenics Sources – Academic Print sources

- Better for All the World – Harry Bruinius
- Imbeciles: The Supreme Court, American Eugenics, and the Sterilization of Carrie Buck by Adam Cohen
- Eugenic Nation – Alexandra Minna Stern
- In the Name of Eugenics – Daniel J. Kevles
- War Against the Weak - Edwin Black
- Inheriting Shame: The Story of Eugenics and Racism in America – Steven Selden
- A Disability History of the United States, chapter “Three Generations of Imbeciles are Enough” – Kim E. Nielsen
- A Century of Eugenics: From the Indiana Experiment to the Human Genome Era – edited by Paul A. Lombardo
- “A Heritage of Ableist Rhetoric in American Feminism from the Eugenics Period,” in Feminist Disability Studies, essay by Sharon Lamp and W. Carol Cleigh
- Sterilized by the State: Eugenics, Race, and the Population Scare in Twentieth-Century North America by Randall Hansen & Desmond King
Secondary American Eugenics Sources – Non-Print Sources

- [Eugenics in All Fifty States](#)
- [Image Archive on the American Eugenics Movement](#)
- [Ensuring the rights of parents with disabilities](#), section “History of parenting rights in the disability community”
- [The Virginia Bureau of Vital Statistics’ role in targeting non-white people for sterilization](#)
- [Reproductive Rights and State Institutions: The Forced Sterilization of Minority Women in the United States](#) (academic)
- [A Eugenics Registry: The History of California’s Forced Sterilizations](#) (audio)
- [For the Public Good: The Shameful History of Eugenics in the United States](#)
- [The Hidden History of Eugenics: Fitter Families and the “Feebleminded”](#)
- [Sterilization’s Cruel Inheritance](#)
- [Disproportionality of Black individuals sterilized](#) (academic, quote from book)
- [When California Sterilized 20,000 of its Citizens](#)
- [The intent of eugenics intertwines with disability, including the “ugly laws”](#)
- [Forgotten African American Stories, Told in Comic Books](#) (the story of eugenics and Malaga Island, Maine)
- [ETSU faculty speaks on the forced sterilization of women of color](#)
- [Nikola Tesla and Eugenics](#)
- [It’s Time for California to Compensate Sterilization Patients](#)
- [Trove of data discovered on California’s eugenics history](#)
- [Henry Goddard and Intelligence testing](#) (quote from an academic article)
- [The Eugenics Movement in North Carolina](#)
- [Eugenics Movement in Indiana](#)
- [Sterilization, Racism and Pan-Ethnic Disparities of the Past Decade: The Continued Encroachment on Reproductive Rights](#) (academic)
- [Website on California eugenics](#)
- [American Philosophical Society image repository on American eugenics](#)
- [Eugenics, Jim Crow, and Baltimore’s Best](#) (article begins page four) (academic)
- [Rectifying a Wrong: American Eugenics – Beneficial to the State, but Detrimental to the People](#) (academic)
- [Bad Girls, Eugenics, and Samarcand Manor](#), on North Carolina eugenics
- [On Henry Goddard and coining the word “moron”](#)
- [The State of Eugenics – documentary on North Carolina eugenics and survivor’s efforts for compensation](#)
- [The Eugenics Crusade of Charles Fremont Dight](#) in Minnesota
- [Nurse in Virginia recalls forced sterilizations at Lynchburg institution](#)
- On the 1912 eugenics “Trait Book”
- The Forced Sterilization of Native American Women (overview); Article here (academic)
- The Black Stork: Eugenics Goes to the Movies
- Historians and the American Eugenics Movement
- Article on No Más Bebés, film on forced sterilization of Mexican immigrant women
- The inconvenient truth about David Starr Jordan, Indiana eugenicist
- Stanford University's history with eugenics

