

From Danger To Dignity: the fight for safe abortion  
1961-1973



- Back Alley abortions

- Human costs were ignored -

• Lawrence Lader - Abortion I + II (1950s writer)

• Sherril Finkbine - phalydamide

- safe abortion had to be when mom's life was in danger

- Romper Room - she was replaced - people threatened to cut the arms + legs off her 4 kids

• Women used anything to self. abort.

- Patricia Maginnis - early advocate of Women's Rights  
1960s - 5000 ♀ die per year - all the women who lived were potential felons -

→ Lana Phelan - co-founder  
Rowen Gerner. "

The Society for Humane Abortion SHA

1965 - Sutton - proposed 1<sup>st</sup> abortion reform in NY  
→ Dr. Jane Hodgson - 1960s - Minnesota

1967 - 2nd reform in NY - Rev. Howard Moody  
- Protected Clergy Service to help ♀ get abortions  
• Therapeutic abortions

→ Dr. Boyd - TX. - Joined

• In Mexico - abortion was a big business  
2-levels  
Rich - Safe + Sanitary  
Poor - as bad as any back-alley

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SHA - also helped ♀ go to Mexico -  
- tried to find the best providers

- Many Drs would treat ♀ just after the illegal abortions

NC, CO, CA - 1st to pass reform laws

- Dr. HOW ANWYL - CA.

- Rev. Cornish Rogers - LA

- Rev. Peg Beissert - hadn't been a single ♀

- Rabbi Max Ticktin • Denial of ♀ god-given rights

- Anti-Abortion activists began coming up -  
• especially Catholic

SHA - Classes for instructions on self-induced abortions

• Classes on Contraception

• Other States began asking them to lecture

1969 - Women's Rights + Abortion JANE  
Chicago, IL → counseling + referral  
• learned how to perform safe, sanitary abortions.  
• ongoing counselling  
• became more involved - carry the counseling one step further.

• ACLU + NOW called for decriminalization

1969 - Constance Cook - NY Assembly, Rep.  
w/ Franz Lechter

1970 - Lawrence Lader - concentrated on NY - repeal  
- Krupsak -

• George Michaels - Roman Catholic district  
Ended his political career

1968  
Clergy  
service

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1970 - NY Planned Parenthood - day after the bill was passed

- Hodgson, MN - ♀ contracted German Measles
  - asked for therapeutic abortion
  - 1<sup>st</sup> argument for privacy -

JANES - disrespected the law that disrespected women

- Bill Baird - legalized contraception for unmarried adults

- Roe V Wade - Austin, TX - Sarah Weddington
  - illegal abortion in MX

1973

- decision made by the individual