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Interdisciplinary Views on Abortion Susan A. Martinelli-Fernandez 2014-01-10 This book examines issues surrounding abortion and abortion practices in the United States through the perspectives of multiple disciplines, including sociology, anthropology, philosophy, community health, theology, and political science. The essays parallel the interdisciplinary nature of feminist and women's studies, situating abortion within a wider understanding of the impact of reproduction on women's lives and their health. The contributing authors provide an accessible summary of the numerous topics surrounding abortion, and the essays reflect both original research and scholarly discourse on existing research and literature. Instructors considering this book for use in a course may request an examination copy here.

The Book about Abortion Claire Andersson 2017-04-21 Deciding whether or not to terminate a pregnancy - wanted, unwanted, or unexpected - can be a very difficult decision. Choosing to have an abortion is a very personal decision, and only You can be the person to make that decision for yourself. You can talk to your doctor or close friends/family about what you could do, but you should not feel coerced into any option. Understand abortion laws and procedures by doing your own research, and reflecting on your own lifestyle and values, and come to the decision that's right for you. Commonly asked questions about abortions that are described in the book are: How does it feel to have an abortion? Does it hurt, ? How much does an abortion cost? What is the day-after pill? What is the medical procedures of an abortion? Which law applies in which state? What was the roe vs wade case? What is the difference between Pro-life and Pro-Choice? This new book, The Book About Abortion, gives you a great insight in the world of abortion and can help you gain different perspectives on how to base your decision making. Every woman might feel sometime that there are things you want to know but are to afraid to ask about. Get your copy of The Book of Abortion, today.

Fighting for Life Alexa Jane Trumpy 2011 Abstract: How do marginal actors change hearts and minds? Social movement scholars have long recognized that institutional outsiders target a range of potential allies to press their agenda. While much of the movement research historically privileged formal political activities in explaining social change, understanding the way actors draw upon culture and identity to garner wider support for a variety of social, political, and economic causes has become increasingly important. Ultimately, research that incorporates political process theories with the seemingly dichotomous notions of cultural and collective identity is especially valuable. To better understand how movement actors achieve broad change, I draw on recent attempts to examine how change occurs in fields. I argue it is necessary to examine how a field's structural and cultural components, as well as the more individual actions, resources, rhetoric, and ideologies of relevant actors, interact to affect field change or maintain stasis. This research does so through an analysis of the current debate over abortion in America, arguably the most viciously divisive religious, moral, political, and legal issue since slavery. Over the past four decades, the American abortion debate has been glibly characterized as fight between the rights of two groups: women and fetuses, with pro-choice groups championing the rights of the former and pro-life groups the latter. Yet recently, a growing contingent of the pro-life movement is attempting to alter this dichotomy by using pro-woman rhetoric to argue that instead of advancing women's equality, abortion is actually harmful to women. I use a combination of focus groups, individual interviews, participant observation, and content analysis to explain why a faction of the pro-life movement is attempting to alter the debate's field frame by replacing the fetal rights focus with an emphasis on how abortion is harmful to women. Ultimately, this faction believes changing the field frame will persuade more actors to become pro-life. They believe that this, in turn, will lead to decreased abortion rates, higher percentages of Americans arguing that abortion should be illegal, and more restrictive abortion laws. As a result of these changes, actors in this faction of the pro-life movement believe abortion will eventually become illegal and unthinkable in America. Overall, this research contributes to our understanding of how change in fields is situated in both political and cultural struggles over meanings and resources.

Life/choice Lloyd H. Steffen 1994 Drawing on the moral framework of just war theory, the author argues for a moral

presumption against abortion that may nevertheless be overcome in particular circumstances. Abortion is thus problematic, but not always wrong--a clear articulation of a moderate view of abortion.

Abortion Politics Ziad Munson 2018-05-21 Abortion has remained one of the most volatile and polarizing issues in the United States for over four decades. Americans are more divided today than ever over abortion, and this debate colors the political, economic, and social dynamics of the country. This book provides a balanced, clear-eyed overview of the abortion debate, including the perspectives of both the pro-life and pro-choice movements. It covers the history of the debate from colonial times to the present, the mobilization of mass movements around the issue, the ways it is understood by ordinary Americans, the impact it has had on US political development, and the differences between the abortion conflict in the US and the rest of the world. Throughout these discussions, Ziad Munson demonstrates how the meaning of abortion has shifted to reflect the changing anxieties and cultural divides which it has come to represent. *Abortion Politics* is an invaluable companion for exploring the abortion issue and what it has to say about American society, as well as the dramatic changes in public understanding of women's rights, medicine, religion, and partisanship.

