

Radical Women Study Circle
Reproductive freedom for all women! The unstoppable global fight

Alternate Wednesdays, 22 January - 4 March 2020

Study Guide

Session #1 (22 January)

Reproductive Justice: What is it, and did it ever exist?

Readings:

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Session #2 (5 February)

What do we want? Why must we fight so hard for it?

Readings

- “Reproductive Justice: It takes a global movement,” *Freedom Socialist Organiser*, December 2019
<https://socialism.com/fso-article/reproductive-justice-it-takes-a-global-movement>
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- Dorothy Roberts, Introduction to *Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction and the Meaning of Liberty* (1997)
<https://www.socialism.com/drupal-6.8/sites/all/pdf/class/Roberts-Killing%20the%20Black%20Body.pdf>
- Zohl dé Ishtar, “Since the Dawn of Time,” *Daughters of the South Pacific* (1994), pp 135-162 (hardcopy)

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- Morgan Meneses-Sheets, “Anti-Abortion Stigma Is Not the Only Cultural Force Restricting Reproductive Rights,” *Rewire.News*, 5 January 2015
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- Debbie Brennan, “Attacks on Australian Family Court are part of a broader rightwing plan,” *Freedom Socialist*, February/March 2020
<https://socialism.com/fs-article/attacks-on-australian-family-court-are-part-of-a-broader-right-wing-plan/>

- Patrick Begley, “Indigenous child welfare review finds newborns being removed from mothers in ‘unethical’ ways,” *ABC News*, 15 November 2019
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-11-15/newborn-aboriginal-children-being-taken-from-their-mothers/11705380?fbclid=IwAR3xn478JlbiqCRD2oNwherxaCekaF1eY4RmYLzBQCjLFUusC6K8VNM EHFU>
- Wayne Flower, “Newborn baby dies inside maximum security women’s jail amid claims prison guards and a nurse refused to provide medical help because the child was not an inmate,” *Daily Mail*, 18 November 2019
https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-7683161/Newborn-baby-died-inside-maximum-security-womens-jail-refused-help-guards.html?ito=facebook_share_fbia-bottom&fbclid=IwAR1fNZyXXZDjpINABfKJE5RwtkkYYZEfyf-TVRUVLGiQKFmjGhIk9tazci4

Session #3 (19 February)

The environmental emergency’s impact on reproductive rights

Readings

- Radical Women, *Women’s Bodies are a Battlefield: Climate destruction, the refugee crisis and reproductive justice* (February 2020)
<https://radicalwomen.org/images/RW-Stmt-climate-repro.pdf>
- Reva Siegel and Duncan Hosie, “Trump’s anti-abortion and anti-immigration policies may share a goal,” *Time*, 13 December 2019
<https://time.com/5748503/trump-abortion-immigration-replacement-theory/>
- Roger Harris, “Sierra Club Takes a Commendable Turn on Population, Climate Change, and Inequality,” *Counterpunch*, 8 November 2019
<https://www.counterpunch.org/2019/11/08/sierra-club-takes-a-commendable-turn-on-population-climate-change-and-inequality/>
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Session #4 (4 March)

Women fight back! What will it take to win?

Readings

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<https://socialism.com/statement/we-cant-wait-another-lifetime-to-win-reproductive-rights>
- 36 Powerful Images Of Women Protesters Leading From The Front Across The World, *India Today*, 29 December 2019
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