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Medieval childbirth scene, woodcut by Jöst Amman. Note the physicians casting horoscope, and women tending to labor. Courtesy of Smith Kline Corporation Collection, Philadelphia Museum of Art.





EXECUTION OF MRS. ANN HIBBINS.

"Now there are ... methods by which they ["witch midwives"] infect with witchcraft the venereal act and the conception of the womb: first, by inclining the minds of men to inordinate passion; second, by obstructing their generative force; . . . fifth, by destroying the generative force in women; sixth, by procuring abortion . . . "

-- *Malleus Maleficarum* (The Witch's Hammer), published in 1496

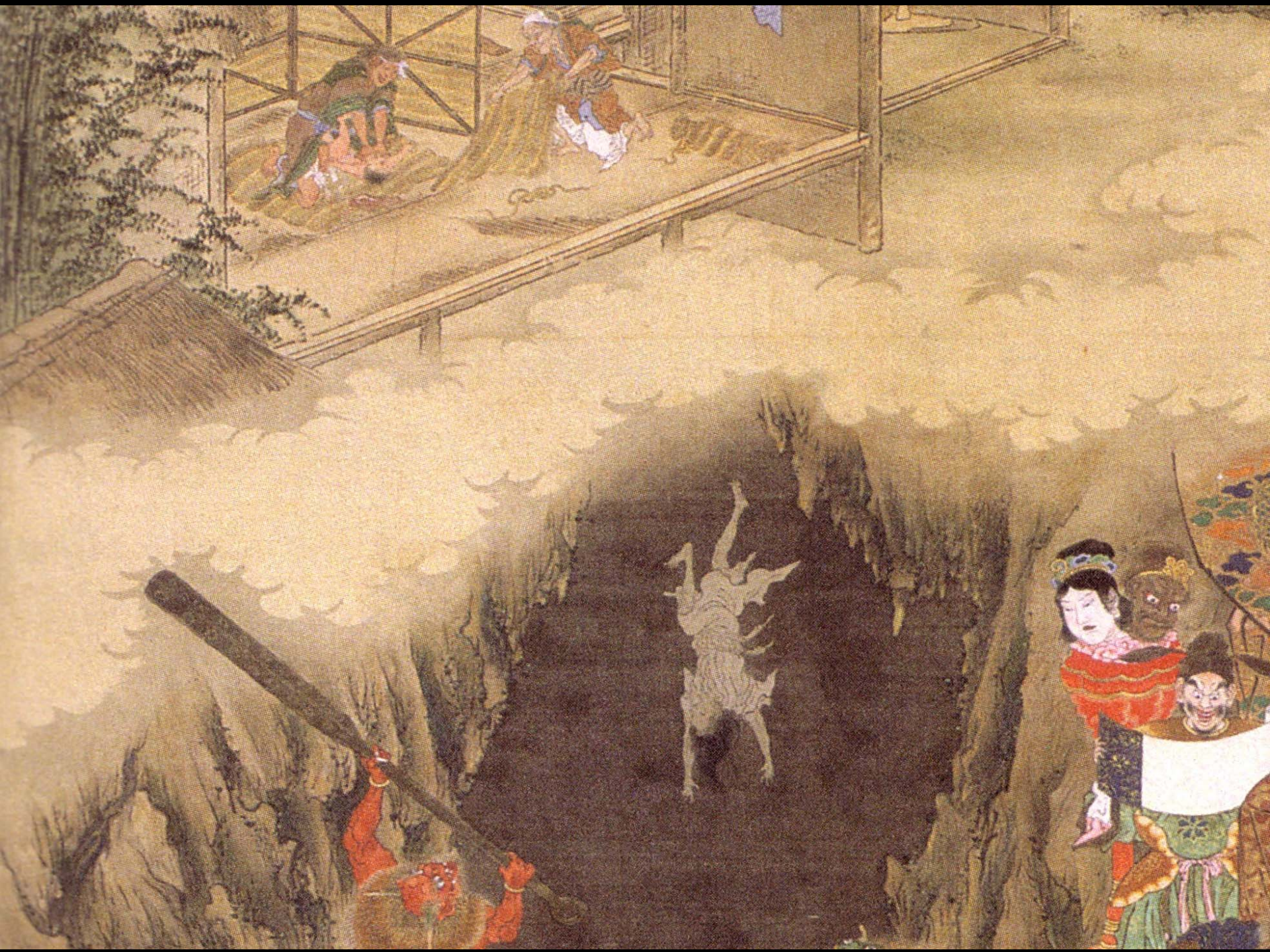
Jōsenji Scroll

Shirakawa,
1788



[Courtesy Fabian
Drixler, Harvard
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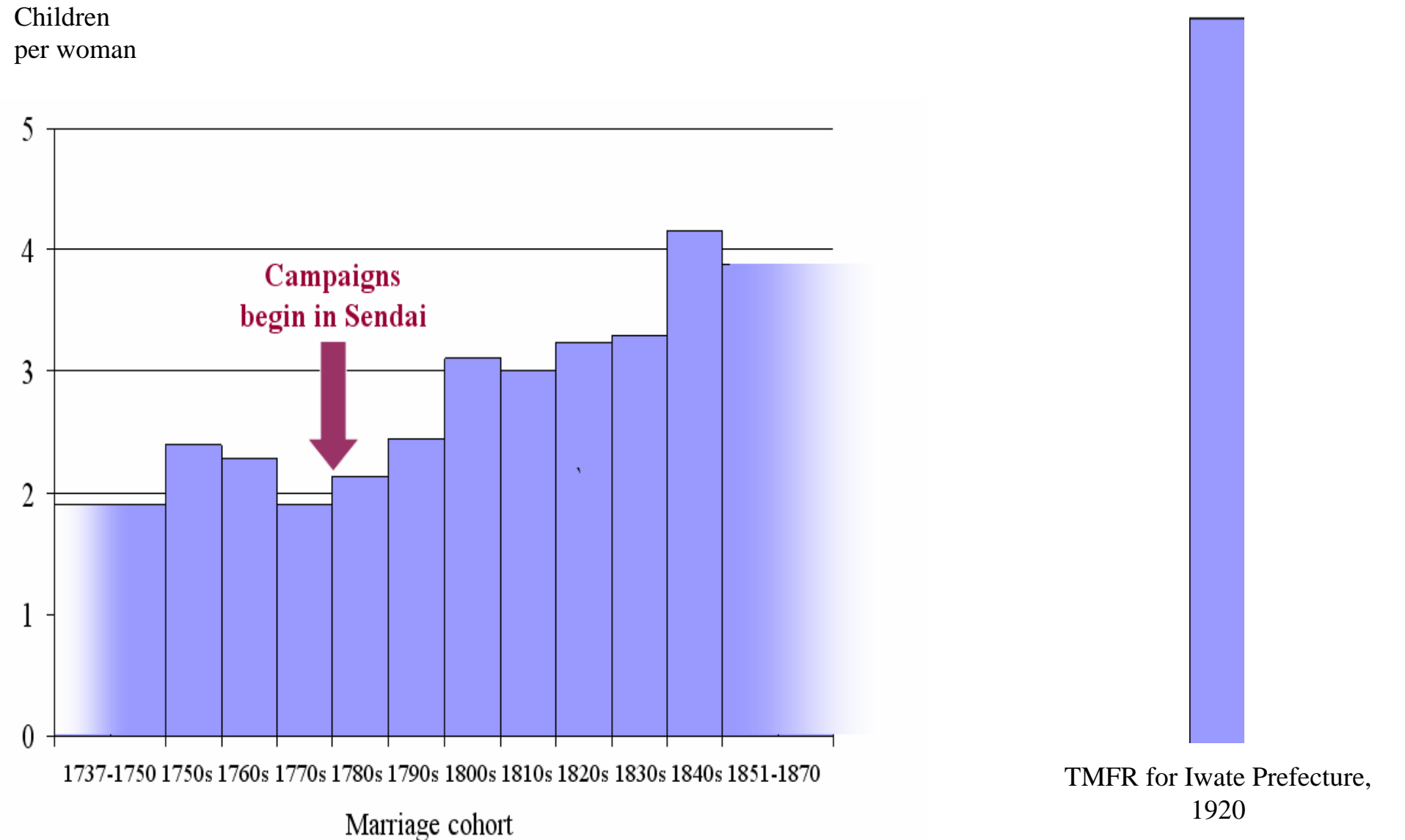






