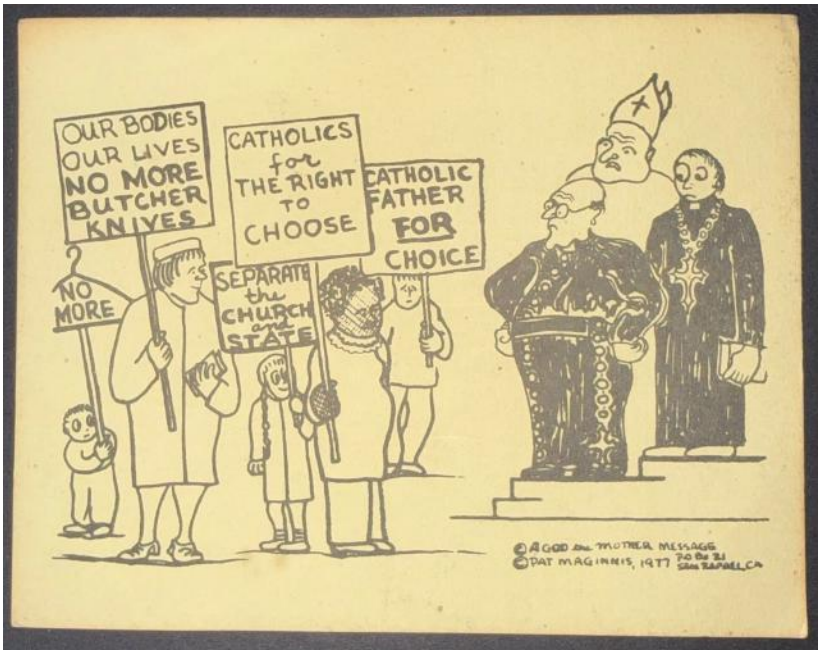
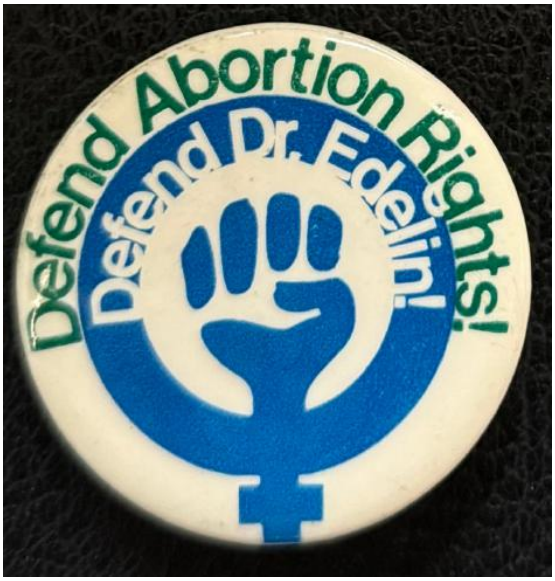
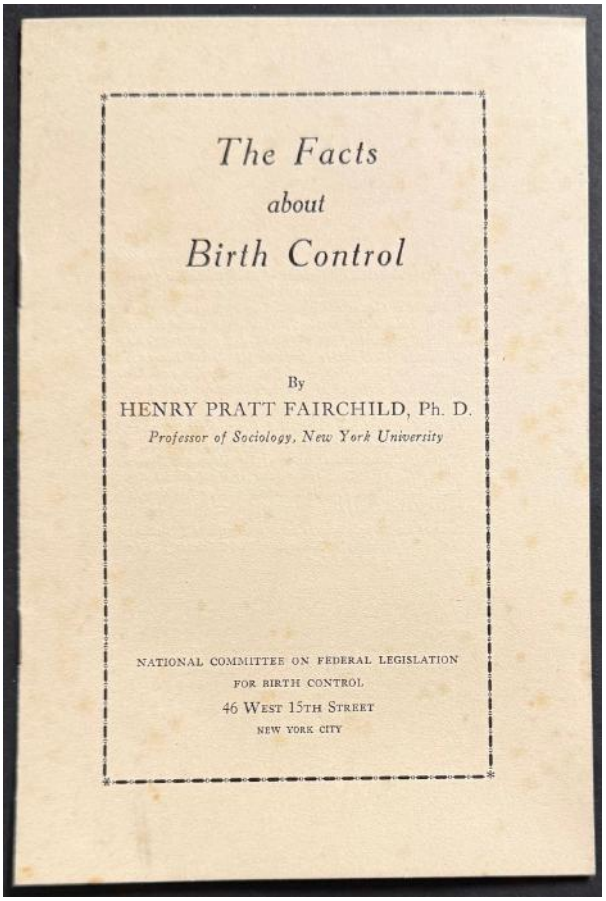
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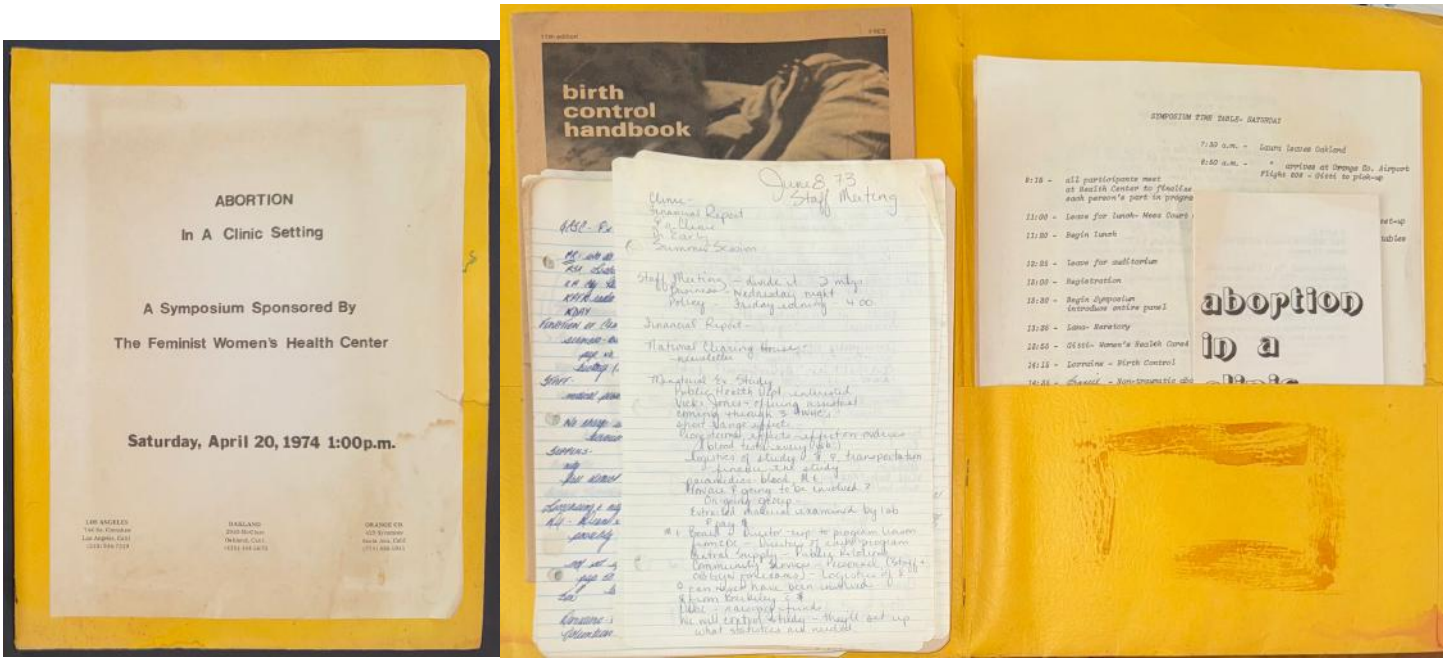

The Facts
about
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By
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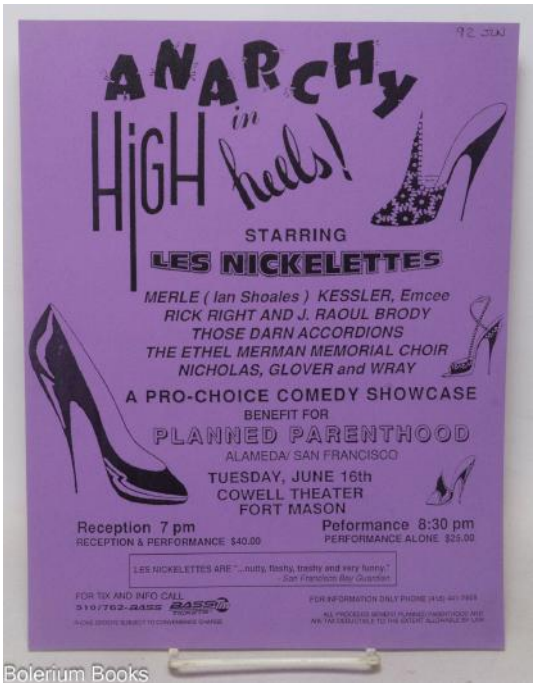
(Including some anti-choice literature).

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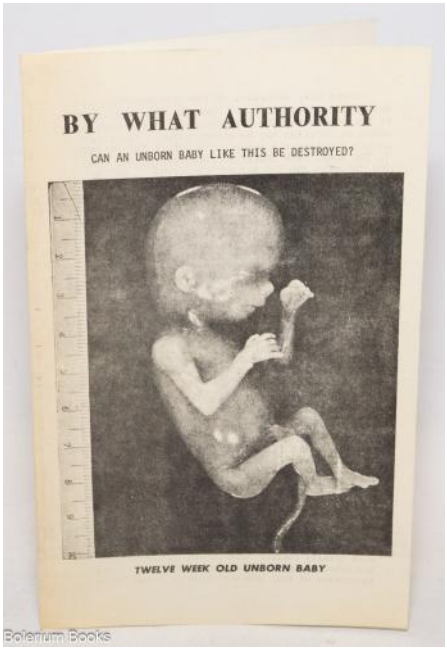


1. Abortion in a clinic setting [folder for symposium, with various contents]. n.p.: Feminist Women's Health Center, 1974. 9.5x12.5 inch folder, rather worn, containing a brochure for the symposium held in Orange County, CA, a single sheet timetable from the symposium, a leaflet from the Gay Community Services Center in Los Angeles announcing the opening of a VD clinic, a photocopied list of attorneys, an 11th printing of the Birth Control Handbook published by Medicine for the People, with distribution stamp of the Feminist Women's Health Center, and lastly but most interestingly, 43 pages of handwritten notes related to the operation of a women's health center and abortion clinic. These notes, in the handwriting of at least two different people, include a record of a staff meeting from June 1973 as well as overviews of what medications and equipment should be stocked, what sort of outreach is needed, etc. (#343501) $150.00

2. Anarchy in High Heels! Starring Les Nickelettes: Benefit For Planned Parenthood in Alameda and San Francisco [handbill]. [San Francisco, CA]: [n.p.], [1992]. 8.5x11 inch purple sheet, blank on verso; in very good condition. (#338454) $20.00

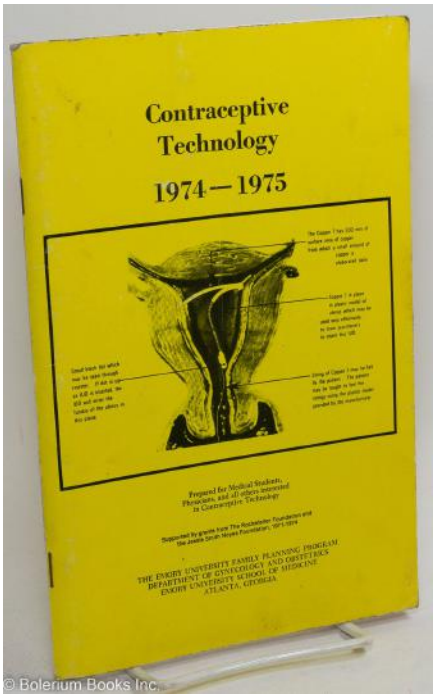


Les Nickelettes were a San Francisco feminist art troupe that formed in 1972. This advertises "a pro-choice comedy showcase" in June 1992, with all proceeds to benefit Planned Parenthood in the Bay area.

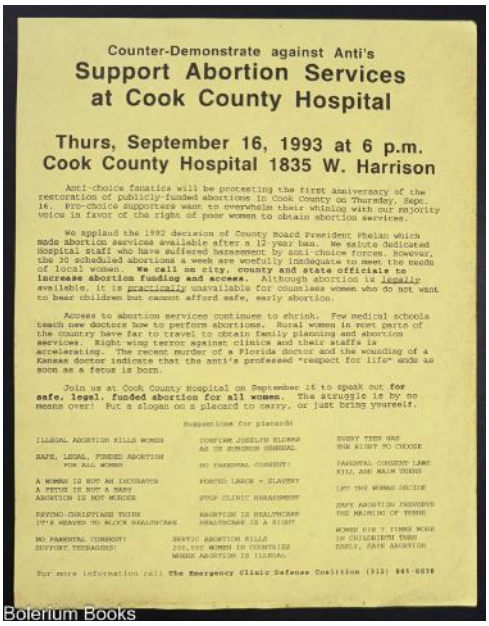


3. By what authority can an unborn baby like this be destroyed? n.p., n.d.. Four-panel brochure, 5.5x8.5 inches, undated but appears to be from 1970s. (#336517) $20.00

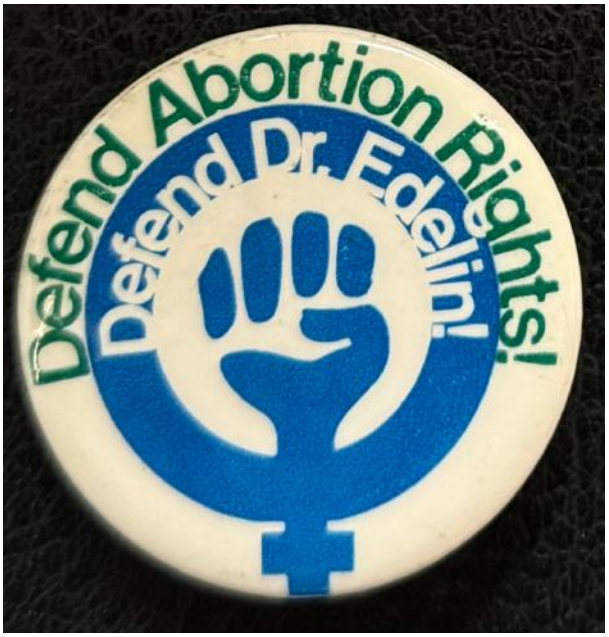
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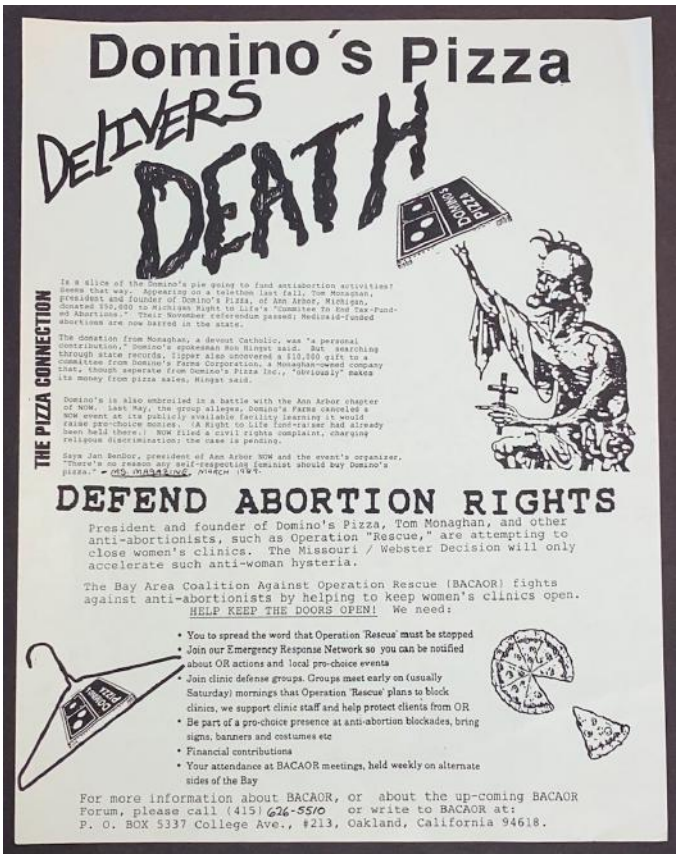
4. Contraceptive technology 1974-1975. Atlanta: The Emory University Family Planning Program, Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics, Emory University School of Medicine, c1975. [ii], 85p. + [i], 6x9 inches; illus., slightly soiled and edgeworn from handling, small stain on last page, touch of rust on staples, else in very good condition. (#289871) $45.00



