

Primary:

Rush, Emma, and Price, Scarlet. "Bill Baird Personal Interview." March 3, 2024.

<[Baird Interview - Made with Clipchamp.mp4](#)>

This was our personal interview conducted with Bill Baird, the appellee in the supreme court case Eisenstadt v. Baird. Our discussion with him revolutionized our understanding of this project, and we utilized several quotes and clippings from it throughout the project.

Harvard University Archives. "*Collection: Papers of Bill Baird, 1925-2015.*" Accessed February 10, 2024.

<[Collection: Papers of Bill Baird, 1930-2015 \(inclusive\), 1963-1993 \(bulk\) | HOLLIS for](#)>

This was where we found hundreds of primary images, texts, and other information that helped shape our understanding of the project, as well as strengthen our general access to primary sources. We were able to incorporate this source into various images within our website.

University of Massachusetts Amherst. "*Bill Baird Papers.*" Accessed March 12, 2024.

<<https://credo.library.umass.edu/search?q=bill%20baird&page=4&facets=>>

This digital archive provided us with numerous pictures and contextual informational pieces that contributed not only to our images used within the project, but also our understanding of concepts we had only read about- not seen.

Katz, Sue. "Women's Liberation Explosion at BU: Going from one to many collectives in 1969-70." Boston University Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Program. Accessed March 15, 2024.

<[Women's Liberation Explosion at BU: Going from one to many collectives in 1969-70 By Sue Katz www.suekatz.com](#)>

This was an article written by Sue Katz, an individual who attended Boston University at the time of Bill Baird's lecture that resulted in his 1967 arrest. She describes her involvement in the case, stating her role as one of the listeners of Baird's speech.

Oyez Project. "*Eisenstadt v. Baird.*" Accessed February 12, 2024.

<[Eisenstadt v. Baird | Oyez](#)>

This was one of the sources that documented, in detail, the exact proceedings of the supreme court case. We used the audio clips provided from the website, as well as shaped our case page argument and general understanding of the case based off of this source.

Title of Act § 1461, 18 U.S.C. Accessed April 5, 2024.

<[18 U.S. Code § 1461 - Mailing obscene or crime-inciting matter](#)>

This archive contains the Comstock laws preserved, which we cited numerous times within our website as a means of understanding the regulations in which citizens faced.

Secondary:

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Schlesinger Library. "*Bill Baird Collection*." Accessed March 1, 2024.

<<https://www.radcliffe.harvard.edu/schlesinger-library/collections/bill-baird>>

This brief article provides an overview of the collections kept at Schlesinger Library, while also providing context for the images. It helped us get access to certain images that may have been unavailable to us should we have attempted to request them, and contributed to the overall comprehension of Baird's activism.

Justia. "*Eisenstadt v. Baird*, 405 U.S. 438 (1972)." Accessed March 2, 2024.

<[Eisenstadt v. Baird :: 405 U.S. 438 \(1972\)](#)>

This source provided a more in depth look into the Supreme Court case and its proceedings; while it provided audio clips as well, we were mostly able to utilize it through its descriptive knowledge of the case.

Baird, Bill. "Support the ERA: A Statement from Pro-Choice Activist." *The Humanist*, January 1, 2023. Accessed February 10, 2024.

<[Support the ERA: A Statement from Pro-Choice Activist Bill Baird - TheHumanist.com](#)>

This article helped us comprehend exactly the opinions and beliefs of Bill Baird in a more cohesive and recent manner. It was mostly incorporated in the project through our description of Baird and his life.

Massachusetts General Laws. "Chapter 272: Crimes Against Chastity, Morality, Decency and Good Order." Accessed March 15, 2024.

<[General Law - Part IV, Title I, Chapter 272, Section 21B](#)>

This source provides the Massachusetts state law, verbatim, that Bill Baird was able to challenge. We cited it multiple times within our case context page, and were able to understand the exact law that was being protested.

"Abortion Clinic Set Afire on LI; Suspect Is Held." *The New York Times*, February 16, 1979. Accessed March 6, 2024.

<<https://www.nytimes.com/1979/02/16/archives/abortion-clinic-set-afire-on-li-suspect-is-held-scene-of.html>>

This cite provided us with an article regarding the firebombing on Bill Baird's clinic; it gave us context into the exact proceedings of the attack and how the public was generally informed about it.

MacPherson, Mrya. "The Forgotten Father of the Abortion Rights Movement." *The New Republic*, January 1, 2020. Accessed March 1, 2024.

< <https://newrepublic.com/article/155240/forgotten-father-abortion-rights-movement>>

Being one of the first informational articles we found regarding the case and its context, this document provided us with an excellent general overview of the project we would be creating and various topics of discussion within it.

Gruson, Lindsey. "Abortion Rights' Scorned Prophet, Hated by Both Sides, Bill Baird Raises Hackles, Not Eyebrows." *The New York Times*, April 14, 1993. Accessed March 13, 2024.

<[Abortion-Rights' Scorned Prophet: Hated by Both Sides, Bill Baird Raises Hackles, Not Funds - The New York Times](#)>

This newspaper article definitely helped us comprehend the different perspectives and arguments surrounding birth control and abortions rights, and what that meant for Bill Baird and his constant fight for the bodily autonomy of women.