Making Abortion Rare David C Reardon 2020-07-29 Is it possible for abortion to become rare even though it remains legal under *Roe v Wade*? Dr. Reardon answers "yes" and lays out an innovative three-pronged strategy for dramatically curtailing abortion rates. *Making Abortion Rare* reveals a compassionate and comprehensive program of pastoral, political, and educational reform. This carefully considered approach will reduce antagonism, will create a healing environment for those who have been emotionally wounded by abortion, and will draw Americans together through their common concern for women. Pro-life and pro-choice leaders have called this new approach "inspired." Pro-abortion radicals have scorned it as "devious." But all three camps agree that *Making Abortion Rare* is redefining the abortion debate forever. This book builds on the previous works of Dr. Reardon, which demonstrate that abortion is hurting more women than it helps. It poses inherent threats to the physical, psychological, social, familial, and spiritual health of women. With a clear, logical, and humane voice, Dr. Reardon provides readers with a practical strategy for preventing over 80% of all abortions . . . those that are fundamentally unwanted (coerced) or unsafe. About the Author David C. Reardon, Ph.D., is a biomedical ethicist, researcher, and director of the Elliot Institute for Social Sciences Research. He has been involved in post-abortion research and education since 1983 and is considered a leading expert on post-abortion issues. Dr. Reardon is the author of numerous peer reviewed medical studies about abortion's risks. His related books include: *Aborted Women, Silent No More*; *The Jericho Plan: Breaking Down the Walls Which Prevent Post-Abortion Healing*; *Victims and Victors: Speaking Out About Their Pregnancies, Abortions, and Children Resulting From Sexual Assault*; and (with Dr. Theresa Burke) *Forbidden Grief: The Unspoken Pain of Abortion*.

Guerrilla Apologetics for Life Issues Paul E. Nowak 2005-11 Using non-religious, non-political arguments, *Guerrilla Apologetics for Life Issues* teaches readers how to use targeted questions to exploit weaknesses in the arguments of those that support abortion, euthanasia, and other abuses of human life. The book emphasizes the importance of tactful discussions over disruptive quarrels, and features an introduction to common logical fallacies.

Beating Hearts Sherry F. Colb 2016-03-08 How can someone who condemns hunting, animal farming, and animal experimentation also favor legal abortion, which is the deliberate destruction of a human fetus? The authors of *Beating Hearts* aim to reconcile this apparent conflict and examine the surprisingly similar strategic and tactical questions faced by activists in the pro-life and animal rights movements. *Beating Hearts* maintains that sentience, or the ability to have subjective experiences, grounds a being's entitlement to moral concern. The authors argue that nearly all human exploitation of animals is unjustified. Early abortions do not contradict the sentience principle because they precede fetal sentience, and *Beating Hearts* explains why the mere potential for sentience does not create moral entitlements. Late abortions do raise serious moral questions, but forcing a woman to carry a child to term is problematic as a form of gender-based exploitation. These ethical explorations lead to a wider discussion of the strategies deployed by the pro-life and animal rights movements. Should legal reforms precede or follow attitudinal changes? Do gory images win over or alienate supporters? Is violence ever principled? By probing the connections between debates about abortion and animal rights, *Beating Hearts* uses each highly contested set of questions to shed light on the other.

Representing Abortion Rachel Alpha Johnston Hurst 2020-11-24 *Representing Abortion* analyses how artists, writers, performers, and activists make abortion visible, audible, and palpable within contexts dominated by anti-abortion imagery centred on the fetus and the erasure of the pregnant person, challenging the polarisation of conversations about abortion. This book illuminates the manifold ways that abortion is depicted and narrated by artists, performers, clinicians, writers, and activists. This representational work offers nuanced and complex understandings of abortion, personally and politically. Analyses of such representations are urgently needed as access to abortion is diminished and anti-abortion representations of the fetus continue to dominate the cultural horizon for thinking about abortion. Expanding the frame of reference for understanding abortion beyond the anti-abortion use of the fetal image, contributors to this collection push beyond narrow abstractions to examine representations of the experience and procedure of abortion within grounded histories, politics, and social contexts. The collection is organized into sections around seeing (and not seeing) abortion; fetal materiality; abortion storytelling and memoir; and representations for new arguments. These themes cover a range of topics including abortion visibility, anti-abortion discourse, pro-choice engagements with the fetus, personal experience and media

representations. The analyses of such representations counteract anti-abortion rhetoric, carving out space for new arguments for abortion that are more representative and inclusive and asking audiences to envision new ways to advocate for safe abortion access through reproductive justice frameworks. This is an innovative and challenging collection that will be of key interest for scholars studying reproductive rights and reproductive justice, as well as women and gender studies. Representing Abortion is organized to structure upper year undergraduate and graduate courses on reproductive rights and reproductive justice in a new and engaging way.