Primary American Eugenics Sources – Web

- Eugenics Record Office Archives

American Eugenics: 1927 Buck v. Bell U.S. Supreme Court case

- On Buck v. Bell, The Real Tragedy of Eugenics, and Adam Cohen's Imbeciles - Kit Mead for the Deaf Poets Society, disability literary journal (non-academic)
- Carrie E. Buck: Womanhood Beyond the System by Kit Mead, revision of 2014 college senior seminar (kind of academic but not as much as a journal article)
- The Legal Status of Eugenical Sterilization — Harry H. Laughlin (1930)
- Three Generations, No Imbeciles - Paul A. Lombardo
- Supreme Court Decision
- Buck v. Bell Documents at Georgia State University of Law
- The Supreme Court Ruling that Led to 70,000 Sterilizations
- All of Buck's papers can be found at the State Library of Virginia in Richmond.
- Buck v. Bell Highway Marker and Pictures of Central Virginia Training Center

Effects of Eugenics on the Modern Day, and is Eugenics Influencing Genomics and Genetics?

- A Century of Eugenics: From the Indiana Experiment to the Human Genome Era – edited by Paul A. Lombardo (academic)
- A History of Eugenics in the United States and Germany, section “Is Eugenics Still Here?”
- Behavior and Genetics, Part Two: Eugenics
- Forced sterilization continues today
- Mind your genes! The dark legacy of eugenics lives on
Screening sperm donors for autism? As an autistic person, I know that's the road to eugenics
Could genomics revive eugenics?
Keeping the Backdoor to Eugenics Ajar?: Disability and the Future of Prenatal Screening (academic)
Backdoor to Eugenics – The Risks of Prenatal Diagnosis for Poor, Black Women (academic)
Disability, Feminism, and Eugenics (conference paper)
We need to call some modern practices eugenics - and don't
How CRISPR gene editing could lead to “market-based eugenics”
Genetic rhetoric, disability, and human species modification (academic)
Precision Medicine and Advancing Genetic Technologies—Disability and Human Rights Perspectives (academic)
The Discussions around Precision Genetic Engineering: Role of and Impact on Disabled People (academic)
Will my disabled daughter have a place in this genetic wonderland?
The troubling persistence of eugenic thought in modern America
Eugenics are alive and well in the United States
What is Newgenics? (focused on Alberta and Canada)
Eugenics web category at Genetics and Society

Eugenics in Nazi Germany and occupied territories (all sources)

The Horrifying American Roots of Nazi Eugenics
Harry Laughlin’s model law they based theirs on
Remembering the Holocaust and the disabled who died in “Aktion T-4”
Germany to probe Nazi-era medical science
Eugenics and special education in the Czech lands during the Interwar Period: The beginning of segregation against disabled and Roma (academic)
The Nazi Connection – Stefan Kühl
Pride against Prejudice – Jenny Morris (discusses Nazi eugenics and is available for to read and/or download here)

Canadian Eugenics (all sources)

Institutional life in Alberta’s eugenic years (academic)
Sterilized by the State: Eugenics, Race, and the Population Scare in Twentieth-Century North America by Randall Hansen & Desmond King
Living archive on eugenics in Canada
- Beyond the Asylum: Professionalization and the Mental Hygiene Movement in Canada, 1914-1928* (academic)
- The Alberta Eugenics Movement and the 1937 Amendment to the Sexual Sterilization Act (academic)
- From Suffrage to Sterilization: Eugenics and the Women’s Movement in 20th Century Alberta (academic)
- Overview of eugenics in Alberta
- Who was targeted in Alberta’s eugenics programs
- Documentary with Leilani Muir and others sterilized in Alberta
- Interviews with disabled people’s experience with reproductive justice and/or eugenics in Alberta

Australian Eugenics (all sources)

- Eugenics Society of Victoria (academic)
- Eugenic Ideology and Racial Fitness in Queensland, 1900-1950 (academic)

Russian Eugenics (all sources)

- The Strength of a Loosely Defined Movement: Eugenics and Medicine in Imperial Russia (academic)

Mexican Eugenics (all sources)

- Dreaming of a cosmic race: José Vasconcelos and the politics of race in Mexico, 1920s–1930s (academic)

Other

- H-net Eugenics – site for academic research on eugenics, does include link roundups from around the web that are not academic