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## Why US Birth Outcomes Are So Bad: The Role of Race and Racism



**April 11, 2024**

**7:00 pm**

**IN PERSON**

**The Freedom Plains United  
Presbyterian Church\*  
1168 Route 55, Lagrangeville, NY 12540**

**Presenter: Dr. Richard David**

- The United States, despite spending more money per capita on health care than any other country, has the highest infant mortality rate in the developed world.
- Our maternal mortality rate is not only high but has actually risen in recent years.
- What explains this seeming paradox in health outcomes?

The analyses discussed in this presentation go beyond individual "risk factors." Research over the past 40 years leads to a change in focus to social mechanisms. In the US context, "race" and racism are an essential area for study and offer insights into the health of both minority and majority populations.

Dr. Richard David is a professor of pediatrics at University of Illinois at Chicago. He is retired from his clinical work as a neonatologist at Stroger Hospital where he was the co-director of the neonatal intensive care unit. His research for over 40 years has focused on perinatal epidemiology and more specifically on the relation between social inequality – especially racism in its various forms – and birth outcomes. He currently teaches a course on racism and health at the UIC School of Public Health.

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