

Reproductive Justice Resources

WHAT IS REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE?

[SisterSong](#) defines Reproductive Justice as the human right to maintain personal bodily autonomy, have children, not have children, and parent the children we have in safe and sustainable communities.

Indigenous women, women of color, and trans* people have always fought for Reproductive Justice, but the term was invented in 1994. Right before attending the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, where the entire world agreed that the individual right to plan your own family must be central to global development, a group of black women gathered in Chicago in June of 1994. They recognized that the women's rights movement, led by and representing middle class and wealthy white women, could not defend the needs of women of color and other marginalized women and trans* people. We needed to lead our own national movement to uplift the needs of the most marginalized women, families, and communities.

These women named themselves Women of African Descent for Reproductive Justice, and RJ was born. Rooted in the internationally-accepted human rights framework created by the United Nations, Reproductive Justice combines reproductive rights and social justice. The progenitors of RJ launched the movement by publishing a historic full-page statement with 800+ signatures in The Washington Post and Roll Call. Just three years later, in 1997, SisterSong was formed to create a national, multi-ethnic RJ movement. (Credit: [SisterSong](#))

What is the difference between reproductive health, reproductive rights, and reproductive justice?

Reproductive health is the direct servicing of an individual's reproductive needs.

Reproductive rights are the individual legal rights to reproductive health care services with a focus on keeping abortion legal, standardizing sex education, and increasing access to family planning services.

Reproductive justice is the human right to control our bodies, our lives, our sexualities, our gender, our work, and our reproduction. (Credit: [National Council of Jewish Women](#))



REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE IS INTERSECTIONAL

Below is a non-exhaustive and ever-evolving list of resources that illustrate the ways in which reproductive justice is connected to and impacted by many other systems of oppression and justice movements.

- [A Black and Asian Feminist Reproductive Justice Syllabus](#)
- [Reproductive Justice Issues - Global Fund for Women](#)
- [Reproductive Justice Resource List ★ Rural Organizing Project](#)
- [Queering Reproductive Justice: A Mini Toolkit](#)
- [Why Reproductive Justice Is an LGBTQ+ Rights Issue - Out](#)
- [Reproductive Justice is Disability Justice](#) (Video Playlist)
- [A 'resurgence' in Indigenous reproductive justice](#)
- [The Link Between Climate, Racial, And Reproductive Justice: An Urgent Call To Action](#)
- [On Claiming My Movement: Disability and Reproductive Justice](#)
- [A National Latina Agenda for Reproductive Justice](#)
- [Trans and Nonbinary People Get Abortions Too](#)
- [Abortion Care Is Not Just for Cis Women](#)
- [Reproductive Justice: A Reading List](#)

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE ORGANIZATIONS

National/Regional

- [SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Justice Collective](#)
- [Forward Together](#)
- [Black Mamas Matter Alliance](#)
- [SPARK Reproductive Justice NOW!](#)
- [Center for Reproductive Rights](#)
- [Midwest Access Coalition](#)

Minnesota

- [Our Justice](#)
- [Unrestrict MN](#)
- [Pro-Choice Minnesota](#)
- [Planned Parenthood](#)
- [Reproductive Health Alliance](#)
- [Family Tree Clinic](#)
- [SPIRAL Collective](#)
- [Gender Justice](#)