

# P R O W O M A N



*Susan B. Anthony*

In her publication, *The Revolution*, was written:

**"Guilty? Yes. No matter what the motive, love of ease, or a desire to save from suffering the unborn innocent, the woman is awfully guilty who commits the deed. It will burden her conscience in life, it will burden her soul in death; but oh, thrice guilty is he who...drove her to the desperation which impelled her to the crime!"**

Abortion was referred to as **"child-murder."**  
*The Revolution 4(1):4 July 8, 1869*

*Elizabeth Cady Stanton*

She classified abortion as a form of **"infanticide."**  
*The Revolution 1(5):1 February 5, 1868.*

**"When we consider that women are treated as property, it is degrading to women**

*Emma Goldman*

**"The custom of procuring abortions has reached such appalling proportions in America as to be beyond belief...So great is the misery of the working classes that seventeen abortions are committed in every one hundred pregnancies."**  
*Mother Earth, 1911*

*Mary Wollstonecraft*

As early as 1792, Mary Wollstonecraft wrote *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*, which Susan B. Anthony admired enough to serialize in *The Revolution*. After decrying, in scathing 18th century terms, the sexual exploitation of women, she said:

**"Women becoming, consequently, weaker...than they ought to be...have not sufficient strength to discharge the first duty of a mother; and sacrificing to lasciviousness the parental affection...either destroy the embryo in the womb, or cast it off when born. Nature in everything demands respect, and those who violate her laws seldom violate them with impunity."**

*Matilda Gage*

**"[This] subject lies deeper down in woman's wrongs than any other...I hesitate not to assert that most of [the responsibility for] this crime lies at the door of the male sex."**

*The Revolution 1(14):215-6 April 9, 1868*