Bill of Rights Institute. "The Birth Control Pill." Accessed March 9, 2024.

<[The Birth Control Pill - Bill of Rights Institute](#)>

This was an article that provided a great deal of historical context for our case; it helped our understanding of early birth control and birth control activists like Margaret Sanger.

Roper Center for Public Opinion Research at Cornell University. "Public Attitudes about Birth Control." Accessed March 26th, 2024.

<[Public Attitudes about Birth Control](#)>

This research center provided extremely valuable information regarding public opinion on birth control at the time, as well as more specific data on opinion from those with opposing viewpoints. We used multiple graphs from this research center, and allowed it to help our understanding of exactly how many individuals had an opinion to give on bodily autonomy.

Appleton, Susan Frelich. "EISENSTADT IN CONTEXT: THE LEGACY OF UNMARRIED ADULTS' CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO BIRTH CONTROL." Yale Law School, 2016. Accessed March 29th, 2024.

<[The Forgotten Family Law of Eisenstadt v. Baird](#)>

This publication goes into extreme detail regarding the supreme court case Eisenstadt v. Baird, helping us develop a stronger understanding of the case itself and the points of equality surrounding it. We utilized this information to help construct our case information page.

"Activist Bill Baird on Abortion Rights." Boston University, 2022. Accessed February 26th, 2024.

<[Revisiting BU History: Bill Baird's 1967 Lecture and Its Impact on the Abortion Rights Battle](#)>

This article recounted the events at Boston University in 1967 prior to Bill Baird's arrest. It helped us initially understand the actions that were taken by Baird as a means of civil disobedience in order to attack obscenity laws.

"Bill Baird Reflects On Supreme Court's 'Roe V. Wade' Decision, Activism For Abortion Rights." WBUR (Here & Now program), June 24, 2022. Accessed March 16, 2024.

<[Father of reproductive rights movement calls SCOTUS decision a 'holy war against women' | Here & Now](#)>

This news segment provided us with an interview with Bill Baird, which we were able to quote within our website. The segment also helped us understand Baird's perspective on the opposition of birth control.

Veteran Feminists of America. "Bill Baird - The Father of the Abortion Rights Movement." Accessed April 2, 2024.

<https://www.veteranfeministsofamerica.org/legacy/Bill_Baird.htm>

This website was created by the Veteran Feminists of America, who posted this article as a means of thanking and praising Bill Baird for his activism. It was relevant to comprehend what women of the time and of today thought of his actions, as well as gain their perspectives on the events that had happened.

"Bill Baird recalls a career spent fighting for reproductive freedom." The Seattle Times, April 14, 2012. Accessed March 3, 2024.

<[Bill Baird recalls a career spent fighting for reproductive freedom | The Seattle Times](#)>

This article from the Seattle Times provided us with contextual information regarding Baird's time spent in prison, as well as an interview that allowed us access to happenings we would not have known of without this article.

Hamilton, Mildred. "The 'Fiery Father of The Abortion Movement.'" The San Francisco Examiner, 1980. Accessed February 18, 2024.

<<https://www.newspapers.com/article/the-san-francisco-examiner-bill-baird-f/37172634/>>

This newspaper article from 1980 discussed Baird's childhood in depth, and helped paint a picture of the exact motivations of Baird and many of the activists in the community.

"The Pill and Margaret Sanger (1879-1966)." PBS American Experience. Accessed March 5, 2024.

< [Margaret Sanger \(1879-1966\) | American Experience | Official Site | PBS](#)>

This article provided us with an in depth description of Margaret Sanger and her ideals, goals, and motivations regarding birth control and bodily autonomy. We used this relevant information to accentuate the details on our historical information page.

Ploeg, Luke and Belluck, Pam. "What to Know About the Comstock Act." The New York Times, May 16, 2023. Accessed February 29, 2024.

<[What Is the Comstock Act? How It's Challenging the Mailing of Abortion Pills. - The New York Times](#)>

This article from the New York Times provided a brief overview of the Comstock Acts and the consequent laws and moral ideals surrounding them.

Cornell Law School. "Eisenstadt v. Baird." Accessed March 14, 2024.

<[Eisenstadt v. Baird | Women and Justice | US Law | LII / Legal Information Institute](#)>

This website, provided by Cornell Law, provided us with an informational overview of the supreme Court case Eisenstadt v. Baird, as well as the agreeing and dissenting opinions within the case.

National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA). "Eisenstadt v. Baird Main." Accessed April 7, 2024.

<[Eisenstadt v. Baird Main - National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association](#)>

This site helped provide an extremely in depth description of the case Eisenstadt v. Baird, as well as list and explain the various other cases affected by its decision. It was relevant in our themes and effects page, where we described how the precedence of privacy set by Eisenstadt v. Baird influenced other supreme court decisions.

Foster, Gaines M. *Moral Reconstruction: Christian Lobbyists and the Federal Legislation of Morality, 1865-1920*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2002. Accessed March 27, 2024.