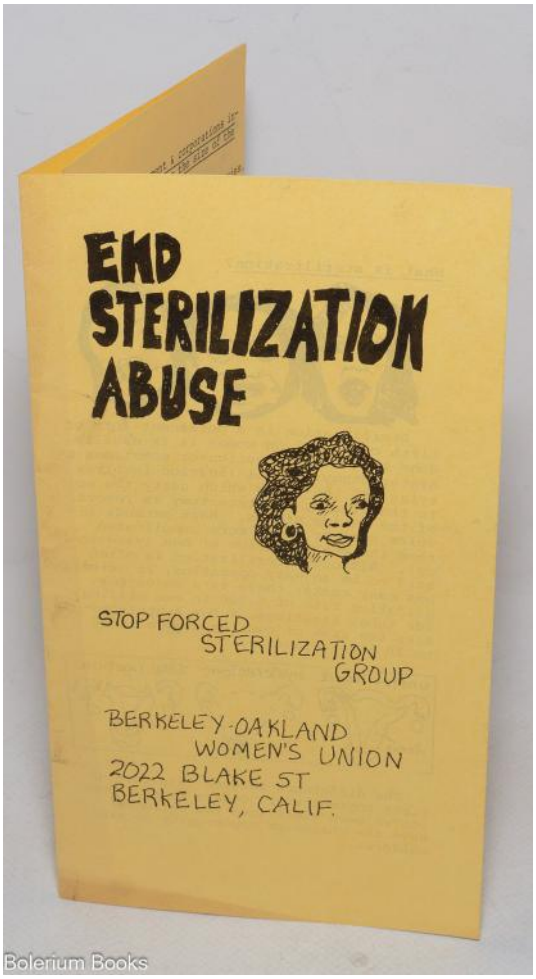
5. Counter-demonstration against Anti's. Support Abortion Services at Cook County Hospital [handbill]. Chicago: Emergency Clinic Defense Coalition, 1993. 8.5x11 inch handbill, very good. Includes a list of suggested slogans for placards. (#342938) $17.00



6. Defend Abortion Rights! / Defend Dr. Edelin! [pinback button]. n.p., [1975-?]. 1.75 inch pin, raised fist motif. (#333261) $50.00. Dr. Kenneth Edelin, an African American resident at Boston City Hospital, had performed an elective abortion on an unmarried 17-year-old girl who was six months pregnant. An all-white and almost entirely Catholic jury convicted him of manslaughter.



7. Domino's Pizza delivers death… Defend abortion rights [handbill]. Oakland, CA: Bay Area Coalition Against Operation Rescue (BACAOR), [1989]. 8.5x11 inch handbill, minor corner crease, otherwise very good. (#324797) $25.00
Cites donations by Tom Monaghan, the founder and president of the company, to anti-abortion causes. Asks the reader to join clinic defense groups.



8. End Sterilization Abuse. Berkeley: Stop Forced Sterilization Group, Berkeley-Oakland Women's Union, [c1970]. Six panel brochure, 4.75x8.5 inches, illus., very good condition. (#327001) $35.00

Discusses the disproportionate application of sterilization procedures to non-white women.



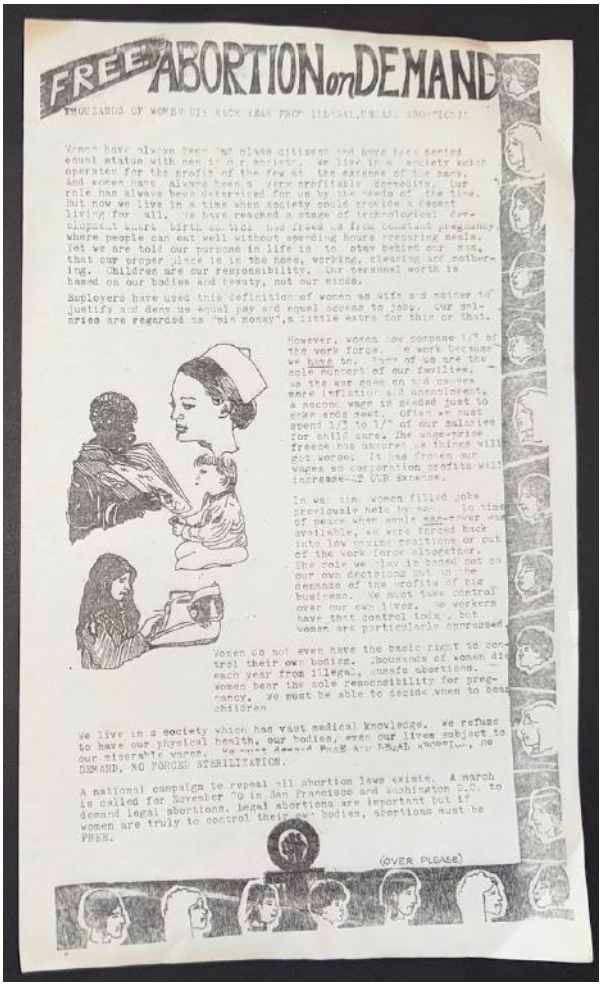
9. For safe and legal abortion / Stop Hyde / No forced sterilization [pinback button]. Cathedral Station, NY: CARASA (Coalition for Abortion Rights and Against Sterilization), [197-?]. 1.75 inch diameter pin, very good. (#343322) $20.00

CARASA is believed to have coined the term "reproductive rights." Possibly issued in 1977 during the debates over the Hyde Amendment in Congress (which restricted federal funding for abortions).



10. Free abortion on demand [handbill]. San Francisco: Free Abortion on Demand Caucus, [1971]. 8.5x14 inch handbill mimeographed both sides, folded so that cartoon strip is on the cover; minor edgewear, otherwise very good. (#343219) $45.00

Discusses challenges facing women seeking abortion, even after the repeal of legal bans.


FREE ABORTION on DEMAND

THOUSANDS OF WOMEN DIE EACH YEAR FROM ILLEGAL, UNSAFE ABORTIONS!

Women have always been 2nd class citizens and have been denied equal status with men in our society. We live in a society which operates for the profit of the few at the expense of the many. And women have always been a very profitable commodity. Our role has always been determined for us by the needs of the time. But now we live in a time when society could provide a decent living for all. We have reached a stage of technological development where birth control had freed us from constant pregnancy where people can eat well without spending hours preparing meals. Yet we are told our purpose in life is to stay behind our sink, that our proper place is in the home, working, cleaning and mothering. Children are our responsibility. Our personal worth is based on our bodies and beauty, not our minds.

Employers have used this definition of women as wife and mother to justify and deny us equal pay and equal access to jobs. Our salaries are regarded as "pin money", a little extra for this or that.

However, women now compose 1/3 of the work force. We work because we have to. Most of us are the sole support of our families. As the war goes on and causes more inflation and unemployment, a second wage is needed just to make ends meet. Often we must spend 1/2 to 3/4 of our salaries for child care. The wage-price freeze has assured us things will get worse. It has proven our wages go corporation profits will increase--12 CUE extreme.

In war time women filled jobs previously held by men. In time of peace when male man-power was available, we were forced back into low paying positions or out of the work force altogether. The role we play is based not on our own decisions but on the demands of the profits of big business. We must take control over our own lives. We workers have that control today, but women are particularly oppressed.

Women do not even have the basic right to control their own bodies. Thousands of women die each year from illegal, unsafe abortions. Women bear the sole responsibility for pregnancy. We must be able to decide when to bear children.

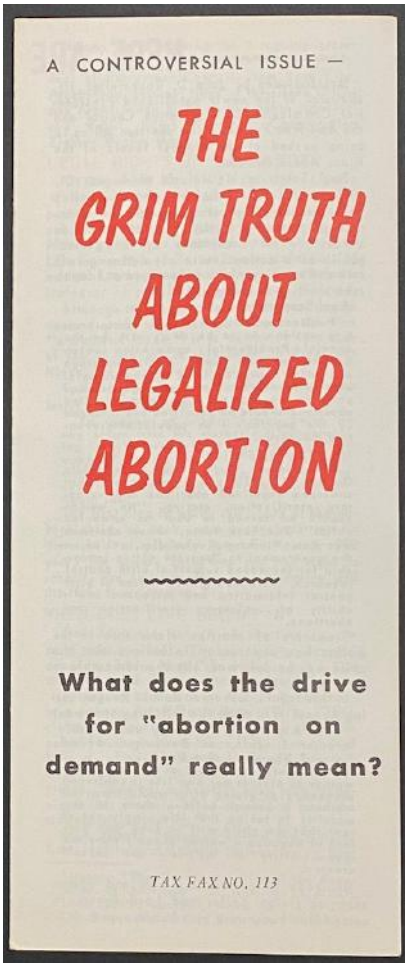
We live in a society which has vast medical knowledge. We refuse to have our physical health, our bodies, ever our lives subject to our miserable wages. We must demand FREE AND LEGAL ABORTION, ON DEMAND, NO FORCED STERILIZATION.

A national campaign to repeal all abortion laws exists. A march is called for November 70 in San Francisco and Washington D.C. to demand legal abortions. Legal abortions are important but if women are truly to control their own bodies, abortions must be FREE.

(OVER PLEASE)

11. Free abortion on demand: Thousands of women die each year from illegal, unsafe abortions! [handbill]. San Francisco: Free Abortion on Demand Contingent, [1971]. 8.5x14 inch handbill mimeographed both sides, some creasing across bottom and at upper right. Handwritten note on verso announces upcoming rally. (#343220) $45.00
Appeals for an end to all abortion laws, and announces a march in San Francisco and Washington DC on November 20.

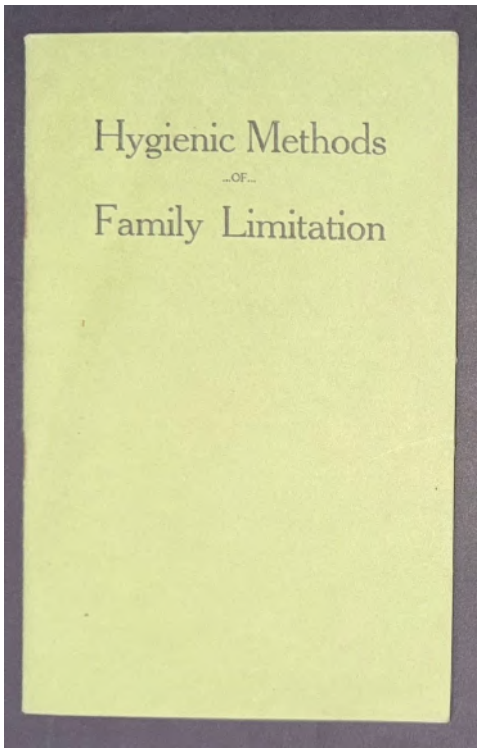
12. The Grim Truth About Legalized Abortion: What Does the Drive for "Abortion on Demand" Really Mean? New Orleans: Independent American, 1971. Eight-panel brochure, very good condition. Tax Fax No. 113. (#317853) $15.00
Argues that life begins at conception; discusses legal rights of the fetus.


