Reproductive Rights Bibliography

(Primary Sources)

Books

A review of the achievements of the “pro-life” move-
m ent in the decade of the ‘80s from the editor of sim-
ilar annual reviews.

A conservative’s collection of debate responses to pro-choice arguments.

An attempt to present the conflicting claims of women, fetuses and society.

A comparison between the Third Reich and “Roe v. Wade America,” arguing that abortion is a modern resurrection of “one of history’s most monstrous chapters.”

A Life Dynamics, Inc. pamphlet that suggests that limited access to abortion services will be the single most effective way to end abortion in the US.

A “behind-the-scenes” look at abortion providers and the women they serve from one of the most vocal, hard-Right, anti-choice activists.

This is the latest format of a cartoon book that is part of a direct mail campaign to medical students that vilifies abortion providers and pro-choice activists.

The author explains traditional family and sex role differences among men and women as a necessary balance between aggressive “maleness” and the civil-
izing force of “femaleness.”

This indictment of Planned Parenthood focuses on the author’s claim that the organization’s broad impact on health care, legal services, abortion and contraceptive services is vulnerable and declining.

The second book by the Jane Roe of Roe v. Wade, describing her born-again process at the hands of Operation Rescue leader Flip Benham.

The autobiography of a former abortion provider turned anti-choice spokesperson.

A conservative journalist’s analysis of the hidden agenda of feminism as an attempt to ruin traditional sex roles by creating absolute equity between men and women.

Half autobiography, half Catholic version of Whatever Happened to the Human Race (see Schaeffer entry below), this back-pocket-sized book follows a pro-life spokesman through his spiritual and political development.

An investigation of the moral issues involved in several reproductive technologies from a Christian ethicist who struggled as a member of an infertile couple himself. Includes advice for other couples in similar situations.


Ruff’s criticism of Planned Parenthood addresses such topics as “the tragedy of ‘safe sex,’” “the failure of sex education,” and “the scandal of government funding.”


The source for much of the anti-choice strategist’s thinking. Schaeffer the “prophet” who led Protestants into active opposition to abortion. Surgeon General Koop’s early anti-choice roots.


The classic text on how to harass and close down abortion clinics by the father of anti-choice direct action.


A diatribe not only against Planned Parenthood, NOW and other “hard core feminists” but against those parts of the Christian Right that do not agree with Terry’s tactics.


A further development of Terry’s theology from his 1991 book, clarifying why he disagrees with other Christians over his Operation Rescue activities.


White House staffers produced this slim volume on behalf of Reagan as a demonstration of his commitment to the pro-life cause.
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Articles


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A concise history of how and why the anti-abortion movement arose and what its philosophies and inner workings consist of today.

A collection of articles about radical women on both the right and the left, including anti-feminists.

A very useful collection of descriptions of legal organizations that support anti-choice efforts.

An early study of the pro-family movement and its impact on the ERA and abortion.

The definitive critique of the spectrum of Christian Right politics, from televangelists and electoral politics within the Republican Party to millennials and international missionary work. Includes an important chapter on right-wing women activists.

A collection of articles on a wide range of topics relating to health care for the African American community.

The first feminist pamphlet to connect the decline of midwives with the rise of the medical establishment’s control over women’s reproductive rights.

In questioning the direction of liberal thought, this book critiques both conservatives like Phyllis Schlafly and her vision of family life and the gender politics of liberals, seeing both as fundamentally patriarchal and anti-feminist.

A review of legal theories that intervene in women’s reproductive choices from abortion, surrogate motherhood, and prenatal “child abuse,” including crack babies. The focus is on how the law stigmatizes women who deviate from traditional sex-role norms.

A comprehensive collection of essays, some valuable classics, that powerfully argues for expanding the abortion movement to make it more inclusive of race, class and cultural concerns.

A classic call for women’s self determination in all areas of reproductive rights, not just abortion.

An updated edition of a 1987 study of Fargo, North Dakota and the pro-choice and pro-life narratives that evolved among its residents.

A moving chronicle of the growth of partisan alignments around the issue of abortion using the stories of individuals deeply affected by abortion politics in Missouri from the ‘60s to the ‘90s.


Written by a champion of women’s reproductive rights in the pre-*Roe* era of state-level anti-abortion statutes, this book helped to repeal many of those restrictive laws.


A classic 1987 analysis of population policies and their effect on women’s lives updated with an introduction by Helen Rodriguez-Trias.


A comprehensive history of the Right’s assault on sexuality education with a focus on its attacks of Planned Parenthood and SIECUS.


A social history of the religious anti-abortion movement, interspersed with sociological theories that help explain the movement.


Explores the terrain of recent American racial politics by examining public opinion toward policies on race.


Based on extensive interviews on both sides of the abortion conflict in California, the author presents a convincing case that it is deeply rooted world view differences, not merely political disagreements, that define the positions.


This useful analysis of focus groups with young women reveals the extent to which anti-choice activists have affected their attitudes.


An important history of the anti-choice movement, focusing on the Reagan administration. Includes a description of the widening splits among post-Reagan political strategists over how to use changes in public opinion about abortion effectively.


This book discusses the changes in the Republican agenda, which sought to dismantle the gains made by women during the Reagan and Bush administrations.


A very readable, early expose of the anti-choice movement from a liberal journalist’s perspective.


A comprehensive history of the dramatic shift in abortion social policy in the United States during the nineteenth century.


This collection of feminist essays reflects on the developing field of fetal medical ethics and civil rights and dares to ask disquieting questions of the pro-choice movement. The introduction and afterword are especially challenging to our assumptions about what it means to be pro-choice and feminist.
A description of immediately-post-Roe America by a Constitutional historian.

An overview of the white power movement’s issues with a chapter on links between the Klan, neo-nazis and the anti-abortion movement.

Published as part of a “Dilemmas in American Politics” series, this book portrays the abortion politics as a polarized debate. Useful documentation of the history of abortion opposition in the U.S.

An early, very readable book about anti-choice men and women and their relationships with the New Right.

An important feminist analysis of sexual politics, reproductive freedom and the symbolism of abortion for both the Right and the Left.

This highly readable account, written by two investigative journalists, chronicles twenty years in the lives of several key personalities in the abortion debate.

A thorough, chilling summary of the systematic abuse of African American women’s bodies.

A comprehensive comparison of how each state responds to abortion and a range of child welfare issues concludes that states with stronger anti-choice laws have less support for children once they are born.

These articles, assembled by the Committee on Women, Population and the Environment, highlight the connections between population policy and women’s lives, especially their reproductive rights. Useful reflections on the impact of conservative thinking on global policies affecting women.

An important collection of essays reflecting on the abortion controversy in the U.S. over the last fifty years.

A philosophical analysis of the limitations of feminism, with a section on gender and race.

A description of the early electoral struggles for abortion rights in Hawaii, the first state to repeal its anti-abortion statute in 1970.

A collection of reprints from the President of Americans for Religious Liberty, these essays are reflections from a faith-based perspective on the moral issues related to abortion.

Through an historical review, the authors reflect on the abortion controversy from an objective, social sci-