The 'hard Cases' of Abortion Family Research Council of America 2000

Enemies of Choice Andrew H. Merton 1982 A journalist examines the anti-abortion political movement, its relationship with American religious groups, and its danger to women's rights

Pro: Reclaiming Abortion Rights Katha Pollitt 2014-10-14 A POWERFUL ARGUMENT FOR ABORTION AS A MORAL RIGHT AND SOCIAL GOOD BY A NOTED FEMINIST AND LONGTIME COLUMNIST FOR THE NATION Forty years after the landmark Roe v. Wade ruling, "abortion" is still a word that is said with outright hostility by many, despite the fact that one in three American women will have terminated at least one pregnancy by menopause. Even those who support a woman's right to an abortion often qualify their support by saying abortion is a "bad thing," an "agonizing decision," making the medical procedure so remote and radioactive that it takes it out of the world of the everyday, turning an act that is normal and necessary into something shameful and secretive. Meanwhile, with each passing day, the rights upheld by the Supreme Court are being systematically eroded by state laws designed to end abortion outright. In this urgent, controversial book, Katha Pollitt reframes abortion as a common part of a woman's reproductive life, one that should be accepted as a moral right with positive social implications. In Pro, Pollitt takes on the personhood argument, reaffirms the priority of a woman's life and health, and discusses why terminating a pregnancy can be a force for good for women, families, and society. It is time, Pollitt argues, that we reclaim the lives and the rights of women and mothers.

From Pro-life to Pro-choice: The Dramatic Shift in Seventh-day Adventist's Attitudes Towards Abortion Mica Samojluk 2011-11 A study of Adventist literature showing the dramatic shift by the Seventh-day Adventist North American Church' attitude towards one of the most fundamental rules designed by God for the protection of human life—the Sixth Commandment which forbids the murder of innocent human beings. A careful research indicating that financial profit moved the church leadership to tolerate the offering of abortion on demand services to the patients of several hospitals owned and managed by the Adventist organization.

The Duping of America M a M Ed Rick Garrett 2021-02-23 "The Duping of America" is the result of two years of research and thorough examination of multiple facets of the abortion debate, with more than 150 citations from medical, scientific, legal and ethics experts. The goal of the book is to educate readers about abortion and motivate them to take a stand to protect life based on objective evidence. It examines the social and cultural trends that led to the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision and what the effects have been, and reveals the inner workings of Planned Parenthood. Presenting the impact the media and Hollywood have had in promoting abortion and shaping public opinion, it equips the reader with facts to disprove the fourteen most common anti-life arguments. Different types of abortions and their legal implications are described based on former abortionists' testimony, and also considers who were among the 61,000,000 people we have aborted so far. The role of crisis pregnancy centers in helping women in problem pregnancies as well as serving post-abortive women and sources for healing are outlined. In addition, the book includes statistics and the politics of abortion, as well as the role played by religion. It concludes with a challenge to the reader to take a stand to defend unborn human life, and offers seven specific actions the pro-life advocate can take. As a lifelong pro-life advocate, Rick has always been interested in justice issues and probing the core of complicated, sometimes controversial subjects. "The Duping of America" is his first attempt at publishing a fact-based approach to examine such a topic. With two bachelor's degrees from Eastern Illinois University and two graduate degrees from UCLA, Rick was raised in Illinois, but has lived in Southern California for many years. He and his wife have two adult children and are expecting their third grandchild in 2020. His goal is to educate readers and listeners about abortion and motivate them to take a stand for life. He enjoys traveling, gardening, food, hiking, ocean kayaking, and touring visitors around southern California. He is available for speaking engagements and fundraisers for pro-life organizations and crisis pregnancy centers.