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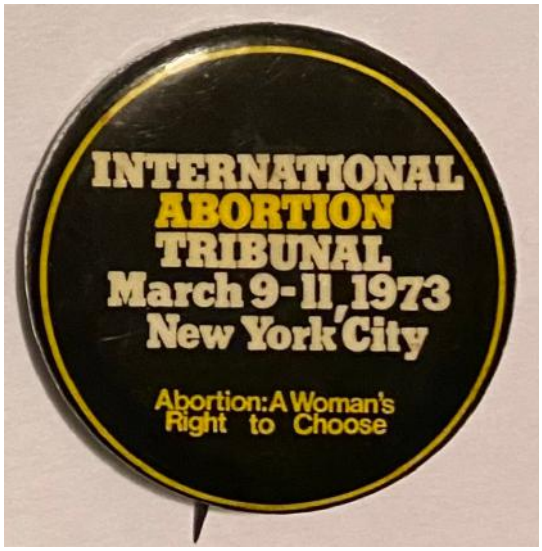
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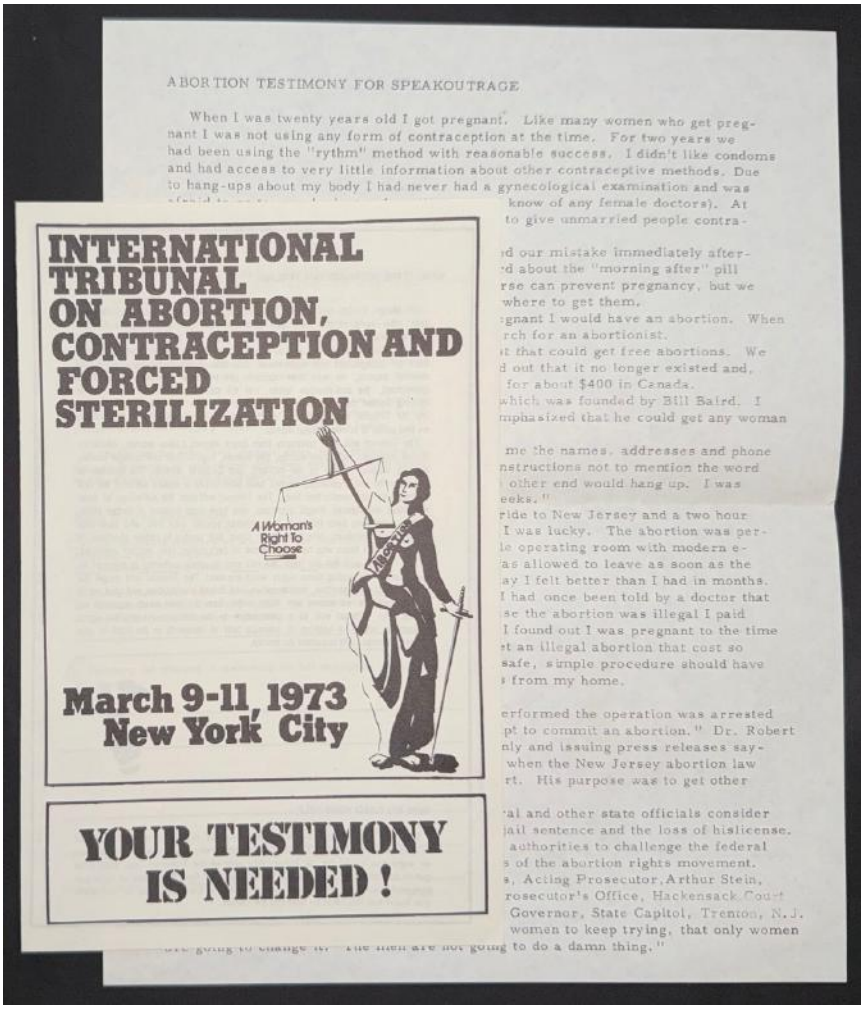
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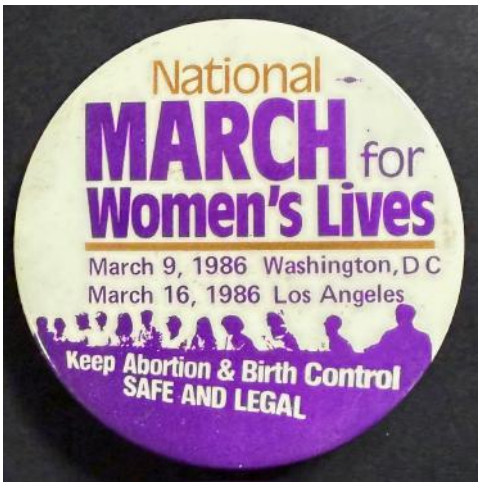
13. Hygienic methods of family limitation. n.p., n.d.. 34p. staplebound pamphlet, very good. Not found in OCLC as of January 2026.
Includes selections from the work of Margaret Sanger and from the Neo-Malthusean League of Holland. P. 26 begins a section on the "Magnetation method of birth control," which refers to the Karezza method of avoiding climax. The brief preface makes clear that the pamphlet only contains advice on birth control, not abortion. (#343206) $95.00


INTERNATIONAL ABORTION TRIBUNAL
March 9-11, 1973
New York City
Abortion: A Woman's Right to Choose

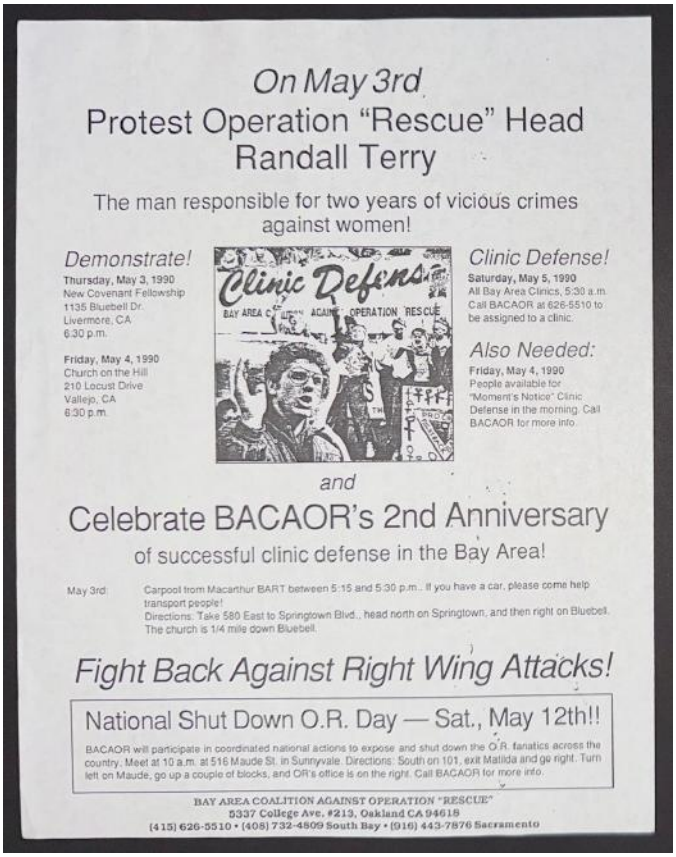
14. International Abortion Tribunal / March 9-11, 1973 New York City / Abortion: a woman's right to choose [pinback button]. New York: Committee for the International Tribunal, 1973. 1.75 inch diameter pin, very good. (#207333) $18.00
Produced the year that the US Supreme Court declared abortion legal.



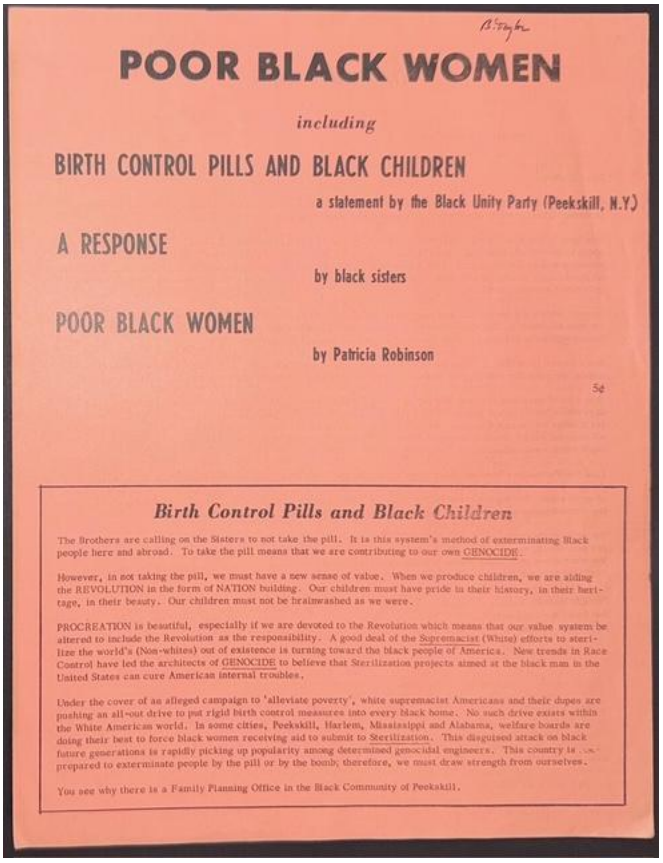
15. International Tribunal on Abortion, Contraception, and Forced Sterilization... Your testimony is needed! [with a mimeographed sheet of testimony]. New York: Committee for the International Tribunal, 1973. Four-panel brochure, 5.5x8.5 inches, very good; cover image of statue of Justice with scales and sword. Laid in is a single folded mimeographed sheet bearing testimony of an experience obtaining an illegal abortion, after which the doctor was arrested. (#343495) $95.00
Planning for the Tribunal began as the Supreme Court was considering Roe v. Wade. Asks the reader to consider offering personal, professional, or artistic testimony. The sheet that is laid in is headed "Abortion testimony for Speakoutrage," which appears to have been from 1972, but may have been considered for submission to this Tribunal.



16. National March for Women's Lives / March 9, 1986. Washington DC / March 16, 1986. Los Angeles. / Keep abortion and birth control safe and legal [pinback button]. Los Angeles: National Organization for Women, 1986. 2.25 inch diameter pin, very good. (#343319) $15.00



17. On May 3rd, protest Operation "Rescue" head Randall Terry [handbill]. Oakland, CA: Bay Area Coalition Against Operation Rescue (BACAOR), [1990]. 8.5x11 inch handbill, very good. (#343223) $25.00
Calls Terry "The man responsible for two years of vicious crimes against women." Celebrates two years of clinic defense by BACAOR.



POOR BLACK WOMEN

including

BIRTH CONTROL PILLS AND BLACK CHILDREN

a statement by the Black Unity Party (Peekskill, N.Y.)

A RESPONSE

by black sisters

POOR BLACK WOMEN

by Patricia Robinson

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Birth Control Pills and Black Children

The Brothers are calling on the Sisters to not take the pill. It is this system's method of exterminating Black people here and abroad. To take the pill means that we are contributing to our own GENOCIDE.

However, in not taking the pill, we must have a new sense of value. When we produce children, we are aiding the REVOLUTION in the form of NATION building. Our children must have pride in their history, in their heritage, in their beauty. Our children must not be brainwashed as we were.

PROCREATION is beautiful, especially if we are devoted to the Revolution which means that our value system be altered to include the Revolution as the responsibility. A good deal of the Supremacist (White) efforts to sterilize the world's (Non-whites) out of existence is turning toward the black people of America. New trends in Race Control have led the architects of GENOCIDE to believe that Sterilization projects aimed at the black man in the United States can cure American internal troubles.

Under the cover of an alleged campaign to 'alleviate poverty', white supremacist Americans and their dupes are pushing an all-out drive to put rigid birth control measures into every black home. No such drive exists within the White American world. In some cities, Peekskill, Harlem, Mississippi and Alabama, welfare boards are doing their best to force black women receiving aid to submit to Sterilization. This disguised attack on black future generations is rapidly picking up popularity among determined genocidal engineers. This country is ... prepared to exterminate people by the pill or by the bomb; therefore, we must draw strength from ourselves.

You see why there is a Family Planning Office in the Black Community of Peekskill.

18. Poor Black Women. Including Birth Control Pills and Black Children, a statement by the Black Unity Party (Peekskill, N.Y.); A Response, by Black Sisters; Poor Black Women, by Patricia Robinson. Boston: New England Free Press, [1968]. Four-panel brochure, 8.5x11 inches, name penned in corner, minor handling wear, very good. (#335175) $125.00

The first piece calls on Black women not to take birth control, calling it a form of genocide; the response from six named women cites reasons why women need to make decisions for themselves, and says that the form of Black Power advocated by the men of the Black Unity Party is "You on top!"



PREGNANT?

DON'T WANT TO BE?

NEED HELP?

FREE

BIRTH CONTROL COUNSELING

ABORTION REFERRAL

CALL FROM NOON TO 12 AM

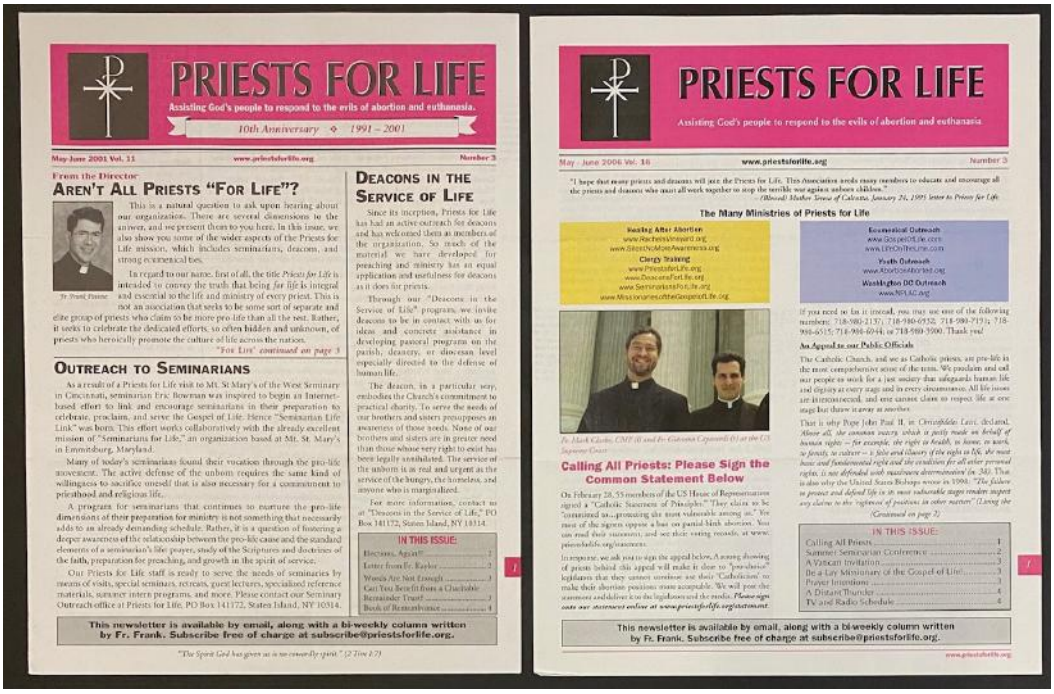
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women's abortion referral service

19. Pregnant? Don't want to be? Need help? Free birth control counseling. Abortion referral [sticker advertising Women's Abortion Referral Service]. [San Francisco]: Women's Abortion Referral Service, [1973]. 5.25x4.25 inch gummed label, intended to be posted in public places to draw attention to the service. Corner crease, otherwise very good. (#343494) $75.00

Newspaper ads from 1973 show this hotline listed as a service of the Feminist Women's Health Center.



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From the Director

AREN'T ALL PRIESTS "FOR LIFE"?

Fr. Frank Pavone

This is a natural question to ask upon hearing about our organization. There are several dimensions to the answer, and we present them to you here. In this issue, we also show you some of the wider aspects of the Priests for Life mission, which includes seminarians, deacons, and strong ecumenical ties.

In regard to our name, first of all, the title *Priests for Life* is intended to convey the truth that being for life is integral and essential to the life and ministry of every priest. This is not an association that seeks to be some sort of separate and elite group of priests who claim to be more pro-life than all the rest. Rather, it seeks to celebrate the dedicated efforts, so often hidden and unknown, of priests who heroically promote the culture of life across the nation.

"For Life" *continued on page 3*

OUTREACH TO SEMINARIANS

As a result of a Priests for Life visit to Mt. St Mary's of the West Seminary in Cincinnati, seminarian Eric Bowman was inspired to begin an Internet-based effort to link and encourage seminarians in their preparation to celebrate, proclaim, and serve the Gospel of Life. Hence "Seminarian Life Link" was born. This effort works collaboratively with the already excellent mission of "Seminarians for Life," an organization based at Mt. St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Many of today's seminarians found their vocation through the pro-life movement. The active defense of the unborn requires the same kind of willingness to sacrifice oneself that is also necessary for a commitment to priesthood and religious life.

A program for seminarians that continues to nurture the pro-life dimensions of their preparation for ministry is not something that necessarily adds to an already demanding schedule. Rather, it is a question of fostering a deeper awareness of the relationship between the pro-life cause and the standard elements of a seminarian's life: prayer, study of the Scriptures and doctrines of the faith, preparation for preaching, and growth in the spirit of service.

Our Priests for Life staff is ready to serve the needs of seminaries by means of visits, special seminars, retreats, guest lectures, specialized reference materials, summer intern programs, and more. Please contact our Seminary Outreach office at Priests for Life, PO Box 141172, Staten Island, NY 10314.

