

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE A HUMAN RIGHTS FRAMEWORK

The Path Forward - Reproductive Justice Series Part Two

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Election Protection 101



Thursday, August 27,
7:00 pm Virtual

How the *Statehouse* works



Laura Mullen
Red Wine and
Blue

Rachel Coyle
How the
Statehouse works



Tues, Sept 1,
7:00 pm Virtual

OHIO

family meeting



Sept 9th - 7:00 pm

AGENDA

- Brief Review of Part One
- Reproductive Justice as a Human Rights Framework
- Panel Discussion
- Questions and Answers



ROE WAS NEVER ENOUGH



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Legal Foundation	Right to Privacy (Roe v. Wade, 1973)	
Central Question	Can the government be stopped from interfering?	
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REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

- Right to have a child
- Right not to have a child
- Right to parent your child in a safe and sustainable community
- Right to bodily autonomy



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DIMENSION	REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS	REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE
Primary Tool	Legal, individualistic approach through the courts	Expansive, intersectional, holistic movement building
Legal Foundation	Right to Privacy (Roe v. Wade, 1973)	Human rights framework , responds to social inequalities privacy law ignores
Central Question	Can the government be stopped from interfering?	Is a legal right enough to protect real autonomy ?
Scope of Issues	Abortion and contraception rights	Health access, childbirth, maternal mortality, plus race, class, gender, immigration status
Who is Centered	Individual legal protection, historically shaped for middle and upper class white women	Communities that are most impacted and vulnerable; women of color, centering their leadership
What Freedom Means	A legal right exists	The material ability to actually exercise the rights that exist

BIRTHING A MOVEMENT

- Framework was created in June 1994
- The International Conference of Population and Development was held in Cairo, Egypt in September 1994
- Chose to align with the global struggle instead of our constitution



ROOTED IN INTERSECTIONALITY



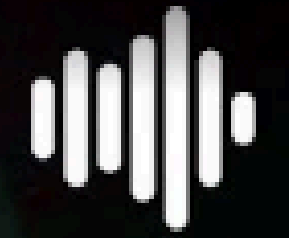
YOUR IDENTITIES

1. Race
2. Gender
3. Age
4. Residence Type (own, rent, unhoused)
5. Place of Residence (rural, urban, suburban)
6. Religion
7. Marital Status
8. Physical Ability
9. Wealth
10. Education