Without Apology Shannon Stettner 2016-08-26 Until the late 1960s, the authorities on abortion were for the most part men—politicians, clergy, lawyers, physicians, all of whom had an interest in regulating women's bodies. Even today, when we hear women speak publicly about abortion, the voices are usually those of the leaders of women's and abortion rights organizations, women who hold political office, and, on occasion, female physicians. We also hear quite frequently from spokeswomen for anti-abortion groups. Rarely, however, do we hear the voices of ordinary women—women whose lives have been in some way touched by abortion. Their thoughts typically owe more to human circumstance than to ideology, and without them, we run the risk of thinking and talking about the issue of abortion only in the abstract. Without Apology seeks to address this issue by gathering the voices of activists, feminists, and scholars as well as abortion providers and clinic support staff alongside the stories of women whose experience with abortion is more personal. With the particular aim of moving beyond the polarizing rhetoric that has characterized the issue of abortion and reproductive justice for so long, Without Apology is an engrossing and arresting account that will promote both reflection and discussion.

The Anti-abortion Movement Dallas A. Blanchard 1996 Blanchard then offers insightful annotations on a wide variety

of essential resources, including writings on major movement organizations, anti-abortion support and service organizations, political activities and events, movement tactics, membership recruitment and training, the movement and the media, and the religious basis of the movement.

The Party of Death Ramesh Ponnuru 2013-02-05 Is the Democratic Party the "Party of Death"? If you look at their agenda they are. IT'S NOT JUST abortion-on-demand. It's euthanasia, embryo destruction, even infanticide—and a potentially deadly concern with "the quality of life" of disabled people. If you think these issues don't concern you—guess again. The Party of Death is roaring into the White House! In *The Party of Death*, Ponnuru details how left-wing radicals, using abortion as their lever, took over the Democratic Party—and how they have used their power to corrupt our law and politics, abolish our fundamental right to life, and push the envelope in ever more dangerous directions. In *The Party of Death*, Ponnuru reveals: How Hillary Clinton could use the abortion issue (but not in the way you think) Why the conventional wisdom about *Roe v. Wade* is a lie How the party of death—a coalition of special interests ranging from Planned Parenthood to Hollywood—came to own the Democratic Party How the mainstream media promotes the party of death Why Jesse Jackson, Al Gore, and other leading liberals gave up being pro-life How liberals use animal rights to displace human rights The Democratic presidential candidate who said that infanticide is a mother's "choice" How doctors—and other health care professionals—are being coerced, by law, into violating their consciences The ultrasound revolution: why there's hope to stop the party of death Ponnuru's shocking exposé shows just how extreme the Party of Death has become as they seek to destroy every inconvenient life, demand fealty to their radical agenda, and punish anyone who defies them.

Nursing Ethics Source Wikipedia 2013-09 Please note that the content of this book primarily consists of articles available from Wikipedia or other free sources online. Pages: 76. Chapters: Abortion, Human experimentation, Oaths of medicine, Sex-selective abortion, Hippocratic Oath, Norma McCorvey, Miscarriage, Do not resuscitate, History of abortion, Pro-life, Scientology and abortion, Declaration of Helsinki, Human subject research, History of abortion law debate, Beginning of human personhood, Unsafe abortion, Porton Down, Wrongful birth, Institutional review board, Late-term abortion, Humanzee, Nurse-client relationship, Patient advocacy, Standard of care, Feticide, Self-induced abortion, Guatemala syphilis experiment, Bullying in nursing, Ipas, Oath of Asaph, Alexis St. Martin, Wrongful life, Language deprivation experiments, Abortion doping, Wrongful abortion, Therapeutic abortion, Ronald Maddison, Abortion clinic, Vipeholm experiments, Biologue, Rawalpindi experiments, Selective reduction, Physician's Oath, Pregnancy options counseling, Live Free or Die, Acres of Skin, Heartaches, Oath of the Hindu physician, Abortion Law Reform Association of New Zealand, Nightingale Pledge, Oath of Maimonides, Abortion exceptionalism, Veterinarian's Oath, Ludvig Nessa, Handbook on Abortion, Criminal Abortion.