Marital fertility in Shimoyuda, Sendai

[Courtesy Fabian Drixler, Harvard University]



Mary Wollstonecraft



Malthus (aka “Pop,” Bob)

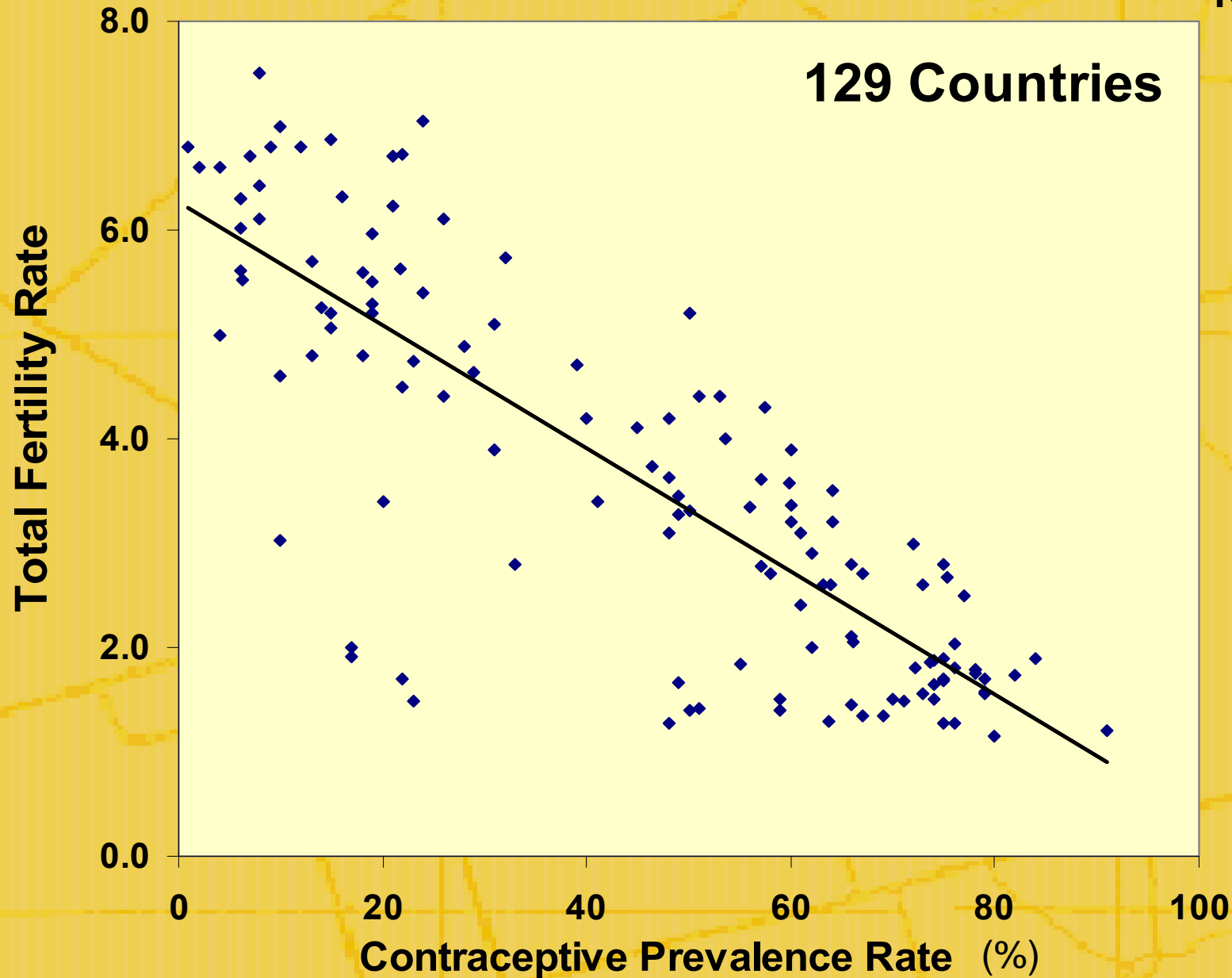


Margaret Sanger



$$Y = -0.059X + 6.3$$

$$R^2 = 0.68$$



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