



## Speaking of Abortion: Television and Authority in the Lives of Women (New edition)

By Andrea L. Press, Elizabeth R. Cole

The University of Chicago Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Speaking of Abortion: Television and Authority in the Lives of Women (New edition), Andrea L. Press, Elizabeth R. Cole, "I just always had this vision of me being .well, Donna Reed, you know. (Laughter) Donna Reed, only I never had the pearls." This comment is one of the many recorded in this book, a study of how women's views of television and the media relate to their personal stance on abortion. Over four years, Andrea Press and Elizabeth Cole watched television with women, visiting city houses, suburban subdivisions, modern condominiums, and public housing projects. They found that television depicts abortion as a problem for the poor and the working classes, and that viewers invariably referred to class when discussing abortion. Pro-life women from various classes were unified in their rejection of materialist values. Like the woman who identified with Donna Reed minus the pearls, this group strongly believed that a reduced family income was worth the sacrifice in order to stay home with children. Pro-life women also shared a general suspicion of the media as a source of information, turning to science instead to validate their biblically derived worldview....



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