Accessing the Right to Choose Hannah Gourdie 2018 During the 1980s and 1990s, anti-abortion violence and harassment targeted at reproductive health clinics spiked in response to religious and political mobilization around the national decriminalization of abortion. To combat violence, harassment, and mass protests at clinics, 16 states and DC enacted abortion clinic access laws. These laws typically prohibit certain activities, such as obstruction and vandalism, and some create no-protest buffer zones that restrict clinic protests. Most research on clinic access laws concentrates on how these laws affect levels of anti-abortion violence and disruption targeted at clinics. Other literature focuses on the tensions between pro-life speech and privacy/abortion rights that buffer zone laws have engendered. This paper seeks to link these two bodies of literature by exploring the contexts in which clinic access laws are enacted. Using logistic regression analyses, this research evaluates the relationship between indicators of state abortion policy-making environments with the likelihood that a state will enact an abortion clinic access law. Further, it investigates how states draw on their past approach to free speech rights when enacting buffer zone laws. Ultimately, this study finds that clinic access law enactment is significantly predicted by the percent of female legislators in a state and the enactment of the federal-level clinic access law in 1994. In doing so, it demonstrates that access laws are redistributive policies, not morality policies. Thus, this research complicates the traditional depiction of abortion policy, showing that mass-level polarization into dichotomous pro-choice/anti-abortion and liberal/conservative campus does not influence the production of all forms of abortion policy.

Abortion Wendy Lanier 2009-04-03 According to the Pew Research Center, 59 percent of Americans say abortion should be legal. However, nearly four-in-ten Americans say that abortion is morally wrong. Individual states continue to be polarized and have instituted their own restrictions on this controversial issue. This comprehensive volume explores the debate surrounding abortion, the history of the procedure, arguments for and against it, and its physical and psychological consequences.

Perspectives on Abortion Paul Sachdev 1985 To find more information about Rowman and Littlefield titles, please visit www.rowmanlittlefield.com.

Abortion Attitudes and Subjective Religiosity Christopher Guido 2017 This is an exploratory study that examined the relationship between religious persons and attitudes toward legal abortion. This study presented a fourfold typology of respondents: (1) pro-choice, but not religious, (2) pro-choice and religious, (3) pro-life, but not religious, and (4) pro-life and religious. This study looked for characteristics of respondents in these categories. As previous research was examined on the relationship between religion and abortion attitudes, the question on what social characteristics make up the four categories of pro-choice and pro-life respondents was examined. Findings showed that social characteristics of respondents varied across categories of subjective religiosity and attitudes toward legal abortion typology. Recommendations were made for future research to utilize this data to continue exploring the relationship

between social attitudes towards abortion alongside a person's religiosity.

Breaking the Abortion Deadlock Eileen McDonagh 1996-10-24 For over twenty years the abortion debate has raged, with each side entrenched in unyielding positions. This book breaks the impasse by using pro-life premises to reach pro-choice conclusions. While it is commonly assumed that state protection of the fetus as a form of human life undermines women's reproductive rights, McDonagh instead illuminates how it is exactly such state protection of the fetus that strengthens, rather than weakens, not only women's right to an abortion, but even more significantly, women's ability to call on the state for abortion funding. McDonagh's approach, by bridging the divide between pro-life and pro-choice advocates, revolutionizes the abortion debate in a way that opens up a whole new avenue for resolving the abortion conflict and advancing women's rights. McDonagh reframes the abortion debate by locating the missing piece of the puzzle: the fetus as the cause of pregnancy. After exposing the myths on this subject, her exacting analysis presents the scientific and legal evidence that the ultimate source of pregnancy is the fetus. The central issue then becomes what the fetus, as an active agent, does to a woman's body during pregnancy, whether that pregnancy is wanted or not. McDonagh graphically describes the massive changes produced by the fetus when it takes over a woman's body. As such, pregnancy is best depicted not as a condition that women have a right to choose but rather as a condition to which they must have a right to consent. Abortion, therefore, does not rest on the intensely debated principle, stated in Roe, that women have a right to be free from state interference when choosing privately what to do with their own bodies. Instead, as McDonagh's book explains, abortion rights flow inevitably from women's more established right to consent to what another agent does to their body. Specifically, women have a right to resist an unwanted intrusion by a fetus as well as to receive help from the state to stop such an intrusion. Moving abortion rights from choice to consent has broad legal and cultural ramifications tapping into the very cornerstone of the American political system: consent. McDonagh unravels the consequences of extending to pregnant women the same guarantees of bodily integrity and liberty possessed by others in our society. Specifically, she shows why a woman who does not consent to be made pregnant by a fetus, not only has a right to terminate pregnancy, but why the state violates constitutional due process and equal protection guarantees when it fails to provide her with the same protections against nonconsensual intrusions by a fetus as it provides against nonconsensual intrusions by other parties. This book pivotally strengthens, therefore, not only women's right to abortion but also abortion funding. By providing new grounds both for the public funding of abortion and for the removal of government restrictions on abortions, it lays the foundation for enhancing women's rights through major policy changes in legislatures and courts.

