

Holocaust Rhetoric, Catholic-Jewish Dialogue, and Abortion: Thinking through the ethics of an analogy

Between the 1970s and 1990s, Catholic anti-abortion activists compared legal abortion to the slaughter of Jews during the Holocaust. Liberal American Jewish leaders objected to the use of the history of the Holocaust to undermine reproductive rights, yet wanted to continue investing in newly positive Jewish-Catholic interactions. Historian Rachel Kranson will discuss how these leaders sought to maintain meaningful relationships with their Catholic counterparts despite their differences on deeply held ethical commitments.



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