

# Why would stories about women who had abortions nearly 20 years ago in Canada be relevant to the 2SQLGBTIA+ community in 2022 in the US and around the [world](#)?

Welcome to the 2022 edition of Diane Walsh's "[Abortion Rhetoric: The Silence of Experience](#)".

First published in 2010, it is now available with new book cover art by the author, Diane Walsh.

[Diane Walsh](#)'s "Abortion Rhetoric: The Silence of Experience" (2022) is a gripping look at the psychology of stigma and is a must-read if you are disturbed by the U.S. Supreme Court and its direct attack on abortion access and, ultimately what may be, the hard-fought 2SQLGBTIA+ rights many Americans believed were enshrined in law.

Abortion Rhetoric: The Silence of Experience, a powerful piece of research and writing, based out of Canada, explores abortion experiences from the perspectives of a small group of women who have chosen to terminate their pregnancies.

In stark contrast to the theoretical accounts that frame women's responses in intra-psychological terms, this social study claims the problems that arise in women's lives are due primarily to the social messaging of people's understanding of abortion as a moral issue.

It goes further. Despite the legally-sanctioned protection of abortion services – true in Canada but no longer in the United States - women are seen to confront the painful social stigma that the decision carries.

Persistent negative social attitudes prevail, teaching women that abortion is evil and tantamount to murder.

Now, tragically, the context and focus of this research volume, which we might have hoped would be a description of expired social attitudes and prejudices, has been resurrected and horribly expanded.

The screeching of moralistic rhetoric by social preachers, whose life purpose, by stigmatization and cruel discrimination, destroys the lives of the fellow humans they claim to protect, is now returning informed and progressive social structures into replications of dark ages [witch hunting](#).

The study of post-abortion experience once again has current relevancy.

With the recent reintroduction of the [criminalization](#) of pregnancy termination in the US, so many people will again have to carry the secret, and unfairly criminalized burden, of exercising their basic human right of choice and judgment in matters related to their physical health.

Now that burden can again set them apart from 'law abiding' society.

But this is only the very sharp tip of an iceberg that doesn't seem to be melting. The ever vigilant witch-hunters of modern society are equally set on segregating others – not simply recipients of abortion services.

The modern generation of witch-hunters are preparing to revisit the criminalization of how a person may experience gender and identify and feel, sexually.

The witch-hunters are looking to prescribe with whom a person may form intimate relationships and with which genders they may personally interact.

In other words the hard fought rights of Two-Spirit, Queer and LGBTIA+ people are again under serious threat.

The 'don't say gay' rhetoric is no passing social media meme.

As with the criminalization of pregnancy termination and its quality of life degradation for innocent people, the messages of hate and discrimination in our modern societies are becoming louder and more focused, designed to destroy

more of the personal identity choices that should be recognized as the human right of every individual.

In discussing abortion rhetoric in this work it is wise to notice the methods of social discrimination that have been used to damage women and understand how those methods are easily utilized for further discriminatory messaging.

The moral claims referenced in this work are viewed as unwelcome organizing features of abortion experiences that directly impact the way women are silent, because of the fear of condemnation.

Thus, the decision (not to speak about abortion experience) is not really a 'choice'. It is a learned way of living with the abortion decision and is a social product of a particular 'culture' that intimidates women. No matter how women rationalize their abortions to themselves (whether they are content or bothered by their decision) they tend to keep their experiences secret.

The 'silencing' model is not exclusive to the abortion experience. It's already in use, again, as a divisive weapon to criminalize and destroy yet another innocent and contributing sector of society – the 2SQLGBTIA+ sector of our society. In this work you will find a probing investigation and in-depth analysis of the ruling practices that help to explain silence in women's lives and also the relentless ruling practices that continue to retard our modern social progress.

Does the holder of the loudest 'Moral Megaphone' get to make the rules?

Read [Abortion Rhetoric: The Silence of Experience](#) and be reinvigorated and re-inspired to fight for against all forms of stigma and criminalization of lifestyle choices - with [allies](#) all around you.