Counter-movement and Media Coverage Outcomes Deana Rohlinger 2001

A Fragmented Landscape Silvia De Zordo 2016-12-01 Since World War II, abortion policies have remained remarkably varied across European nations, with struggles over abortion rights at the forefront of national politics. This volume analyses European abortion governance and explores how social movements, political groups, and individuals use protests and resistance to influence abortion policy. Drawing on case studies from Italy, Spain, Norway, Poland, Romania, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the European Union, it analyses the strategies and discourses of groups seeking to liberalise or restrict reproductive rights. It also illuminates the ways that reproductive rights politics intersect with demographic anxieties, as well as the rising nationalisms and xenophobia related to austerity policies, mass migration and the recent terrorist attacks in Europe.

The Ethics of Abortion Christopher Kaczor 2014-12-05 Appealing to reason rather than religious belief, this book is the most comprehensive case against the choice of abortion yet published. This Second Edition of *The Ethics of Abortion* critically evaluates all the major grounds for denying fetal personhood, including the views of those who defend not only abortion but also post-birth abortion. It also provides several (non-theological) justifications for the conclusion that all human beings, including those in utero, should be respected as persons. This book also critiques the view that abortion is not wrong even if the human fetus is a person. *The Ethics of Abortion* examines hard cases for those who are pro-life, such as abortion in cases of rape or in order to save the mother's life, as well as hard cases for defenders of abortion, such as sex selection abortion and the rationale for being "personally opposed" but publically supportive of abortion. It concludes with a discussion of whether artificial wombs might end the abortion debate. Answering the arguments of defenders of abortion, this book provides reasoned justification for the view that all intentional abortions are ethically wrong and that doctors and nurses who object to abortion should not be forced to act against their consciences. Updates and Revisions to the Second Edition include: -A response to Alberto Giubilini's and Francesca Minerva's now famous 2012 article, "After-Birth Abortion" in the *Journal of Medical Ethics* -Responses to new defenses of Judith Jarvis Thomson's violinist argument -The addition of a new chapter on gradualist views of fetal moral worth, including Jeff McMahan's Time-Relative Interest Account -The addition of a new chapter on the conscience protection for health care workers who are opposed to abortion -Responses to many critiques of the first edition, including those made by Donald Marquis, David DeGrazia, and William E. May

Abortion Politics, Women's Movements, and the Democratic State Dorothy E. McBride 2001 This volume examines the impact of women's movements on the policy making processes determining abortion laws. It comprises the results of a cross-national research project on abortion politics in 11 democratic states between the 1960s and 2000.

After Roe Mary Ziegler 2015-06-15 In the decade after the 1973 Supreme Court decision on abortion, advocates on both sides sought common ground. But as pro-abortion and anti-abortion positions hardened over time into pro-choice and pro-life, the myth was born that *Roe v. Wade* was a ruling on a woman's right to choose. Mary Ziegler's

account offers a corrective.

Life Before Birth : The Moral and Legal Status of Embryos and Fetuses Albany Bonnie Steinbock Associate Professor of Philosophy & Public Policy State University of New York 1992-07-23
Hardly a day passes without newspaper coverage of some new development regarding prenatal life. The abortion debate continues to rage, but other examples abound: forced Caesareans; prosecutions of women for drug use during pregnancy; fetal protection policies; the use of fetal tissue for transplantation; embryo research; and the disposition of frozen embryos. All of these issues raise the question of the moral status of the unborn: are embryos and fetuses part of the pregnant woman or are they persons? Are they sources of tissue, research tools, or are they pre-born children? Different conceptions of the unborn prevail in different contexts, giving rise to the charge of inconsistency. For example, women have been criminally charged with abusing their fetuses by using drugs during pregnancy, even though abortion--which pro-lifers call the ultimate child abuse--is legal. The legalization of abortion itself was based in part on the unborn's never having been recognized in law as a full legal person. Yet fetuses have been considered as persons for the purposes of insurance coverage, wrongful death suits, and vehicular homicide. This book provides a framework for thinking clearly and coherently about the unborn. The first chapter elaborates the book's basic idea, that all and only beings who have interests have moral standing, and only beings who possess conscious awareness have interests. This thesis, which is called "the interest view," raises issues of considerable philosophical complexity, but is presented in language non-philosophers will be able to understand. Subsequent chapters apply the interest view, and explore the moral and legal aspects of a wide range of issues, including abortion, the legal status of the fetus outside abortion, maternal-fetal conflict, fetal research, and the use and disposition of extracorporeal embryos resulting from the new reproductive technologies. The philosophical discussion is enlivened by examples and actual cases which immediately catch, and sustain, the reader's interest. Written in a lively style, *Life Before Birth: The Moral and Legal Status of Embryos and Fetuses* is a timely and important work that enables us to resolve contradictions in our current thinking about the unborn, and to approach new issues in a clear and rational manner.

