



Whose body, whose choice: interactions between the pro-choice and pro-life social movements outside the abortion clinic

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This project explores the discourse on abortion in the United States, examining the abortion clinic as a 'space of interaction' between the pro-choice and pro-life social movements. The author completed four months of participant observation in the fall of 2017 as a clinic escort at the Planned Parenthood clinic in Poughkeepsie, New York. She witnessed firsthand (and participated in) the interactions between the clinic escorts and the anti-abortion protestors who picketed the clinic each week. The study shows that, while the two sides of the debate adopt opposing ideologies, their 'structure in this space' does not actually look all that different.

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