DEACONS IN THE SERVICE OF LIFE

Since its inception, Priests for Life has had an active outreach for deacons and has welcomed them as members of the organization. So much of the material we have developed for preaching and ministry has an equal application and usefulness for deacons as it does for priests.

Through our "Deacons in the Service of Life" program, we invite deacons to be in contact with us for ideas and concrete assistance in developing pastoral programs on the parish, deanery, or diocesan level especially directed to the defense of human life.

The deacon, in a particular way, embodies the Church's commitment to practical charity. To serve the needs of our brothers and sisters presupposes an awareness of those needs. None of our brothers and sisters are in greater need than those whose very right to exist has been legally annihilated. The service of the unborn is as real and urgent as the service of the hungry, the homeless, and anyone who is marginalized.

For more information, contact us at "Deacons in the Service of Life," PO Box 141172, Staten Island, NY 10314.

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"The Spirit God has given us is no cowardly spirit." (2 Tim 1:7)

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"I hope that many priests and deacons will join the Priests for Life. This Association needs many members to educate and encourage all the priests and deacons who must all work together to stop the terrible war against unborn children."

(Blessed) Mother Teresa of Calcutta, January 26, 1995 letter to Priests for Life

The Many Ministries of Priests for Life

Healing After Abortion
www.RachelsVineyard.org
www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org

Clergy Training
www.PriestsForLife.org
www.DeaconsForLife.org
www.SeminariansforLife.org
www.MinistriesoftheGospelofLife.org

Ecumenical Outreach
www.ProLifeCare.com
www.LifeOnTheLine.com

Youth Outreach
www.AbortionMarket.org

Washington DC Outreach
www.NPLAC.org

If you need to fax it instead, you may use one of the following numbers: 718-980-2137; 718-980-0552; 718-980-7191; 718-980-6515; 718-980-6044; or 718-980-3900. Thank you!

An Appeal to our Public Officials

The Catholic Church, and we as Catholic priests, are pro-life in the most comprehensive sense of the term. We proclaim and call our people to work for a just society that safeguards human life and dignity at every stage and in every circumstance. All life issues are interconnected, and error cannot claim to respect life at one stage but throw it away at another.

That is why Pope John Paul II, in *Christifideles Laici*, declared, *Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights – for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture – is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination (n. 38).* That is also why the United States Bishops wrote in 1998, *"The failure to protect and defend life is the most vulnerable stage renders suspect any claims to the 'rightness' of positions in other matters" (Living the*

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Fr. Mark Clarke, CMF (l) and Fr. Gabriele Cesaroni (r) at the US Supreme Court

Calling All Priests: Please Sign the Common Statement Below

On February 28, 55 members of the US House of Representatives signed a "Catholic Statement of Principles." They claim to be "committed to...protecting the most vulnerable among us." Yet most of the signers oppose a ban on partial-birth abortion. You can read their statement, and see their voting records, at www.priestsforlife.org/statement.

In response, we ask you to sign the appeal below. A strong showing of priests behind this appeal will make it clear to "pro-choice" legislators that they cannot somehow use their "Catholicism" to make their abortion positions more acceptable. We will post the statement and deliver it to the legislators and the media. *Please sign soon our statement online at www.priestsforlife.org/statement.*

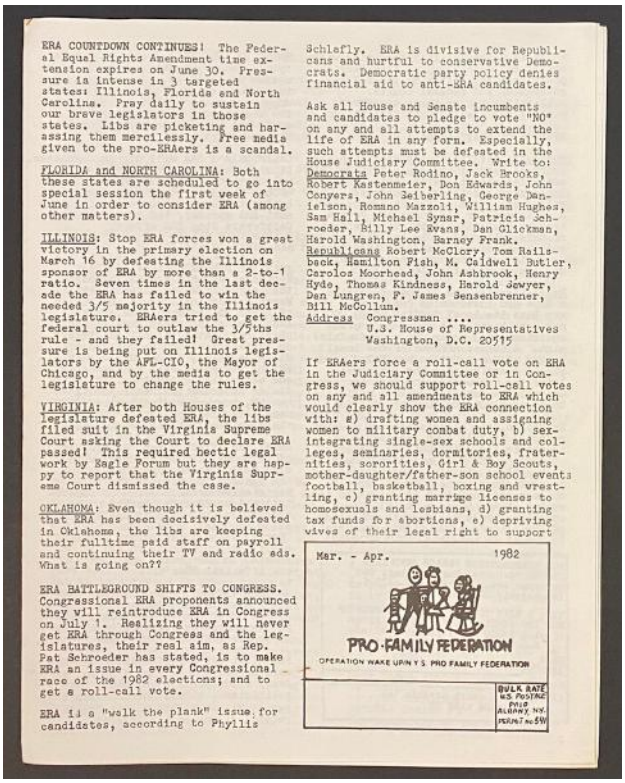
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20. Priests for Life: Assisting God's people to respond to the evils of abortion and euthanasia [two issues of the newsletter]. Staten Island, NY: Priests for Life, 2001, 2006. Two issues of the four-page, 8.5x11 inch newsletter; vol. 11 no. 3 and vol. 16 no. 3. (#302217) $20.00



ERA COUNTDOWN CONTINUES! The Federal Equal Rights Amendment time extension expires on June 30. Pressure is intense in 3 targeted states: Illinois, Florida and North Carolina. Pray daily to sustain our brave legislators in those states. Libs are picketing and harassing them mercilessly. Free media given to the pro-ERAers is a scandal.

FLORIDA and NORTH CAROLINA: Both these states are scheduled to go into special session the first week of June in order to consider ERA (among other matters).

ILLINOIS: Stop ERA forces won a great victory in the primary election on March 16 by defeating the Illinois sponsor of ERA by more than a 2-to-1 ratio. Seven times in the last decade the ERA has failed to win the needed 3/5 majority in the Illinois legislature. ERAers tried to get the federal court to outlaw the 3/5ths rule - and they failed! Great pressure is being put on Illinois legislators by the AFL-CIO, the Mayor of Chicago, and by the media to get the legislature to change the rules.

VIRGINIA: After both Houses of the legislature defeated ERA, the libs filed suit in the Virginia Supreme Court asking the Court to declare ERA passed! This required hectic legal work by Eagle Forum but they are happy to report that the Virginia Supreme Court dismissed the case.

OKLAHOMA: Even though it is believed that ERA has been decisively defeated in Oklahoma, the libs are keeping their fulltime paid staff on payroll and continuing their TV and radio ads. What is going on??

ERA BATTLEGROUND SHIFTS TO CONGRESS. Congressional ERA proponents announced they will reintroduce ERA in Congress on July 1. Realizing they will never get ERA through Congress and the legislatures, their real aim, as Rep. Pat Schroeder has stated, is to make ERA an issue in every Congressional race of the 1982 elections; and to get a roll-call vote.

ERA is a "walk the plank" issue for candidates, according to Phyllis Schlafly. ERA is divisive for Republicans and hurtful to conservative Democrats. Democratic party policy denies financial aid to anti-ERA candidates.

Ask all House and Senate incumbents and candidates to pledge to vote "NO" on any and all attempts to extend the life of ERA in any form. Especially, such attempts must be defeated in the House Judiciary Committee. Write to: Democrats Peter Rodino, Jack Brooks, Robert Kastenmeier, Don Edwards, John Conyers, John Seiberling, George Danielson, Romano Mazzoli, William Hughes, Sam Hall, Michael Synar, Patricia Schroeder, Billy Lee Evans, Dan Glickman, Harold Washington, Barney Frank. Republicans Robert McClory, Tom Railsback, Hamilton Fish, M. Caldwell Butler, Carolos Moorhead, John Ashbrook, Henry Hyde, Thomas Kindness, Harold Sawyer, Dan Lungren, F. James Sensenbrenner, Bill McCollum.

Address Congressman ....
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

If ERAers force a roll-call vote on ERA in the Judiciary Committee or in Congress, we should support roll-call votes on any and all amendments to ERA which would clearly show the ERA connection with: a) drafting women and assigning women to military combat duty, b) sex-integrating single-sex schools and colleges, seminaries, dormitories, fraternities, sororities, Girl & Boy Scouts, mother-daughter/father-son school events football, basketball, boxing and wrestling, c) granting marriage licenses to homosexuals and lesbians, d) granting tax funds for abortions, e) depriving wives of their legal right to support

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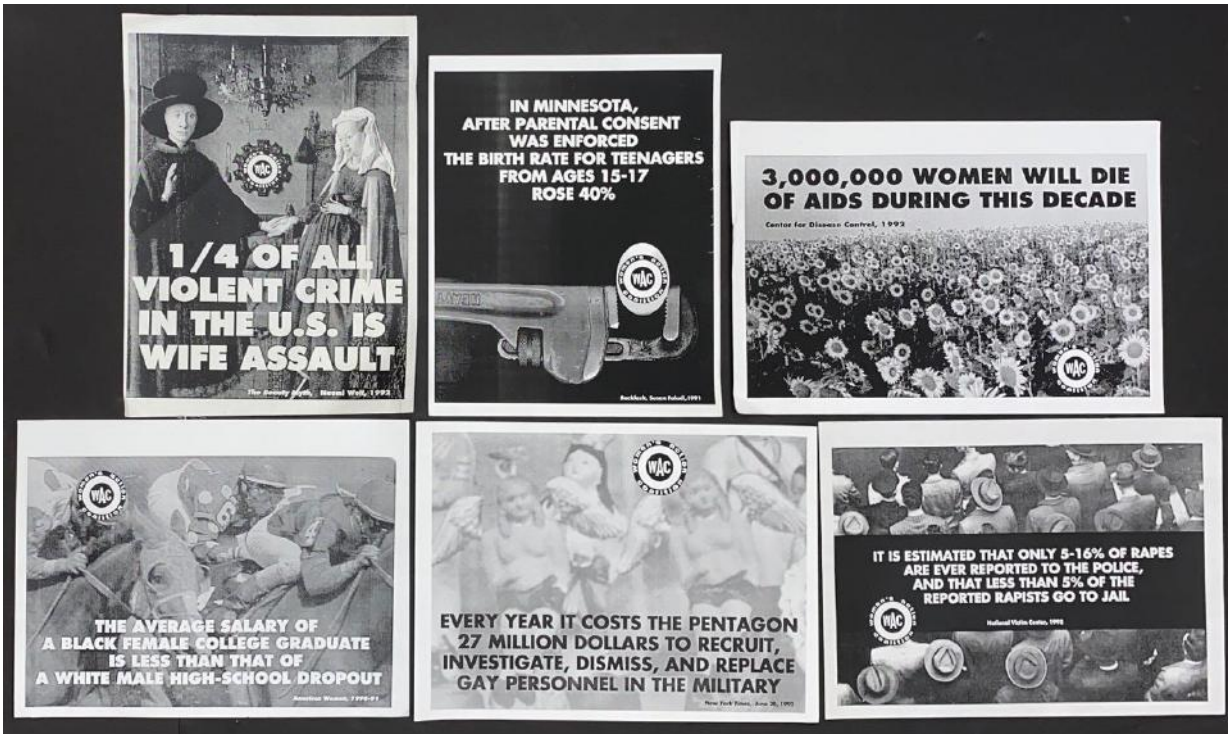
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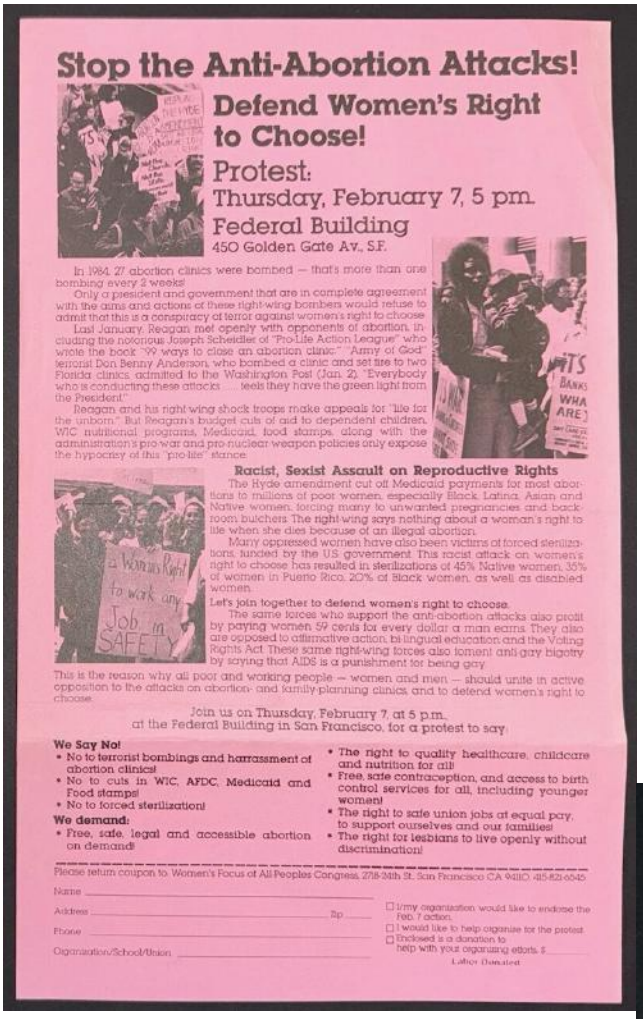
21. Pro-Family Federation. (March-April 1982). Albany, NY: Operation Wake Up Inc., 1982. 8p. newsletter, 8.5x11 inches, very good. (#302216) $25.00
Articles about anti-ERA, anti-abortion activism, a pressure campaign to stop television from "discriminating" against Christians, etc.



22. Sisterhood is Powerful. Teach-in. August 26. Fifty two years after the vote: Where are women now? San Francisco: Women's Abortion Coalition, 1972. Four-panel brochure, 5.5x8.5 inches, very good. (#321090) $18.00. Announcement of lectures and panel discussions.

23. [Six different posters from the Women's Action Coalition]. [San Francisco]: Women's Action Coalition, [1992-1993]. Six photoreproduced posters, of varying size but generally in the 11x15 inch range, very good condition. Inspired by ACT UP! and other direct action groups, WAC produced these cheaply for guerrilla postering. Undated, but the high point of WAC action was late 1992 through the following year. (#328143) $400.00
Themes include violence against women, abortion rights, the impact of AIDS, the expense of expelling gay members of the armed forces, and differential salaries.





Stop the Anti-Abortion Attacks!

Defend Women's Right to Choose!

Protest:
Thursday, February 7, 5 pm.
Federal Building
450 Golden Gate Av., S.F.

In 1984, 27 abortion clinics were bombed — that's more than one bombing every 2 weeks!

Only a president and government that are in complete agreement with the aims and actions of these right-wing bombers would refuse to admit that this is a conspiracy of terror against women's right to choose.

Last January, Reagan met openly with opponents of abortion, including the notorious Joseph Scheidler of "Pro-Life Action League" who wrote the book "99 ways to close an abortion clinic." "Army of God" terrorist Don Benny Anderson, who bombed a clinic and set fire to two Florida clinics, admitted to the Washington Post (Jan. 2), "Everybody who is conducting these attacks ... feels they have the green light from the President."