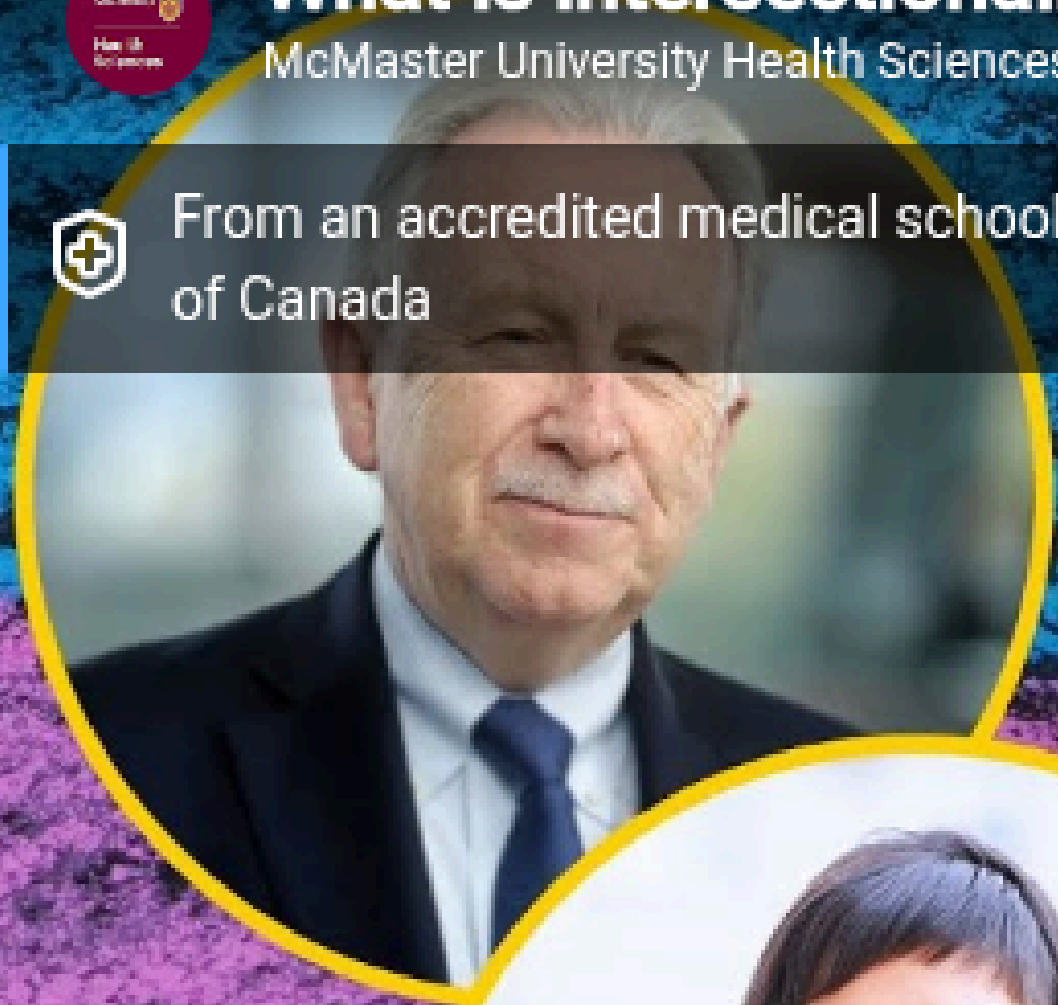


What is intersectionality and why is it important?
McMaster University Health Sciences

VIDEO PODCAST



 From an accredited medical school of Canada



What is Intersectionality?



