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Contraception at the Tea Party: The Politics of Women’s Health

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The political fight that has broken out in the US about contraception is both surprising and at the same time traditionally American. It is also part of a global trend of rage against gender transformation, of religious conservatism, and of anxieties about sex. It also has everything to do with a smart black man as President.

Linda Gordon, Florence Kelley Professor of History and University Professor of the Humanities at New York University, is the author of Woman’s Body, Woman’s Right: The History of Birth Control in America which remains the definitive history of birth-control politics in the US and was completely revised and re-published as The Moral Property of Women. Her many other award-winning publications include Heroes of Their Own Lives: The History and Politics of Family Violence, Pitted But Not Entitled: Single Mothers and the History of Welfare, The Great Arizona Orphan Abduction, and Dorothea Lange: A Life Beyond Limits. Gordon served on the Departments of Justice/Health and Human Services Advisory Council on Violence Against Women for the Clinton administration.

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