

**I was born
October 1, 1959,
in Cleveland,
Ohio.**

**Before
leaving the
hospital, I was
circumcised.**

Strangers took
me from my
mother to a
brightly lit room.

**They tied me
to a “Papoose
Board,” so I
could not move.**

The doctor
then partially
dissected my
penis.

He then applied
the Gomco
circumcision
clamp.

**When tightened,
the clamp
crushed a part
of my foreskin.**

**With the clamp
in place, my
foreskin was
amputated.**

**A few minutes
later, the clamp
was removed.**

**A dressing was
then applied to
my wounded
penis.**

**After a while, I
was diapered
and returned to
my mom.**

**All of this was
done with no
anesthetic of
any kind.**

**Research has
shown that
circumcision is
excruciating.**

**My adult hope
for my infant self
is that I passed
out quickly.**

**The trauma of
circumcision
changed my life
forever.**

**I utterly hate
that this was
done to me.**