Reagan and his right-wing shock troops make appeals for "life for the unborn." But Reagan's budget cuts of aid to dependent children, WIC nutritional programs, Medicaid, food stamps, along with the administration's pro-war and pro-nuclear weapon policies only expose the hypocrisy of this "pro-life" stance.

Racist, Sexist Assault on Reproductive Rights

The Hyde amendment cut off Medicaid payments for most abortions to millions of poor women, especially Black, Latina, Asian and Native women, forcing many to unwanted pregnancies and back-room butchers. The right-wing says nothing about a woman's right to life when she dies because of an illegal abortion.

Many oppressed women have also been victims of forced sterilizations, funded by the U.S. government. This racist attack on women's right to choose has resulted in sterilizations of 45% Native women, 35% of women in Puerto Rico, 20% of Black women, as well as disabled women.

Let's join together to defend women's right to choose.

The same forces who support the anti-abortion attacks also profit by paying women 59 cents for every dollar a man earns. They also are opposed to affirmative action, bi-lingual education and the Voting Rights Act. These same right-wing forces also foment anti-gay bigotry by saying that AIDS is a punishment for being gay.

This is the reason why all poor and working people — women and men — should unite in active opposition to the attacks on abortion and family-planning clinics and to defend women's right to choose.

Join us on Thursday, February 7, at 5 p.m.
at the Federal Building in San Francisco, for a protest to say:

We Say No!
- No to terrorist bombings and harrassment of abortion clinics!
- No to cuts in WIC, AFDC, Medicaid and Food stamps!
- No to forced sterilization!

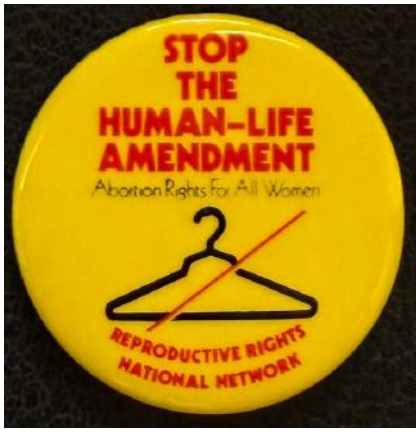
We demand:
- Free, safe, legal and accessible abortion on demand!
- The right to quality healthcare, childcare and nutrition for all!
- Free, safe contraception, and access to birth control services for all, including younger women!
- The right to safe union jobs at equal pay, to support ourselves and our families!
- The right for lesbians to live openly without discrimination!

Please return coupon to: Women's Focus of All Peoples Congress, 2758-24th St. San Francisco CA 94110. 415-821-6545

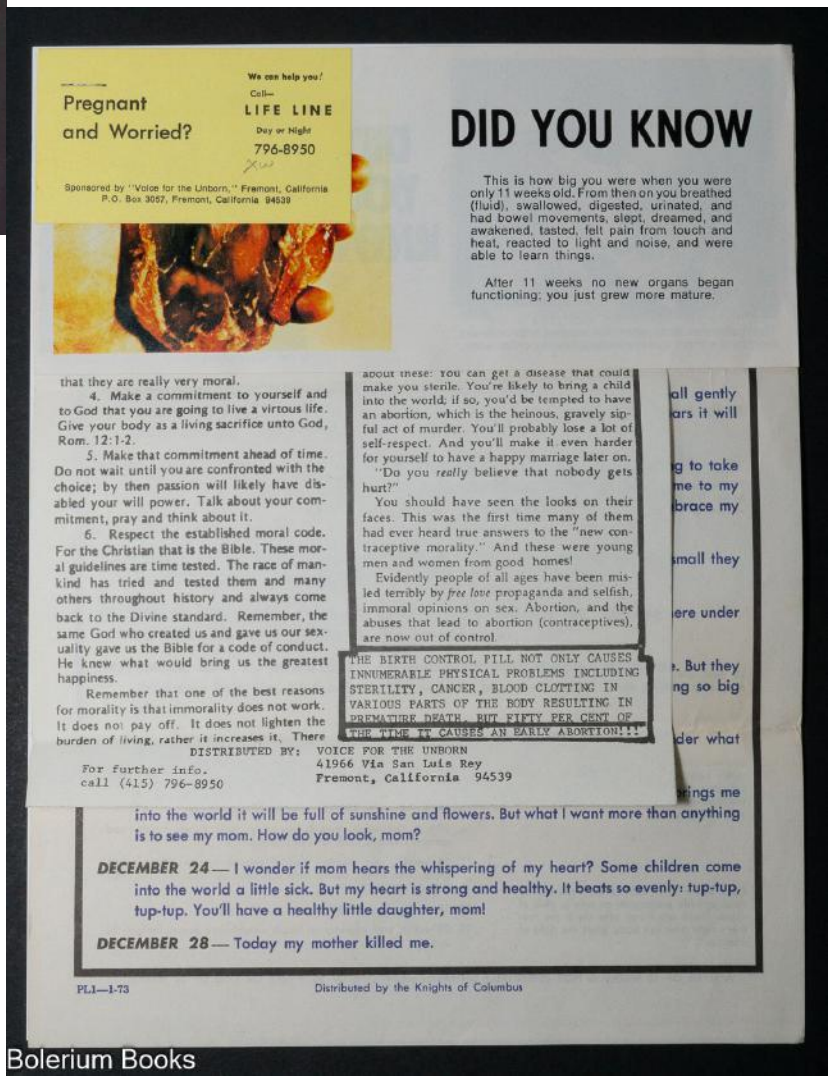
Name _____
Address _____ Zip _____
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☐ I/my organization would like to endorse the Feb. 7 action.
☐ I would like to help organize for the protest
☐ Enclosed is a donation to help with your organizing efforts. $_____
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24. Stop the anti-abortion attacks! Defend women's right to choose! [handbill]. San Francisco: Women's Focus of All-People's Congress, [1985]. 8.5x14 inch handbill, horizontal fold, otherwise very good. (#343221) $35.00
Argues that under Reagan there has been a "racist, sexist assault on reproductive rights," and calls on the recipient to join a protest at the Federal Building.



25. Stop the Human-Life Amendment / Abortion rights for all women [pinback button]. New York: Reproductive Rights National Network; mfg. by NG Slater, [1979-?]. 1.75 inch diameter pin, very good; possibly a reference to the Hyde amendment. (#237645) $15.00
There were several versions of the HLA over the years.



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After 11 weeks no new organs began functioning; you just grew more mature.

that they are really very moral.

4. Make a commitment to yourself and to God that you are going to live a virtous life. Give your body as a living sacrifice unto God, Rom. 12:1-2.

5. Make that commitment ahead of time. Do not wait until you are confronted with the choice; by then passion will likely have disabled your will power. Talk about your commitment, pray and think about it.

6. Respect the established moral code. For the Christian that is the Bible. These moral guidelines are time tested. The race of mankind has tried and tested them and many others throughout history and always come back to the Divine standard. Remember, the same God who created us and gave us our sexuality gave us the Bible for a code of conduct. He knew what would bring us the greatest happiness.

Remember that one of the best reasons for morality is that immorality does not work. It does not pay off. It does not lighten the burden of living, rather it increases it. There

about these: You can get a disease that could make you sterile. You're likely to bring a child into the world; if so, you'd be tempted to have an abortion, which is the heinous, gravely sinful act of murder. You'll probably lose a lot of self-respect. And you'll make it even harder for yourself to have a happy marriage later on.

"Do you *really* believe that nobody gets hurt?"

You should have seen the looks on their faces. This was the first time many of them had ever heard true answers to the "new contraceptive morality." And these were young men and women from good homes!

Evidently people of all ages have been misled terribly by *free love* propaganda and selfish, immoral opinions on sex. Abortion, and the abuses that lead to abortion (contraceptives), are now out of control.

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into the world it will be full of sunshine and flowers. But what I want more than anything is to see my mom. How do you look, mom?

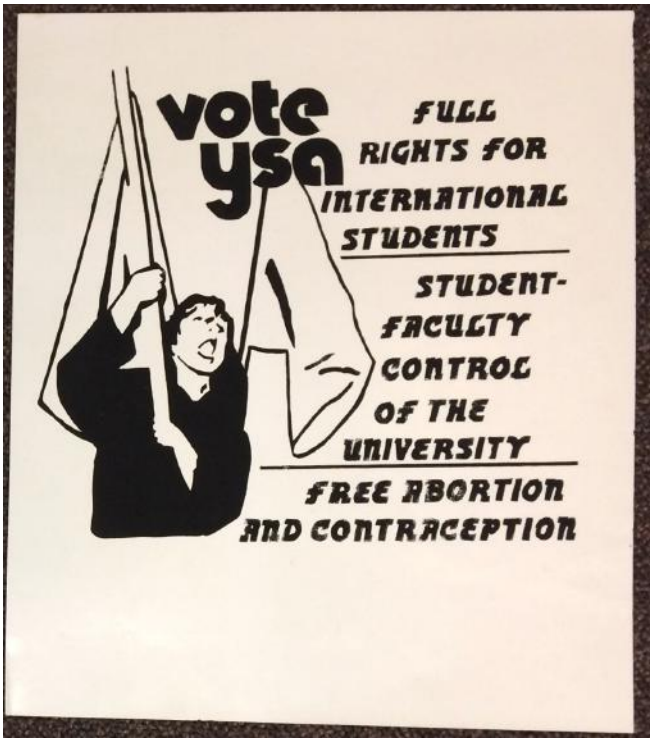
DECEMBER 24 — I wonder if mom hears the whispering of my heart? Some children come into the world a little sick. But my heart is strong and healthy. It beats so evenly: tup-tup, tup-tup. You'll have a healthy little daughter, mom!

DECEMBER 28 — Today my mother killed me.

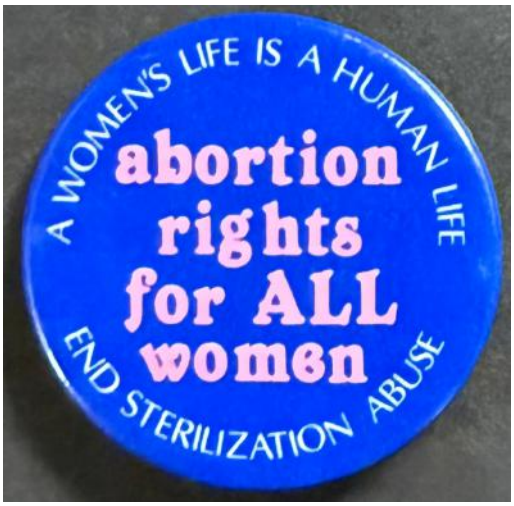
PLI—1-73 Distributed by the Knights of Columbus

26. [Voice for the Unborn anti-abortion materials]. [Fremont, CA]: Voice for the Unborn, [date of publication not identified]. 8.5x11 inch sheet + 8.5x7 inch sheet + 3.5x8.5 inch oblong brochure + business card, stapled at upper left corner, illustrations. Folded for mailing. Very Good. (#341611) $50.00
Four documents assembled and distributed by the Fremont, CA-based anti-abortion group Voice for the Unborn. The materials allege that life begins at conception and include a handbill from the Knights of Columbus written in the voice of a fetus, a smaller handbill alleging that birth control pills are immoral and cause abortions, a brochure with graphic illustrations of aborted fetuses, and a business card with a phone number to call for pregnant people to avoid abortions.

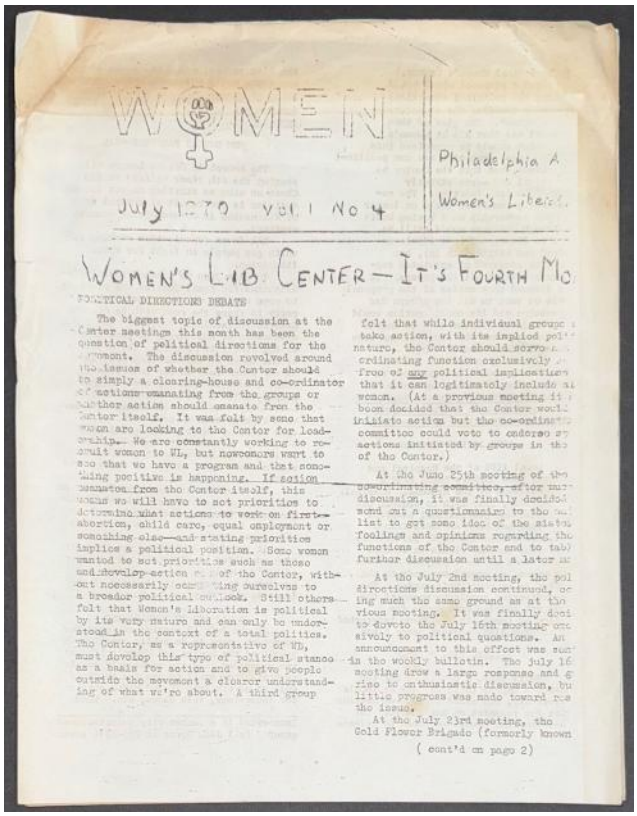
Bolerium Books



27. Vote YSA / Full rights for international students / Student-faculty control of the university / Free abortion and contraception [poster]. [Berkeley]: Young Socialist Alliance, [197-]. Silkscreened 17x20 inch poster, somewhat stiff poster board, minor edgewear. (#243917) $95.00



28. A woman's life is a human life / Abortion rights for all women / End sterilization abuse [pinback button]. New Vernon, NJ: Donnelly / Colt, 1981. 1.5 inch diameter pin, very good. (#343318) $15.00


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POLITICAL DIRECTIONS DEBATE

The biggest topic of discussion at the Center meetings this month has been the question of political directions for the movement. The discussion revolved around the issues of whether the Center should be simply a clearing-house and co-ordinator of actions emanating from the groups or whether action should emanate from the Center itself. It was felt by some that women are looking to the Center for leadership. We are constantly working to recruit women to WL, but newcomers want to see that we have a program and that something positive is happening. If action emanates from the Center itself, this means we will have to set priorities to determine what actions to work on first—abortion, child care, equal employment or something else—and stating priorities implies a political position. Some women wanted to set priorities such as these and develop action out of the Center, without necessarily committing ourselves to a broader political outlook. Still others felt that Women's Liberation is political by its very nature and can only be understood in the context of a total politics. The Center, as a representative of WL, must develop this type of political stance as a basis for action and to give people outside the movement a clearer understanding of what we're about. A third group felt that while individual groups take action, with its implied political nature, the Center should serve as a coordinating function exclusively free of any political implications that it can legitimately include as women. (At a previous meeting it was decided that the Center would initiate action but the co-ordinating committee could vote to endorse or sanction actions initiated by groups in the Center.)

