

New Right was joined by a number of various organisations of far Right such as Young Americans for Freedom, John Birch Society, and World Anti-Communist League to name just a few. Interesting connections to the Republican Party were visible. On the way to power the Republicans made use of zealots in this groups and organisations, but in spite of a degree of anti-abortionist rhetoric and some legislative set-backs concerning women's freedom of choice, the actual politics under Reagan did not totally succumb to all aspirations of the far right. The problem of abortion appears to be a politically mobilising issue by being always caught in a series of equivalences, which visibly mark the field of the conservative discourse: to advocate "life" means to support "the family", which further on means to uphold "morality", that under a historical signifier is identified as adherence to "America". The logic of such discourse is a reduction of differences: ".../ the logic of equivalence is a logic of the simplification of political space, while the logic of difference is a logic of its expansion and increasing complexity" (Laclau, Mouffe, 1985: p. 130).

The same rule applies to the times of the activity of Senator McCarthy's HUAC that pursued not only "communists" but also homosexuals, left wing liberals and other "non-Americans". Recent American neo-conservatism, of course, may be comprehended as having its historic roots in the notorious witch-hunt of the fifties. However, a more recent movement has much broader sociological reasons, which incorporate a changing role of women in society and, naturally, the representations of political antagonist in the conservative mind-set. In this case, the adversary is the feminist movement that takes place, which was formerly occupied by communism in the views of anti-trade-unionist, Rifle Association, advocates of death penalty, and so on. An ideological construction with a moral emphasis, clearly related to repressive convictions about sex, makes a framework of these political trends. In American preconceptions, the anti-abortion platform evidently comprises a distinct view on sex, in particular on sexual pleasure, and within this context it contains the disfavouring of teenage sex, sex before marriage, to different degrees and oppositions to contraceptives, and even a resistance against the sexual education.