<https://uncpress.org/book/9780807853665/moral-reconstruction/>

This book was extremely informative on how moral reconstruction applies to societies as a whole, as seen through government acts such as the Comstock Act. We used it within our website on the historical context page as a means of explaining the opinions of Christians at the time.

Washington University School of Medicine. "Access to Free Birth Control Reduces Abortion Rates." October 12, 2012. Accessed April 2, 2024.

<https://medicine.wustl.edu/news/access-to-free-birth-control-reduces-abortion-rates/>

This article provided us with excellent data regarding the correlation between lack of access to birth control and abortions, which became relevant when considering the argument Baird and his affiliates made for women's health.

Smithsonian Magazine. "How the Comstock Act Transformed the Abortion Debate." *Smithsonian Magazine*, June 15, 2023. Accessed April 2, 2024.

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/comstock-act-transform-abortion-debate-180982363/>

This article provided needed context on Comstockian laws, as well as their effects on the public and how they were regarded by society. We utilized a political cartoon from this article which mocked obscenity laws.

Smith, Claire. "The Revolutionary 1965 Supreme Court Decision That Declared Sex Was a Private Affair." *Smithsonian Magazine*, August 10, 2015. Accessed March 20, 2024.

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/the-revolutionary-1965-supreme-court-decision-that-declared-sex-was-a-private-affair-180980089/>

This article helped us understand the decision in *Griswold v. Connecticut* and how it impacted obscenity culture.

Perez-Selsky, Elisa. "Policing Privilege and Disciplining Bodies: Victoria C. Woodhull, Anthony Comstock, and the Platform for Social Engineering" 2018. Accessed March 15, 2024.

[Policing Privilege and Disciplining Bodies: Victoria C. Woodhull, Anthony Comstock, and the](#)

[Platform for Social Engineering](#)>

This article provided an application of the Comstock acts and demonstrated the effects of the moral reconstruction era. Provided insight and detail on a specific instance on Anthony Comstock's crusade of censorship throughout the country.

New-York Historical Society. "Finding Women in the Archives: The New York Society for the Suppression of Vice and Anthony Comstock's War on Contraception." March 27, 2018. Accessed March 26, 2024.

<[Finding Women in the Archives: The New York Society for the Suppression of Vice and Anthony Comstock's War on Contraception.](#)>

This article provided insight on the actions of The New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, headed by Anthony Comstock, but more specifically on its dealings with birth control and the distribution of it.

"Anthony Comstock's Chastity Laws," PBS American Experience. Accessed May 14, 2024.

<[Anthony Comstock's "Chastity" Laws | American Experience | Official Site | PBS.](#)>

This article was informative on the Chastity Laws and their origins, providing an in depth description of these laws and the surrounding arguments for and against them.

Barlow, Rich. "BU's Charles River Campus Marks Its 100th Anniversary," BU Today. February 27, 2020. Accessed May 14, 2024.

<<https://www.bu.edu/articles/2020/bus-charles-river-campus-marks-its-100th-anniversary/>>

This article, produced by Boston University, goes over the history regarding events that occurred at the college; most importantly, the protest that led to Bill Baird's arrest in 1967. It was useful for helping shape our understanding of the exact events that took place.

Rebecca Cammisa, "Yours In Freedom," Terra Mate. 2023. Accessed February 12, 2024.

<<https://www.terramater.at/cinema/yours-in-freedom-bill-baird/>>

This documentary was created with the help of Bill Baird, and went into depth regarding his

Supreme Court case wins and bodily autonomy activism. It was relevant and provided us access to multiple images and videos, and helped us understand the gravity and importance of Eisenstadt v. Baird.

Images:

Kruger, Barbara. "Untitled (Your body is a battleground)." The Broad. Accessed April 3, 2024.

<<https://www.thebroad.org/art/barbara-kruger/untitled-your-body-battleground>>

While we only utilized one of her artworks on the page, Barbara Kruger produced masterful pop-culture inspired pieces, often inspired by events of the time surrounding public opinion and protests about bodily autonomy. Her artwork helped us understand the opinions and perspectives of a vast majority of women at the time.

Getty Images. "Bill Baird." Photograph. Bettmann Archive. Accessed February 15, 2024.

<<https://www.gettyimages.com/photos/bettmann-archive-bill-baird?family=editorial&assettype=image&sort=best&phrase=bettmann%20archive%20bill%20baird>>

This website provided us with various images, but also provided us with information regarding certain events near Bill Baird's arrest and the case in general.

Getty Images. "Jannah Moon." Photographed, 2022. Accessed March 29, 2024.

<<https://www.gettyimages.com/search/2/image?family=editorial&phrase=jeenah%20moon>>

We used this photographer's work as a means of showcasing present day protests surrounding birth control and bodily autonomy.

Fort Wayne Museum of Art. "Feminist Art: A Catalyst for Change." *FWMOA Blog*, July 27, 2020. Accessed April 7, 2024.

< <https://fwmoa.blog/tag/feminist-art/>>

This article from Fort Wayne Museum of Art provided us with a wide list of art pieces from Mary Beth Edelson, a popular feminist icon. We utilized one of her artworks on our case page, as it provided context and understanding of womens' frustrations with bodily autonomy at the time.