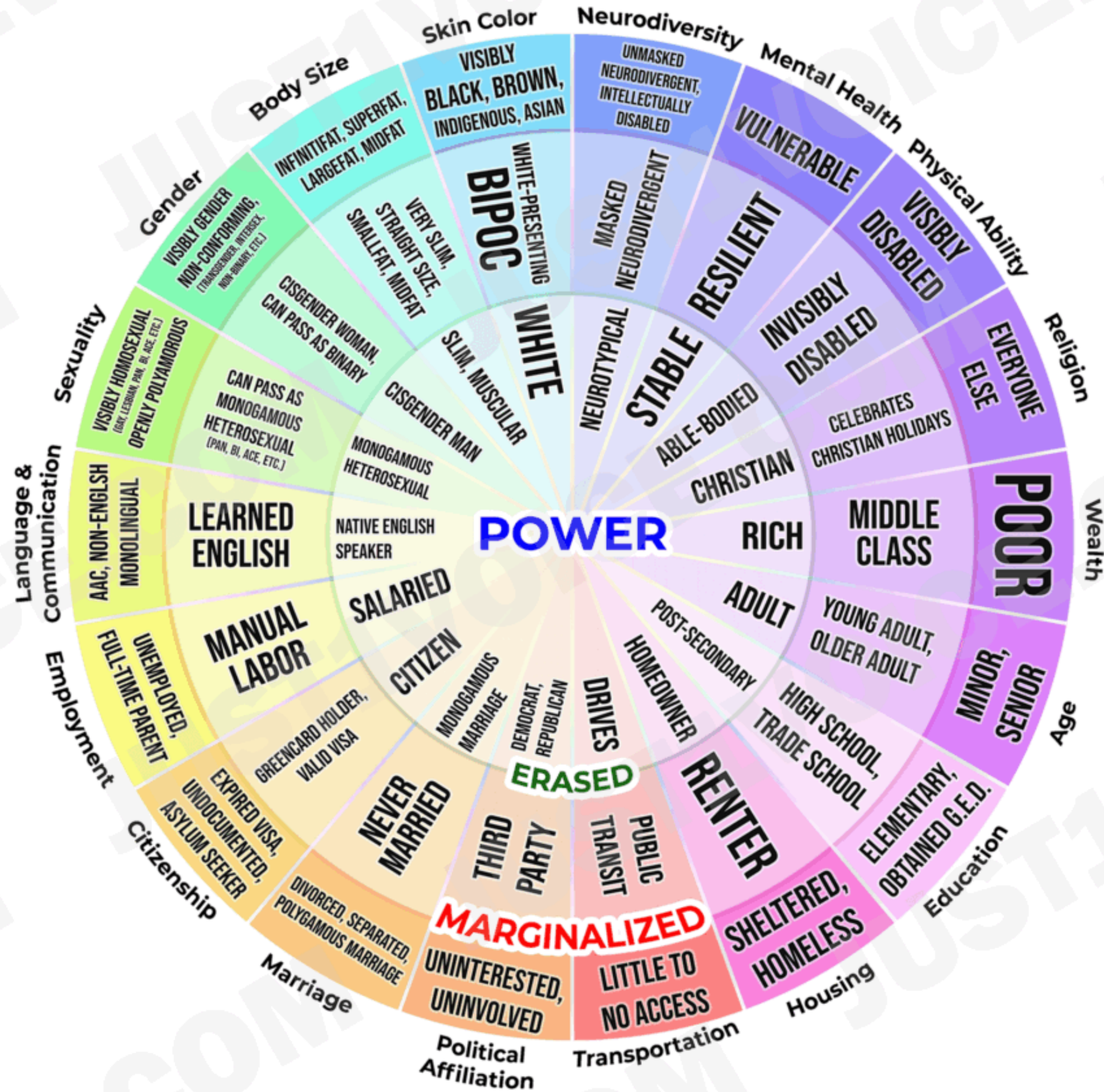
Here's why it's important



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As Observed in the USA





PUBLIC HEALTH & REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

OUR PANELISTS



Dr. Angelica Hardee
Dr. Hardee Consulting



Dr. Nicole Carter
**HUES Women's Health
Advocacy Institute**

QUESTION 1



Dr. Angelica Hardee
Dr. Hardee Consulting

Many in our audience may not be familiar with what public health entails.

Can you give us a better understanding of what it is - and explain the significance of the trend referring to Reproductive Justice as a framework for structural determinants of health?

Why does that lens matter for how we act on these tenets, not just how we talk about them?

QUESTION 2



Dr. Nicole Carter
HUES Women's Health
Advocacy Institute

Eugenics is an ideology based on pseudo-science; in our country, it is strongly influenced by notions of white supremacy and has been weaponized to justify state-sponsored violence, control reproduction and promote selective breeding.

Who gets viewed as a “deserving” or “responsible” parent in our society?

How have race, income, disability, age, and other identities influenced those judgements?

And what have been the consequences?

QUESTION 3



Dr. Angelica Hardee
Dr. Hardee Consulting

Reproductive Justice goes beyond issues of access and emphasizes autonomy and agency.

Where is the line for health care professionals when promoting contraceptives, particularly when patients are under-resourced, disabled, young, incarcerated, or otherwise marginalized?

QUESTION 4



Dr. Nicole Carter
HUES Women's Health
Advocacy Institute

In a related question, how does stigma influence people's ability to make reproductive decisions? How might stigma surrounding contraception, abortion, sexuality, teen pregnancy, or choosing not to have children affect health and well-being?

QUESTION 5



Dr. Angelica Hardee
Dr. Hardee Consulting

Ohio is facing a severe healthcare access crisis as rural facilities, safety-net hospitals, and labor and delivery units shut down or reduce services across the state.

What actually determines whether a person can receive appropriate care?

How do insurance, transportation, provider shortages, discrimination, language, disability access, childcare, and trust affect health outcomes?

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