

Episode 9: Adoption Abolition

Before we get into this I want to talk about language we will be using on the show. Common terms people use like “birth mother” vs first mother first parent etc?

There is a narrative we are indoctrinated with in the US, that adoption is good and saves unwanted children. Counter with: financial coercion, no abortion or birth control access/education, manipulated by family/religious groups to give up child, and the actual stealing of children by family police and historically like with kidnappings of indigenous children by catholic so called orphanages where they not only sold children to white families for \$10 but also sexually abused the kidnapped children and loaned them out for abuse (thus ICWA “The Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 is a United States federal law that governs jurisdiction over the removal of American Indian children from their families in custody, foster care and adoption cases. It gives tribal governments exclusive jurisdiction over children who reside on, or are domiciled on a reservation”)

Harms of transracial adoption

Every stat I could find online says there are 2 million people waiting to adopt, which means 36 potential adopters for every one child available. This points to the gross transactional “supply and demand” nature of the adoption world.

Alternatives to adoption: Providing financial support and child care for parents, education and access to birth control and abortion, Kinship for when parents truly cannot, ?

Motives for gov to not do alternatives: wealthy white people want babies

Why It isnt anti-LGBTQ to be against adoption! Gay and trans people don’t get kidnapped children either its simple. We can learn to build families outside of the nuclear model.