



Title: Framing the Conversation: An Analysis of Public Discussion of Sexual and Reproductive Health

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Abstract:

This project explores the public discussion of sexual and reproductive health. Ferree 2002 looks at the framing of public discussion around abortion by various actors in the United States and Germany. Since the research done by Ferree was conducted 20 years prior to this research, I anticipated there would be differences in the frames present in public discussion of sexual health. This research aims to explore what, if any, frames could be added, and which, if any, of the original frames are no longer relevant. Additionally, Ferree's work specifically addresses public discussion of abortion, where this research addresses the broader topic of sexual and reproductive health. This could also create some differences in the overall conclusions, and this research hopes to explore those differences. In looking at the content put out by newspapers and organizations, the goal was to find out how the discussions are framed, and how the framing has changed between a designated 2015-2016 period and a 2021-2022 period.