

American Medical Association on Abortion: An Anatomy of Contrasting Policy Statements

WHAT IS ABORTION?

1859 - "The slaughter of countless children; no mere misdemeanor, no attempt upon the life of the mother but the wanton and murderous destruction of her child; such unwarrantable destruction of human life."

1871 - "The work of destruction; the wholesale destruction of unborn infants."

1967 - "The interruption of an unwanted pregnancy."

1970 - "A medical procedure." wholesale

WHO SHOULD PERFORM ABORTIONS?

1871 - "It will be unlawful and unprofessional for any physician to induce abortion or premature labor then always with a view to the safety of the child—if that is possible."

. . . and - 1970 - "Abortion should be performed only by a duly licensed physician and surgeon in an accredited hospital."

WHO ARE PHYSICIAN ABORTIONISTS?

1871 - "Men who cling to a noble profession only to dishonor it; false brethren; educated assassins; these modern Herods; these men, who, with corrupt hearts and blood-stained hands, destroy what they cannot reinstate, corrupt souls, and destroy

the fairest fabric that God has ever created... under the cloak of that medical profession; monsters of the iniquity."

1967 - "Conscientious practitioners performing therapeutic abortions for reasons other than those posing a threat to the life of the mother; equally conscientious physicians who believe that all women should be masters of their own reproductive destinies and that the interruption of an unwanted pregnancy, no matter what the circumstances, should be solely an individual matter between the patient and her doctor."

WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO PHYSICIAN ABORTIONISTS?

1970 - They should be allowed to perform abortions as long as they are done "in an accredited hospital acting only after consultation with two other physicians."

1871 - "The members of the profession should shrink with horror from all intercourse with them, professionally or otherwise; these men should be marked as Cain was marked; they should be made the outcasts of society; it becomes the duty of every physician in the United States... to resort to every honorable and legal means in his power to crush out from among us this pest of society."

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