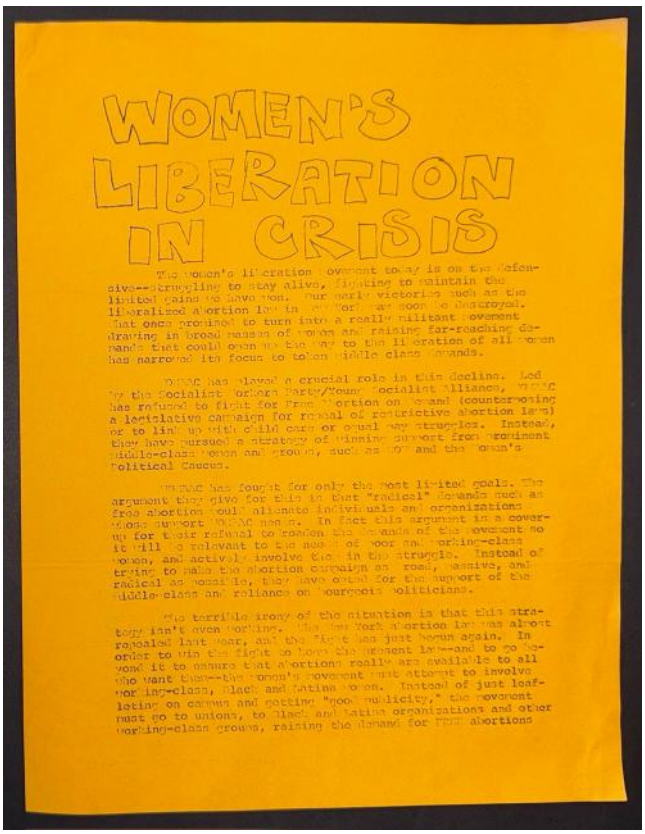
At the June 25th meeting of the coordinating committee, after much discussion, it was finally decided to send out a questionnaire to the mailing list to get some idea of the sisters' feelings and opinions regarding the functions of the Center and to table further discussion until a later date.

At the July 2nd meeting, the political directions discussion continued, covering much the same ground as at the previous meeting. It was finally decided to devote the July 16th meeting exclusively to political questions. An announcement to this effect was sent in the weekly bulletin. The July 16th meeting drew a large response and gave rise to enthusiastic discussion, but little progress was made toward the issue.

At the July 23rd meeting, the Gold Flower Brigade (formerly known

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29. Women. Vol. 1 no. 4 (July, 1970). Philadelphia, PA: Philadelphia Area Women's Liberation, 1970. 13p. 8.5x11 inch mimeographed newsletter, first page separated but still present, some creasing and uneven toning. (#333536) $25.00
Includes discussion of upcoming meetings, regional events, etc. An article notes the availability of legal abortions at a local center for $350.


WOMEN'S LIBERATION IN CRISIS

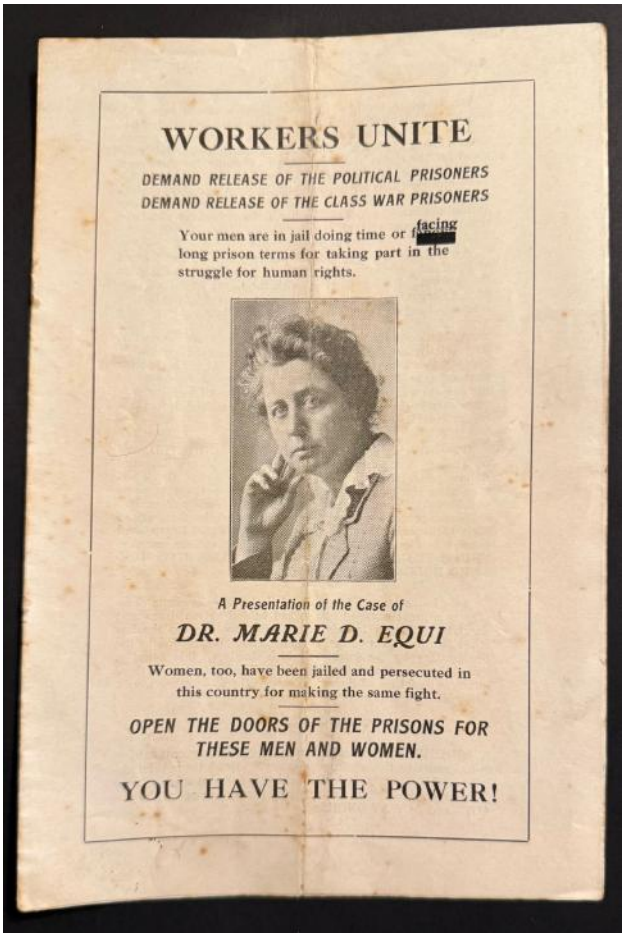
The women's liberation movement today is on the defensive--struggling to stay alive, fighting to maintain the limited gains we have won. Our early victories such as the liberalized abortion law in New York soon to be repealed, have once prompted to turn into a really militant movement drawing in broad masses of women and raising far-reaching demands that could open up the way to the liberation of all women has narrowed its focus to token middle class demands.

WONAAC has played a crucial role in this decline. Led by the Socialist Workers Party/Young Socialist Alliance, WONAAC has refused to fight for free abortion on demand (counterposing a legislative campaign for repeal of restrictive abortion laws) or to link up with child care or equal pay struggles. Instead, they have pursued a strategy of winning support from prominent middle-class women and groups, such as NOW and the Women's Political Caucus.

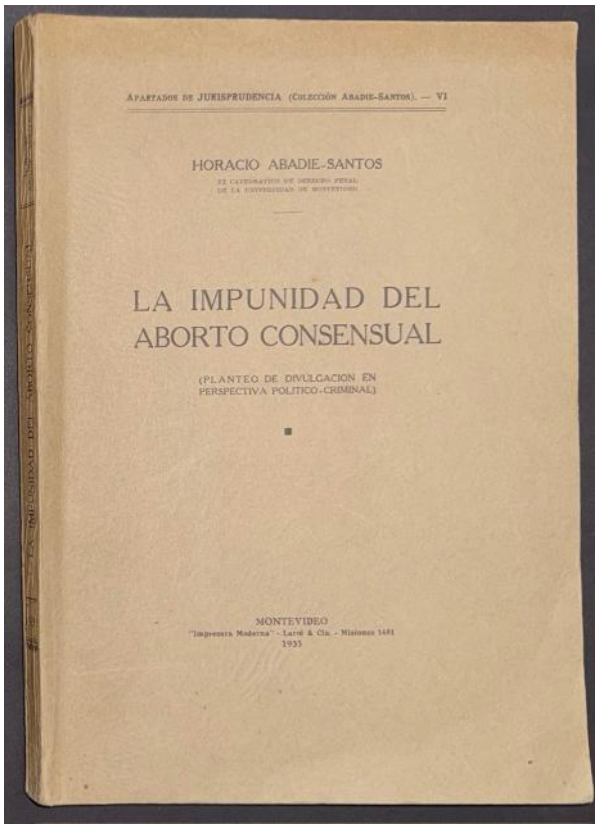
WONAAC has fought for only the most limited goals. The argument they give for this is that "radical" demands such as free abortion could alienate individuals and organizations whose support WONAAC needs. In fact this argument is a cover-up for their refusal to fight for demands of the movement no matter how radical they may be, demands which are relevant to the needs of poor and working-class women, and actively involve them in the struggle. Instead of trying to make the abortion campaign as broad, massive, and radical as possible, they have opted for the support of the middle-class and reliance on bourgeois politicians.

The terrible irony of the situation is that this strategy isn't even working. The New York abortion law was almost repealed last year, and the fight has just begun again. In order to win the fight to keep the present laws and to go beyond it to ensure that abortions really are available to all who want them--the women's movement must attempt to involve the working-class, black and latina women. Instead of just loafing on caravan and getting "good publicity," the movement must go to unions, to black and latina organizations and other working-class groups, raising the demand for FREE abortions

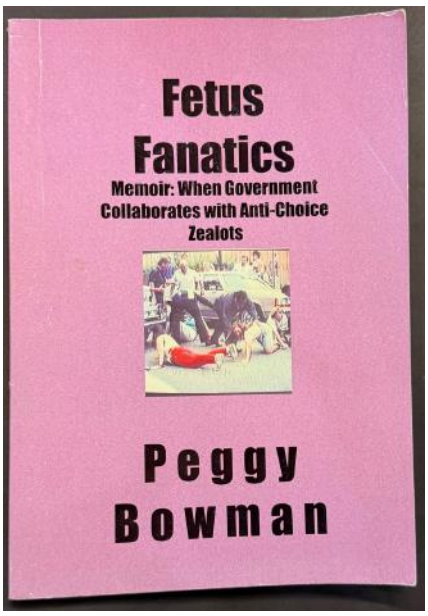
30. Women's Liberation in Crisis [handbill]. New York: International Socialists, [197-]. 8.5x11 inch handbill mimeographed both sides, very good. (#343217) $25.00
A critique of WONAAC, the Women's National Abortion Action Coalition, for paying insufficient attention to working class issues even as its main achievement, the legalization of abortion in New York, faced possible repeal.



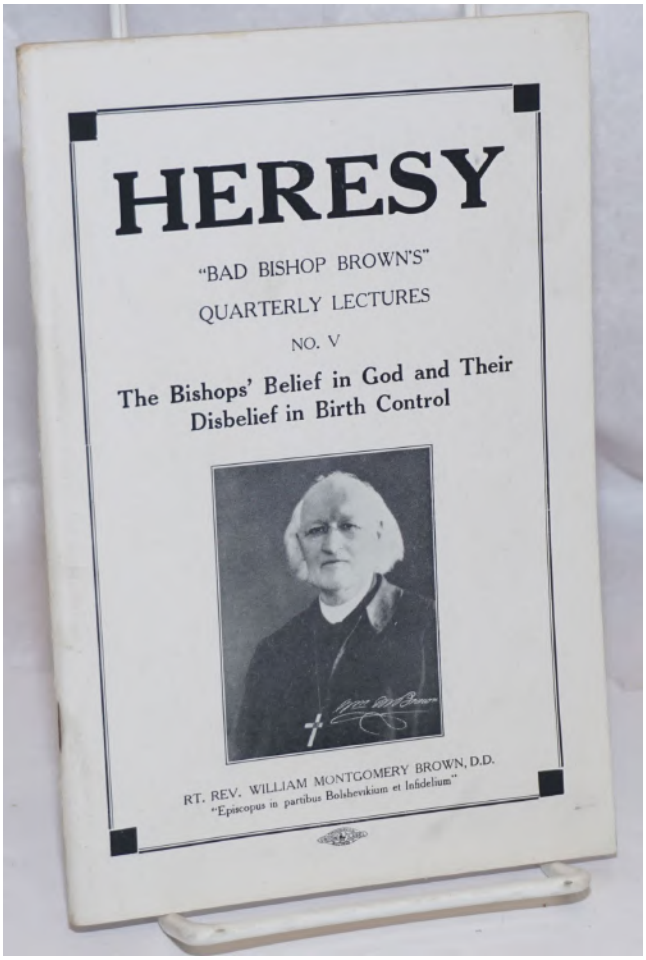
31. Workers unite. Demand release of the political prisoners. Demand release of the class war prisoners.... A presentation of the case of Dr. Marie D. Equi. [San Francisco], 1919. [8p.] including covers, staplebound pamphlet; vertical fold crease, covers foxed. A typo on the cover ("fancy" instead of "facing") has been printed over. (#339784) $500.00
"Young men are in jail doing time or facing long prison terms for taking part in the struggle for human rights. Women, too, have been jailed and persecuted in this country for making the same fight. Open the doors of the prisons for these men and women. You have the power!" Dr. Equi of Portland, Oregon was a rare woman practicing medicine in the American West. Focusing her practice on working-class patients, she also provided birth control information and performed abortions, both of which were illegal. She raised an adopted child with her lesbian partner Harriet Speckart, and her letters to Margaret Sanger suggest that they had an intimate relationship. The case discussed here, in which she was charged with sedition for opposing US participation in WWI, resulted in a prison term. The pamphlet concludes with a request to attend her appeal hearing on June 5th, 1919.



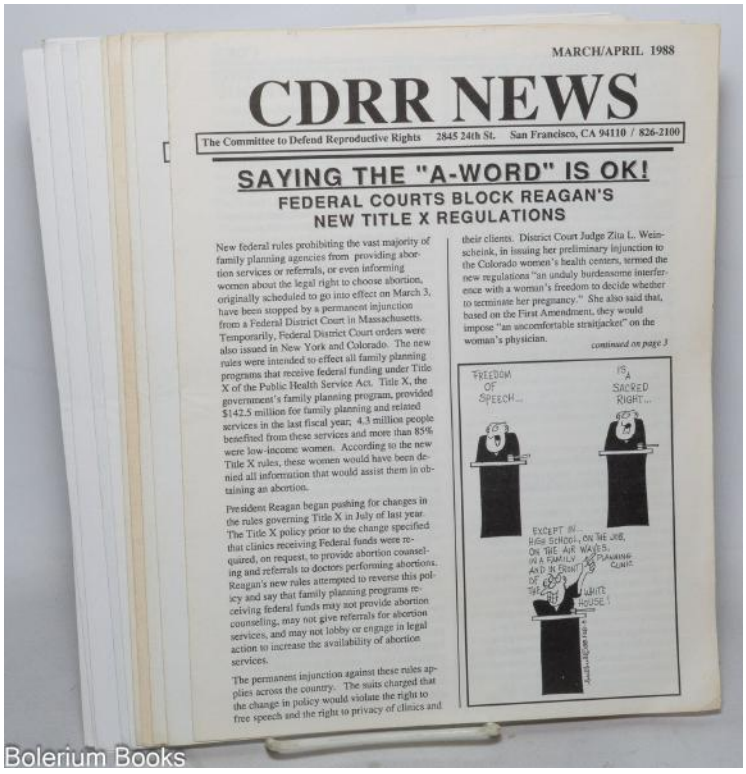
32. Abadie-Santos, Horacio. La impunidad del aborto consensual (planteo de divulgacion en perspectiva politico-criminal). Montevideo: Impresora Moderna Larré & Cia., 1935. 93, [3] pages, paperback. Foxing to preliminary leaves, otherwise Very Good. Apartados de jurisprudencia (colección Abadie-Santos), 6. (#343523) $125.00
Study of legal codes relating to abortion, arguing that consensual abortion ought to remain legal because anti-abortion legislation had been ineffective and led to more harm for poor and poorly educated women. This copy is inscribed by the author, a prominent Uruguayan jurist: "a [Labere y Muñeca?], destino este libro pagano y sacrílego [signed] Horacio."



