

WGS. 101 SESSION #21 OUTLINE

1. Essay 2 Strategies
2. The “Rights Discourse” and Issues of Sexual Self-Determination: Rights to Knowledge about Sexuality, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Reproduction; Sexuality Rights as Privacy Rights and Rights to Knowledge/Visibility/Safety; Gender Nonconformity and Social Anxiety/Scapegoating
3. Control of Reproduction/Contraception: Historic Strategies
From “Voluntary Motherhood” in 19th century America
to Modern Contraception; Explaining the Demographic transition of 19th century
The Fight to Legalize Contraception: The Comstock Act (1873) and its legacy
1910s- Margaret Sanger
1918- Crane decision –legalizing contraception for therapeutic purposes
1936-Circuit court decision legalizing physicians distributing contraceptives across state lines
1965- *Griswold V. Connecticut*- legalizes birth control as a privacy right of married couples
4. Science, Technology and Female Emancipation
Katharine Dexter McCormick (MIT '04), Margaret Sanger, Gregory Pincus, John Rock and the Birth Control Pill- The Idea of the “Perfect Contraceptive”/Woman-Controlled Contraceptive
1953- McCormick provides funding for oral contraceptive research
1960- FDA approval of oral contraception
1965- “The Pill” – most popular reversible contraceptive
5. Women’s Health Movement (1960s-present) and Contraception/Abortion:
Conceptualizing Reproductive Choice Broadly; 1973: *Roe V. Wade*
Conflicts between Individual Freedoms and Societal Pressures/Mandates:
Contraception and Population Control
6. Oral Presentations
7. Distribute: Assignment #3

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