Abortion Stephen Currie 2000 Presents opposing viewpoints on abortion, discussing such issues as morality, legality, restriction of abortion rights, and research using aborted fetal tissue.

The Public Life of the Fetal Sonogram Janelle S. Taylor 2008-09-09
In *The Public Life of the Fetal Sonogram*, medical anthropologist Janelle S. Taylor analyzes the full sociocultural context of ultrasound technology and imagery. Drawing upon ethnographic research both within and beyond the medical setting, Taylor shows how ultrasound has entered into public consumer culture in the United States. The book documents and critically analyzes societal uses for ultrasound such as nondiagnostic "keepsake" ultrasound businesses that foster a new consumer market for these blurry, monochromatic images of eagerly awaited babies, and anti-abortion clinics that use ultrasound in an attempt to make women bond with the fetuses they carry, inciting a pro-life state of mind. This book offers much-needed critical awareness of the less easily recognized ways in which ultrasound technology is profoundly social and political in the United States today.

Pro-Life Activists in America Carol J. C. Maxwell 2002-08-12 Publisher Description

The Promise and Politics of Stem Cell Research Pam Solo 2007
How did scientific and medical research on something smaller than the period at the end of a sentence come to such prominence in American political life? Confounding the traditional polarized politics of the country previously dominated by anti-abortion and pro-choice politics, the politics of stem cell research may be redrawing the borders of public life. This book explores the new political partnerships that have been formed across party lines, the remarkable collaborations between scientists and patients as advocates for research, and the promise of stem cell research that hangs in the balance.

A Pastoral Intervention Model For Abortions In Mangaung Metropolitan City Yoshe Montlha Musapelo 2020-04-30
Master's Thesis from the year 2019 in the subject Theology - Practical Theology, , course: MTh in practical theology, language: English, abstract: This text looks at the issue of unwanted pregnancies and their termination from a theological perspective against the background of the Pregnancy Act 199 (COTP) and my pastoral concern. The failing family planning program of the Department of Health has contributed to this moral controversy as some women use the termination of pregnancy as a birth control method. The termination of pregnancy in South Africa has become a controversial issue affecting communities and the health professionals since the implementation of the Choice on the Termination of Pregnancy Act 199 (COTP). This Act has imposed a moral dilemma for many health professionals and for many contemplating abortions. This has come about in that it provides for abortion on demand in the first trimester. It has also caused many Christian pastors and other citizens great concern due to the rise in the number of abortions. This study starts with a literature review to highlight the various facets and views surrounding the explosive issue of abortion on demand. This opens the parameters within which this matter needs to be engaged. Then the details of an empirical research conducted at three designated facilities of the Department of Health in Mangaung Metropolitan City are presented. The health professionals that conduct abortions were interviewed as well as sixty clients that underwent this procedure under their service. The research investigated both groups' experience under COTP. It explores not only the counselling side, but also reasons for abortion and related emotions and concerns of both health workers and clients. Further, the research probes their religious views and church attachments (if any) and how they relate to this controversial issue. Then the two main theological views on termination of pregnancy on demand are considered. This part of the study seeks to arrive at a biblically normative position. It considers the biblical worldview and the high view it places on human life. It concludes that the pro-life

position, Christian morals and moral regeneration, and family planning should be central programs, and are crucial in dealing with abortion on demand. Finally there is a formulation of a pastoral intervention model for the pastors in the churches in Mangaung Metropolitan City with some attention to recommendations for the Department of Health.

Why Pro-Life? Randy Alcorn 2022-05-03 An updated look at one of the most crucial issues of our time! Infused with compassion and grounded in science, Alcorn's guide takes a hard look at tough questions, including "What makes life meaningful?" and "Is abortion really a women's rights issue?" His clear presentation of the facts provides welcome insights for pro-choicers and pro-lifers alike.