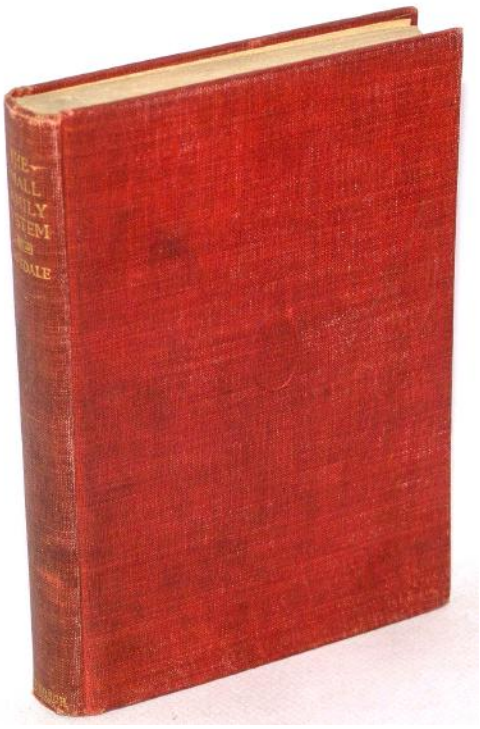
33. Bowman, Peggy. Fetus Fanatics. Memoir: When Government Collaborates with Anti-Choice Zealots. n.p.: BookSurge, 2005. 133p. paperback, covers worn, rear cover separating from spine along top edge; a reading copy. Inscribed by the author, "Alicia - Your week at UCSS (?) ensures that freedom and liberty will be continued for the next generation." (#343233) $18.00
Describes seven weeks of Operation Rescue protests in Wichita, Kansas.



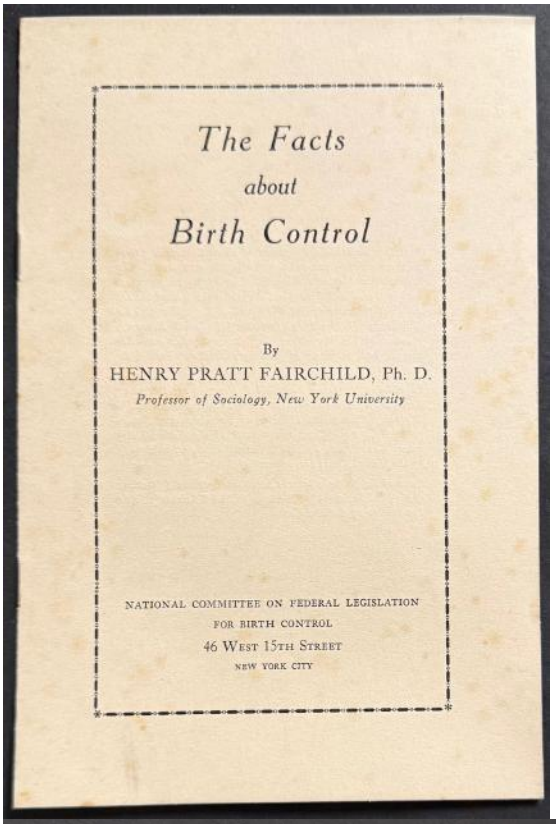
34. Brown, William Montgomery. The Bishops' belief in God and their disbelief in birth control. Galion, OH: The Bradford-Brown Educational Co., [1931]. 60p., wraps, paper lightly toned, one corner bumped, otherwise very good condition. Heresy. "Bad Bishop Brown's" quarterly lectures, no. 5. (#46713) $45.00



35. Committee to Defend Reproductive Rights. CDRR News (eleven issues). San Francisco: CDRR, 1988-1992. Eleven issues of the 8.5x11 inch newsletter, 4 to 8 pages per issue, generally very good but for address labels, some edgewear or toning. Issues present are March/April, May/June, July/Aug., Sept./Oct., Nov./Dec. 1988; Nov./Dec. 1990; Jan./Feb., March/April, May/June 1991; March/April, Summer 1992. (#342227) $100.00. Updates on challenges to abortion rights and activists' efforts to fight them.



36. Drysdale, C. V. [Charles Vickery]. The small family system; is it injurious or immoral? New York: B. W. Huebsch, 1917. x, 196p., revised and enlarged edition, first published in 1913, original red cloth boards, titling on spine in gilt; minor shelfwear on spine ends, slight bump of board corners, minor toning on spine, some minor foxing on endpapers, else in very good condition. Malthusian debate on artificial family restriction and the religious question by the noted eugenicist and social reformer. (#317082) $50.00



The Facts
about
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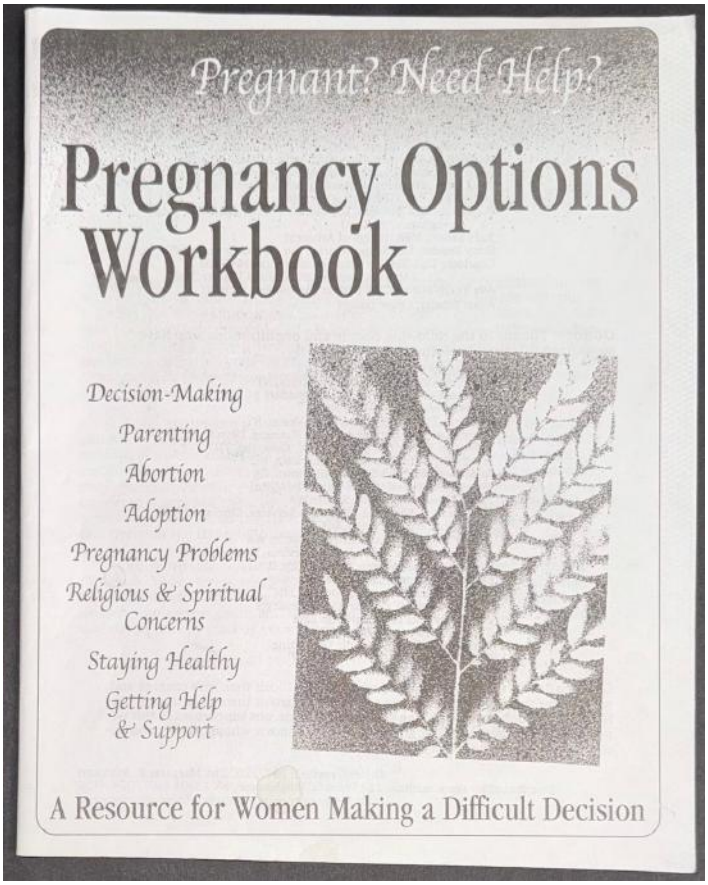
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37. Fairchild, Henry Pratt. The facts about birth control. New York: National Committee on Federal Legislation for Birth Control, [1930-?]. 11p. staplebound pamphlet; minor foxing, very good. Reprinted from the Oct. 16, 1929 issue of "The New Republic." (#343171) $75.00
Fairchild was a president of the American Eugenics Society and was instrumental in establishing the Birth Control Federation of America, later known as Planned Parenthood.

38. Greene, Berne, photographer. [Photograph of the stage at the March 28, 1970 demonstration called by People to Abolish Abortion Laws]. n.p., [1970]. 10x8 inch black and white photo print, Berne Greene's copyright stamp on the verso, very good. Depicts women on the stage at the front of a crowd, with two banners that read "Demonstration Against New York State Abortion Laws March 28th." (#343548) $75.00
This was a major demonstration for legalized abortion, securing extensive media coverage and helping to galvanize the movement three years before the Roe v. Wade decision.

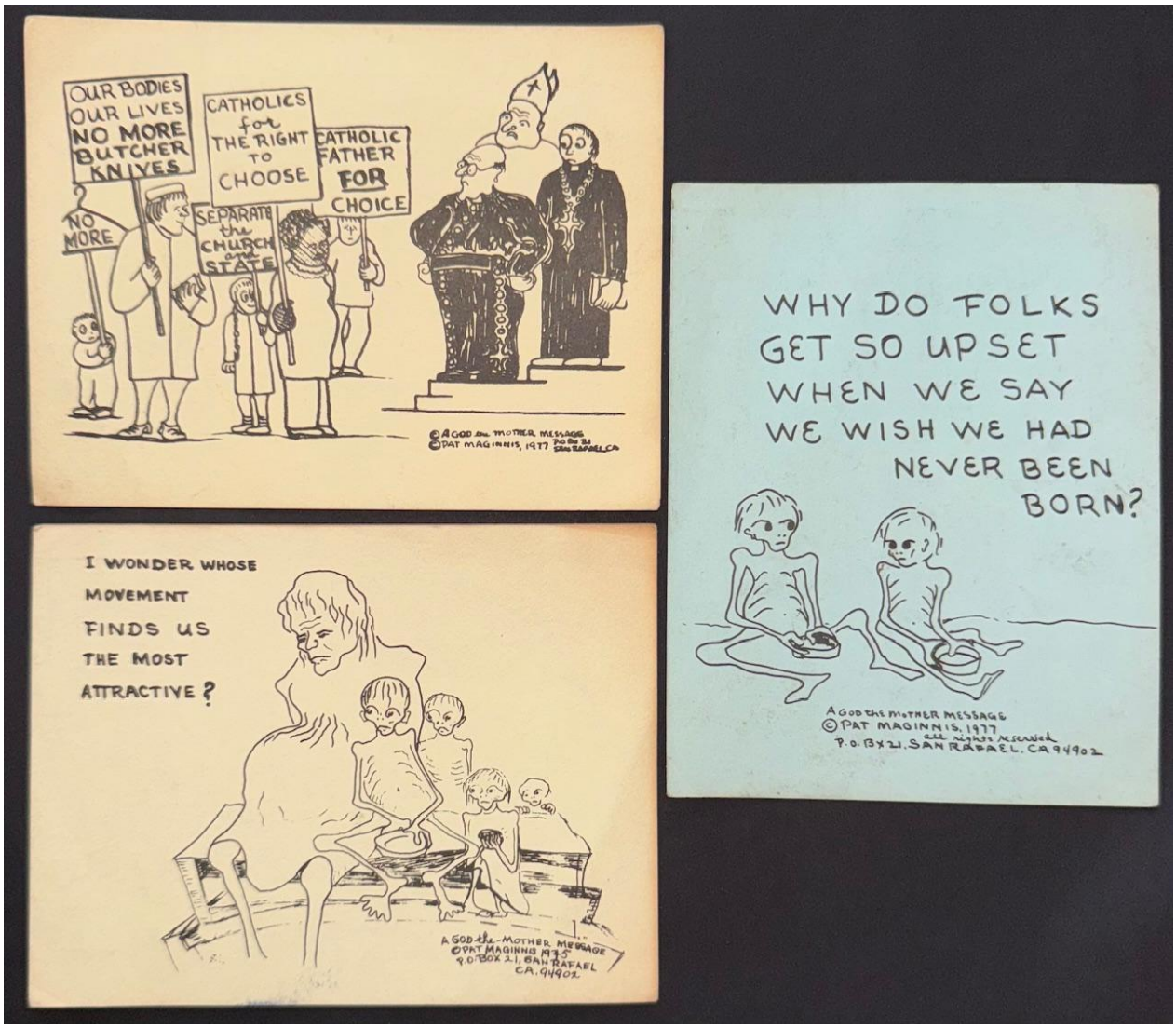


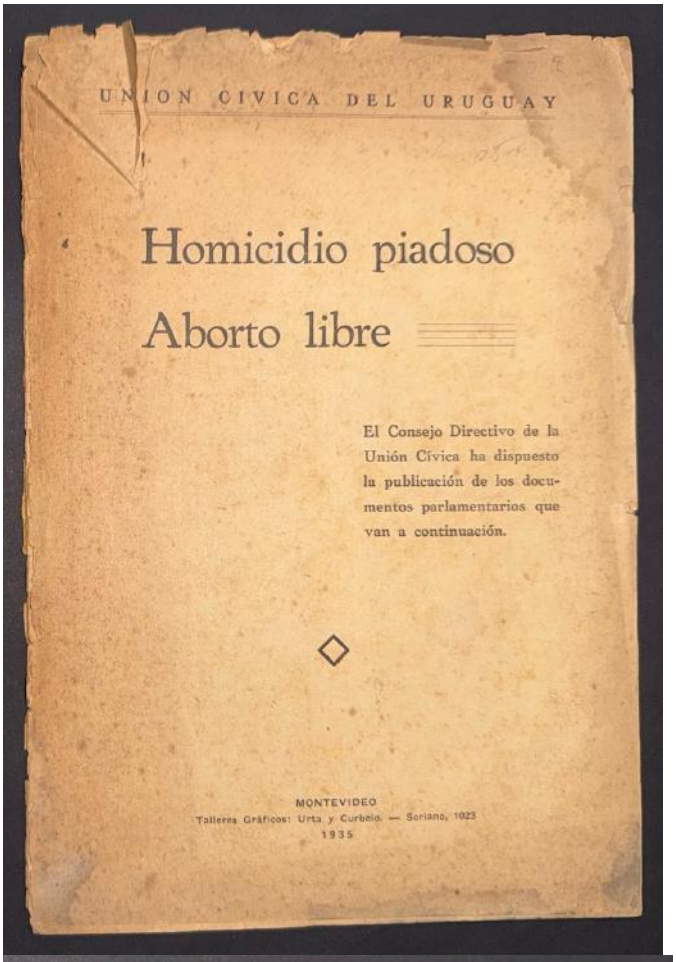


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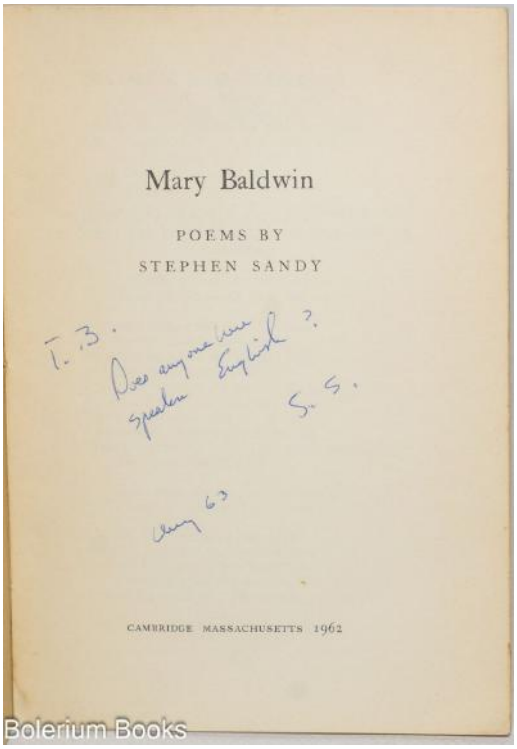
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Maginnis, a former Catholic nun, is best known for her work to legalize abortion in California in the 1960s.

