manuscript: "Caregivers, Crusaders, or Careerists?: Self-Perceptions of Early Twentieth Century Women Physicians", Susan K. Rishworth, 2000; the author states: "The leveling off of women physicians in the first half of the twentieth century accompanied a change in feminist ideology, once closely connected with sectarian medicine and spiritual beliefs, and an undercutting of the human or spiritual values and idealism espoused by the 'pioneer' women doctors... A major difference between pioneer and Progressive Era women doctors is that the former had broader, more idealistic visions, generally driven by a religious faith or philosophy of gender equality as having broad implications for human rights related to the betterment of society; while the latter were converts to professionalism, the glorification of science, and an emphasis on tough-minded calculation in promoting personal successes."

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