

Decolonizing Public Health Teach-In

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

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Abstract

Reproductive justice challenges society to imagine an equitable future in which the human rights to have children, to not have children, and to raise one's children in dignity and health are equally valued and protected. The false dichotomy of pro-choice vs. pro-life—with its emphasis on gender and abortion rights—has often eclipsed the experiences of women who are also marginalized by poverty, racism, and other systems of oppression. Now, perhaps more than ever, we require intersectional and decolonizing frameworks for understanding and mobilizing against social injustice. In this workshop, we will revisit the birth of the reproductive justice movement, examine its main tenets, interrogate our own deeply-entrenched prejudices, and apply the framework to identify multi-level solutions for contemporary reproductive injustices including police violence, abortion disparities, mass incarceration, and deportation.

Recommended Readings

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