

They fiercely attacked reproductive practices used by female practitioners without focusing in particular on black midwives.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FOR PROFESSIONALISM AND ETHICS

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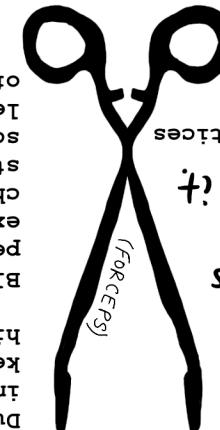
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Abortion regulations were developed in part to decrease autonomy of black & indigenous people.



Over 1/2 of all midwives were black women.

Herbal abortifacients like tansy plucked from kitchen gardens were used to restore menstruation. Reproductive healthcare was the realm of midwives.

Abortion was originally legal and commonplace everywhere in the U.S. up until 'quicquing' - the point at which the pregnant person feels the fetus move (usually around 4-5 months).

Any gender is capable of becoming pregnant and having an abortion.

Abortion has always been a normal part of reproductive care.

The criminalizing of abortion before it could be performed to a long legacy of removing bodily autonomy as a means of control and contrabuted to a culture of sexism - believing the bodies of women - especially women of color - were bartered from healthcare membership.

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WHAT CAN WE DO?

- donate to your local abortion fund!
- train to become an abortion doula to support people who get abortions!
- donate to Indigenous Women Rising abortion fund and the Sister Song Reproductive Justice Coalition!
- Don't stop at the right to choose! Fight for holistic reproductive justice!
- Print & share this zine with others! Email brooks.jill196@gmail.com for a PDF version.

**Unfold for more resources!**

Abortion & Autonomy in the U.S.

TW: Discussion of racism and descriptions of violence toward enslaved and indigenous people

