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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