Pro-Life John J. Pasquini 2003-09-01 "Fr. Pasquini has written a remarkable compendium of clear, concise pro-life issues, some of which will surprise readers. There is a great value for the common man in having such a readable and understandable manual on the life issues, and I am certainly going to hand out copies of this work to pro-lifers on every continent." Rev. Fr. Thomas J. Euteneuer, President, Human Life International "'Pro-life' is required reading for all, even the seasoned pro-lifers! Written in an easy to understand format, it is loaded with facts and figures It should be required reading for all bishops, pastors, priests, religious, politicians, judges, teachers, the media and all who in some way or other influence our culture." Edward J. Daccarett Publisher, Christian Action News President, Florida Pro-Life Billboards Radio Host, Sign of the Times "A wonderful book, a must read for all those involved in life issues. Don Kazimir, Respect Life Director Diocese of Palm Beach "This book is a veritable arsenal, a formidable tool for pro-life activists and potential activists." M Susan Pine, Executive Director FACE Life, Inc. "It is decisive and easily understandable " "It provides pro-life teaching which meets the requirement of 'making justice our aim.'" Rich Geisman President, Palm Beach Right to Life League

Everything You Need to Know about Abortion Claire Andersson 2017-06-14 Deciding whether or not to terminate a pregnancy - wanted, unwanted, or unexpected - can be a very difficult decision. Choosing to have an abortion is a very personal decision, and only You can be the person to make that decision for yourself. You can talk to your doctor, or close friends or family, about what you should do, but you should not feel coerced into any option. Understand abortion laws and procedures by doing your own research, and reflecting on your own lifestyle and values, and come to the decision that's right for you. Commonly asked questions about abortions that are described in the book are: How does it feel to have an abortion? Does it hurt, ? How much does an abortion cost? What is the day-after pill? What is the medical procedures of an abortion? Which law applies in which state? What was the roe vs wade case? What is the difference between Pro-life and Pro-Choice? This new book, Everything You Need To Know About Abortion, gives you a great insight in the world of abortion and can help you gain different perspectives on how to base your decision making. Every woman might feel sometime that there are things you want to know but are to afraid to ask about.

The Pro-Life Playbook Jordan D Groff 2022-01-02 In a politically charged environment, the topic of abortion often sparks strong emotional responses. Friendships have been lost and family ties have been broken solely on the disagreement of this issue. Is there a possible resolution between Pro-life and Pro-choice advocates? Can we begin to understand each other? The Pro-life Playbook is an argument by argument counter to every mainstream Pro-choice talking point wrapped into one convenient, easy to read book. A useful resource for readers of all age groups and all political persuasions, this book provides a thorough breakdown of the principles surrounding the abortion debate and works to reach the climax of the discussion by finding the most scientifically justified definition of intrinsic value. Utilizing religion-free logical counters to the Pro-choice perspective, this book focuses on the scientific justification of the Pro-life viewpoint. As the political environment around the abortion debate continues to swirl, this book is your guide to a grounded and logical perspective. Jordan Groff is a lifelong pro-life advocate and has dedicated the past five years to expanding his research and knowledge on the science of abortion. He is focused on educating current and future generations about the intrinsic value of human life and would like this book to help other advocates begin their journey in fighting for the right to life for those that are the most helpless among us - the unborn.

The Right to Information about the Risks of Induced Abortion Natalia Bernal Cano 2017

Hand of God Bernard Nathanson 2013-02-25 As the former director of the world's largest abortion clinic and the nation's most prominent abortionist, Dr. Bernard Nathanson presided over 61,000 abortions. As co-founder of the National Abortion Rights Action League he helped make abortion legal. Then, in a conversion that made headlines and astonished both sides of the abortion debate, he renounced his profession to become a pro-life advocate. But Dr. Nathanson's journey was not over. In this deeply personal memoir, he reveals what led a lifelong atheist and abortion crusader first to the pro-life cause, and finally to Christianity. The Hand of God is more than one of the most dramatic autobiographies of our time. It is also a definitive explanation of the pro-life positions not only on abortion, but on related issues such as fetal tissue research and doctor-assisted suicide. "I know the abortion issue as perhaps no one else does," writes Nathanson. Even those as committed to legal abortion as he once was will find his arguments challenging and his story unforgettable. Now in paperback, this book features an introduction by Reverend C.J. McCloskey, III.

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