

Basic Detail Report

Three feminists wearing placards

denouncing the law against abortion and criticising Pope Wojtya about Poland's abortion law compared to Italy's

Date

1969-1979

Medium

gelatin silver print

Description

Abortion in Italy became legal in May 1978, when Italian women were allowed to terminate a pregnancy on request during the first 90 days. A proposal to repeal the law was considered in a 1981 national referendum, but was rejected by nearly 68% of voters; another referendum aimed at eliminating the restrictions was rejected by 88.4%. Pope Saint John Paul II, born Karol Józef Wojtya, served as Pope from 1978 to 2005. He is referred to by Catholics as St. John Paul the Great, especially in naming institutions.

Dimensions

Overall: 24.3 x 30.8 cm (9 5/8 x 12 1/8 in.)