



## The Street Politics of Abortion: Speech, Violence, and America's Culture Wars

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Stanford University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Street Politics of Abortion: Speech, Violence, and America's Culture Wars, Joshua Wilson, The U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade* stands as a historic victory for abortion-rights activists. But rather than serving as the coda to what had been a comparatively low-profile social conflict, the decision mobilized a wave of anti-abortion protests and ignited a heated struggle that continues to this day. Picking up the story in the contentious decades that followed *Roe*, *The Street Politics of Abortion* is the first book to consider the rise and fall of clinic-front protests through the 1980s and 1990s, the most visible and contentious period in U.S. reproductive politics. Joshua Wilson considers how street level protests lead to three seminal Court decisions - *Planned Parenthood v. Williams*, *Schenck v. Pro-Choice Network of Western N.Y.*, and *Hill v. Colorado*. The eventual demise of street protests via these cases taught anti-abortion activists the value of incremental institutional strategies that could produce concrete policy gains without drawing the public's attention. Activists on both sides ultimately moved - often literally - from the streets to fight in state legislative halls and courtrooms. At its core, the...



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