WALLACE: What events—what emotions in your life, made Margaret Sanger a crusader for birth control?

SANGER: Well, Mr. Wallace, it’s hard to say that any one thing has made one do this or that. I think that from the very beginning—I came from a large family, my mother died young, eleven children, that made an impression on me as a child. I was a trained nurse, went among the people. I saw women, who asked to have some means whereby they wouldn’t have to have another pregnancy too early, after the last child, the last abortion, which many of them had. So there are numerous things that are, one after the other, that really made you feel that you had to do something.

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WALLACE: Now what’s wrong with that [the Catholic Church] position?

SANGER: Well, it’s very wrong, it’s not normal, it’s—it has the wrong attitude towards marriage, toward love, toward the relationships between men and women.

WALLACE: Well the natural law they say is that first of all the primary function of sex in marriage is to beget children. Do you disagree with that?

SANGER: I disagree with that a hundred percent.

WALLACE: Your feeling is what then?

SANGER: My feeling is that love and attraction between men and women, in many cases the very finest relationship has nothing to do with bearing a child. It’s secondary. Many, many times and we know that—you see your birth rates and you can talk to people who
have very happy marriages and they’re not having babies every year. Yes, I think that’s a celibate attitude…