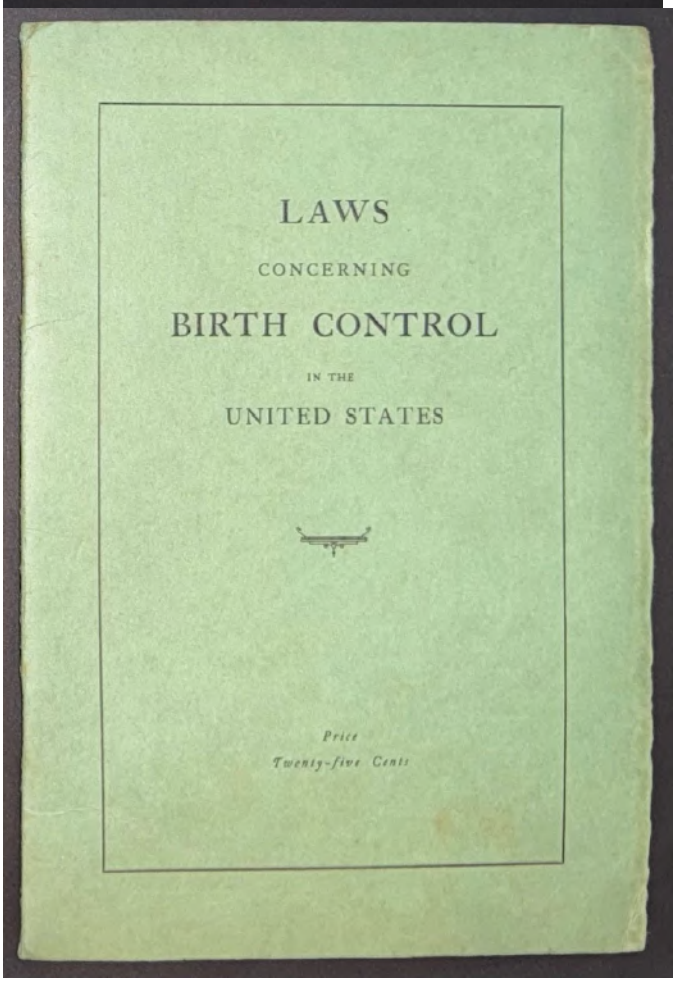




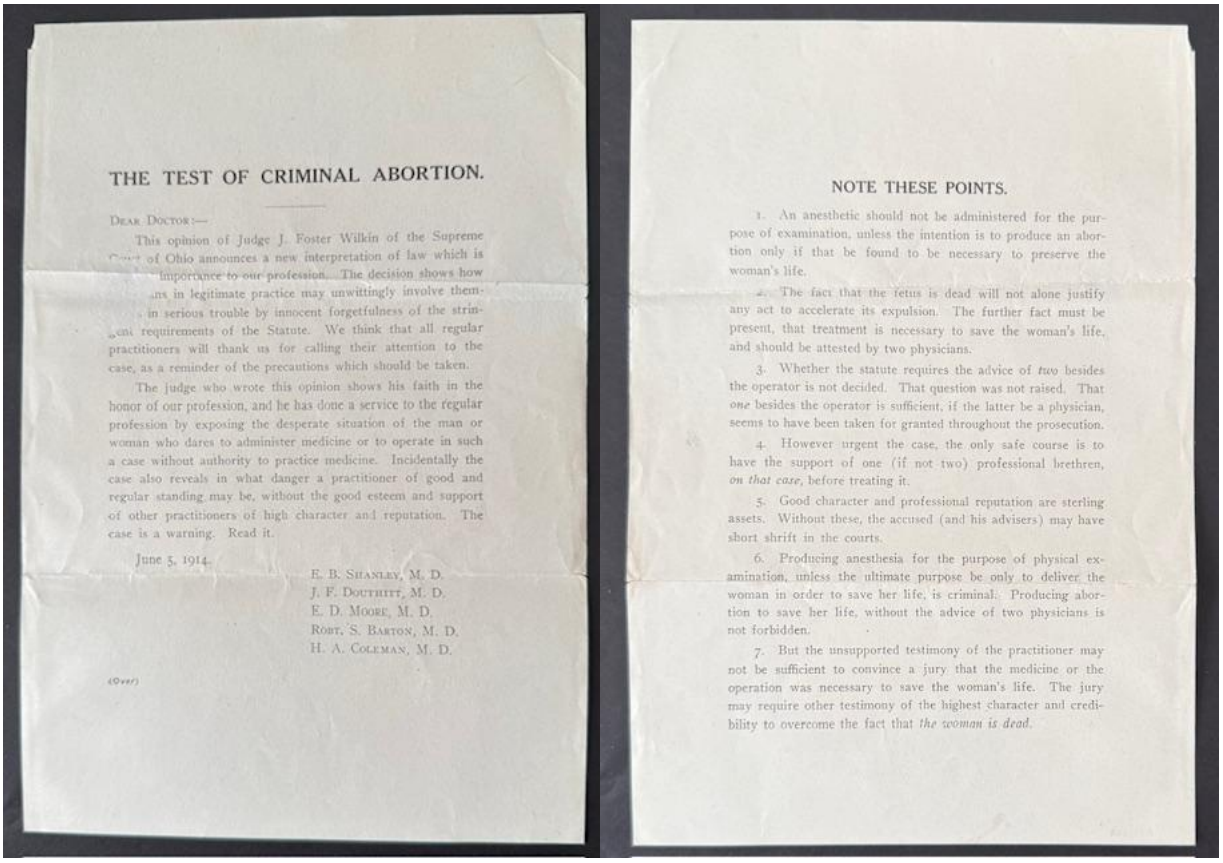
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Text of a speech presented in Uruguay's national legislative body denouncing the new penal code which would allow, among other things, the decriminalization of consensual abortion. Numerous interruptions by the jurist Horacio Abadie Santos are noted.



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First published chapbook after a 1960 school publication, "Caroms" at Groton School Press. The title poem, "The Ballad of Mary Baldwin," slowly reveals itself to be about a young girl who is forced into having an abortion. Sandy was born in Minneapolis and earned degrees from both Yale & Harvard, studying with Robert Lowell and Archibald MacLeish.



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THE TEST OF CRIMINAL ABORTION.

DEAR DOCTOR:—

This opinion of Judge J. Foster Wilkin of the Supreme Court of Ohio announces a new interpretation of law which is of importance to our profession. The decision shows how [illegible]ns in legitimate practice may unwittingly involve them- in serious trouble by innocent forgetfulness of the strin- gent requirements of the Statute. We think that all regular practitioners will thank us for calling their attention to the case, as a reminder of the precautions which should be taken.

The judge who wrote this opinion shows his faith in the honor of our profession, and he has done a service to the regular profession by exposing the desperate situation of the man or woman who dares to administer medicine or to operate in such a case without authority to practice medicine. Incidentally the case also reveals in what danger a practitioner of good and regular standing may be, without the good esteem and support of other practitioners of high character and reputation. The case is a warning. Read it.

June 5, 1914.

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NOTE THESE POINTS.

1. An anesthetic should not be administered for the purpose of examination, unless the intention is to produce an abortion only if that be found to be necessary to preserve the woman's life.

2. The fact that the fetus is dead will not alone justify any act to accelerate its expulsion. The further fact must be present, that treatment is necessary to save the woman's life, and should be attested by two physicians.

3. Whether the statute requires the advice of *two* besides the operator is not decided. That question was not raised. That *one* besides the operator is sufficient, if the latter be a physician, seems to have been taken for granted throughout the prosecution.

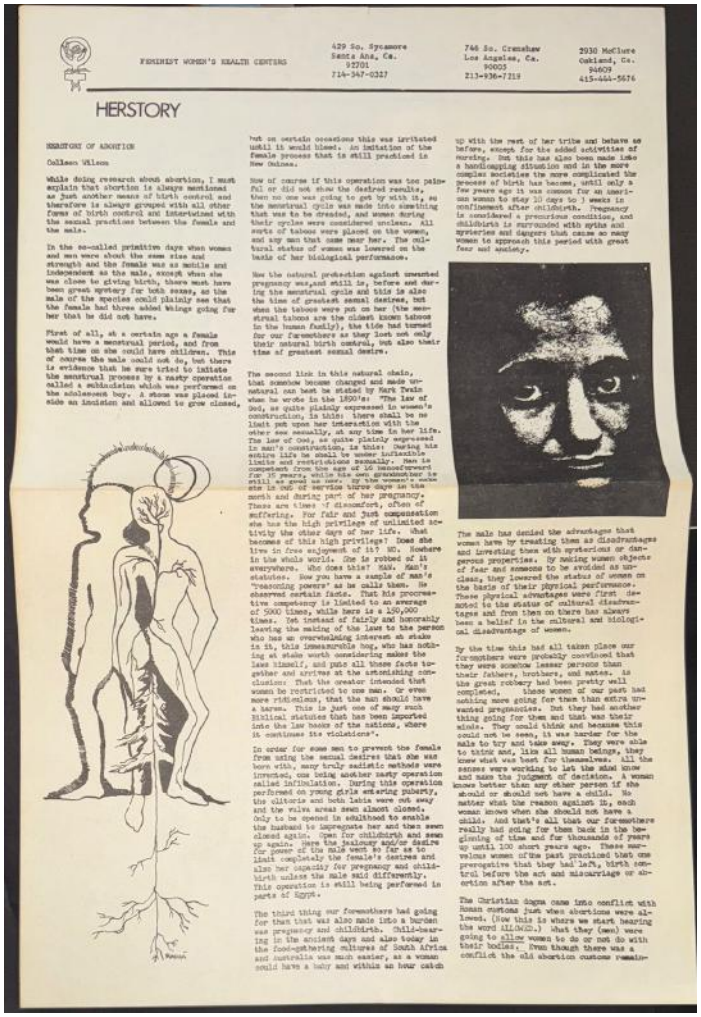
4. However urgent the case, the only safe course is to have the support of one (if not two) professional brethren, *on that case*, before treating it.

5. Good character and professional reputation are sterling assets. Without these, the accused (and his advisers) may have short shrift in the courts.

6. Producing anesthesia for the purpose of physical examination, unless the ultimate purpose be only to deliver the woman in order to save her life, is criminal. Producing abortion to save her life, without the advice of two physicians is not forbidden.

7. But the unsupported testimony of the practitioner may not be sufficient to convince a jury that the medicine or the operation was necessary to save the woman's life. The jury may require other testimony of the highest character and credibility to overcome the fact that *the woman is dead*.

44. Shanley, E.B., et al. The test of criminal abortion [leaflet]. n.p., 1914. 6x8.75 inch handbill printed both sides, surface abrasion on recto with resulting loss of about four words of text. A cover letter addressed to doctors, urging them to read a legal opinion written by Ohio Supreme Court Judge J. Foster Wilkin in 1914 (the letter was originally distributed with a copy of that legal opinion). The main legal points Wilkin set forth, determining whether an abortion was criminal, are delineated on the verso: "Note these points." (#343547) $45.00



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HERSTORY

HERSTORY OF ABORTION

Colleen Wilson

While doing research about abortion, I must explain that abortion is always mentioned as just another means of birth control and therefore is always grouped with all other forms of birth control and intertwined with the sexual practices between the female and the male.

In the so-called primitive days when women and men were about the same size and strength and the female was as mobile and independent as the male, except when she was close to giving birth, there must have been great mystery for both sexes, as the male of the species could plainly see that the female had three added things going for her that he did not have.

First of all, at a certain age a female would have a menstrual period, and from that time on she could have children. This of course the male could not do, but there is evidence that he were tried to imitate the menstrual process by a nasty operation called a subincision which was performed on the adolescent boy. A stone was placed inside an incision and allowed to grow closed, but on certain occasions this was irritated until it would bleed. An imitation of the female process that is still practiced in New Guinea.

Now of course if this operation was too painful or did not show the desired results, then no one was going to get by with it, so the menstrual cycle was made into something that was to be dreaded, and women during their cycles were considered unclean. All sorts of taboos were placed on the women, and any man that came near her. The cultural status of women was lowered on the basis of her biological performance.

Now the natural protection against unwanted pregnancy was,and still is, before and during the menstrual cycle and this is also the time of greatest sexual desires, but when the taboos were put on her (the menstrual taboos are the oldest known taboos in the human family), the tide had turned for our forefathers as they lost not only their natural birth control, but also their time of greatest sexual desire.

The second link in this natural chain, that somehow became changed and made unnatural can best be stated by Mark Twain when he wrote in the 1800's: "The law of God, as quite plainly expressed in women's construction, is this: there shall be no limit put upon her intercation with the other sex sexually, at any time in her life. The law of God, as quite plainly expressed in man's construction, is this: During his entire life he shall be under indissoluble limits and restrictions sexually. Man is competent from the age of 16 upward;great or small, young or old, he is sexually competent; while his own grandmother be still as good as ever. By the woman's make she is out of service three days in the month and during part of her pregnancy. There are times of discomfort, often of suffering. For fair and just compensation she has the high privilege of unlimited activity the other days of her life. What becomes of this high privilege? Does she live in free enjoyment of it? NO. Nowhere in the whole world. She is robbed of it everywhere. Who does this? MAN. Man's statutes. Now you have a sample of man's 'reasoning powers' as he calls them. He observed certain facts. That his procreative competency is limited to an average of 5000 times, while hers is a 150,000 times. Yet instead of fairly and honorably leaving the making of the laws to the person who has an overwhelming interest at stake in it, this immeasurable hog, who has nothing at stake worth considering makes the laws himself, and puts all those facts together and arrives at the astonishing conclusion: That the creator intended that women be restricted to one man. Or even more ridiculous, that the man should have a harem. This is just one of many such Biblical statutes that has been imported into the law books of the nations, where it continues its violations'.

In order for some men to prevent the female from using the sexual desires that she was born with, many truly sadistic methods were invented, one being another nasty operation called infibulation. During this operation performed on young girls entering puberty, the clitoris and both labia were cut away and the vulva areas sewn almost closed. Only to be opened in adulthood to enable the husband to impregnate her and then sewn closed again. Open for childbirth and sewn up again. Here the jealousy and/or desire for power of the male went so far as to limit completely the female's desires and also her capacity for pregnancy and childbirth unless the male said differently. This operation is still being performed in parts of Egypt.

The third thing our forefathers had going for them that was also made into a burden was pregnancy and childbirth. Child-bearing in the ancient days and also today in the food-gathering cultures of South Africa and Australia was much easier, as a woman could have a baby and within an hour catch up with the rest of her tribe and behave as before, except for the added activities of nursing. But this has also been made into a handicapping situation and in the more complex societies the more complicated the process of birth has become, until only a few years ago it was common for an american woman to stay 10 days to 3 weeks in confinement after childbirth. Pregnancy is considered a precarious condition, and childbirth is surrounded with myths and mysteries and dangers that cause so many women to approach this period with great fear and anxiety.

The male has denied the advantages that women have by treating them as disadvantages and investing them with mysterious or dangerous properties. By making women objects of fear and someone to be avoided as unclean, they lowered the status of women on the basis of their physical performance. These physical advantages were first denoted to the status of cultural disadvantages and from then on there has always been a belief in the cultural and biological disadvantage of women.

By the time this had all taken place our forefathers were probably convinced that they were somehow lesser persons than their fathers, brothers, and mates. Is the great robbery had been pretty well completed, those women of our past had nothing more going for them than extra unwanted pregnancies. But they had another thing going for them and that was their minds. They could think and because this could not be seen, it was harder for the male to try and take away. They were able to think and, like all human beings, they knew what was best for themselves. All the senses were working to let the mind know and make the judgment of decision. A woman knows better than any other person if she should or should not have a child. No matter what the reason against it, each woman knows when she should not have a child. And that's all that our forefathers really had going for them back in the beginning of time and for thousands of years up until 200 short years ago. These marvelous women of the past practiced that one prerogative that they had left, birth control before the act and miscarriage or abortion after the act.

The Christian dogma came into conflict with Roman customs just when abortions were allowed. (Now this is where we start hearing the word ILLEGAL.) What they (we) were going to allow women to do or not do with their bodies. Even though there was a conflict the old abortion customs remain-

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An overview of historical practices and attitudes toward abortion since ancient times.