

Policing Reproduction

A RESOURCE LIST OF BOOKS, ARTICLES, AND WEBSITES

Books and articles on the history of sterilization in the United States, focusing on the intersections of eugenics, sterilization laws, struggles for reproductive rights, and the disproportionate sterilization of poor and minority women.

Briggs L. *Reproducing Empire: Race, Sex, Science, and U.S. Imperialism in Puerto Rico*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2002.

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Gordon L. *Woman's Body, Woman's Right: Birth Control in America*, 2nd ed. New York: Penguin Books, 1990.

Gutierrez E. *Fertile Matters: The Politics of Mexican-origin Women's Reproduction*. Austin: University of Texas Press, 2008.

Hartmann B. *Reproductive Rights and Wrongs: The Global Politics of Population Control*. Boston: South End Press, 1995.

Lombardo P. Medicine, Eugenics, and the Supreme Court: From Coercive Sterilization to Reproductive Freedom. *The Journal of Contemporary Health and Law Policy* 1996;13:1-25.

Reilly PR. *The Surgical Solution: A History of Involuntary Sterilization in the United States*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1991.

Roberts D. *Killing the Black Body: Race Reproduction and the Meaning of Liberty*. New York: Pantheon, 1997.

Schoen J. *Choice and Coercion: Birth Control, Sterilization and Abortion in Public Health and Welfare*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2005.

Stern AM. Sterilized in the Name of Public Health: Race, Immigration, and Reproductive Control in Modern California. *American Journal of Public Health* 2005;95(7):1128-1138.

Articles about continued reproductive health disparities, especially as related to sterilization and birth control.

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Diekema DS. Involuntary Sterilization of Persons with Mental Retardation: An Ethical Analysis. *Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Research Reviews* 2003;9(1):21-26.

Lawrence J. The Indian Health Service and the Sterilization of Native American Women. *American Indian Quarterly* 2000;24(3):400-419.

Sills ES. et al. Gynaecology, Forced Sterilization, and Asylum in the U.S. *The Lancet* 1998;351(9117):1729-1730.

Zite N. et al. Failure to Obtain Desired Postpartum Sterilization: Risk and Predictors. *Obstetrics and Gynecology* 2005;105:794-799.

Articles about the contemporary sterilization of indigenous and ethnic groups in other countries.

Historic Verdict: Court Awards Compensation to a Romani Woman for Sterilization for the First Time. *Romea* October 12th 2007. Available online at: http://www.romea.cz/english/index.php?id=detail&detail=2007_561

Krosnar K. Roma Women Were Unlawfully Sterilised. *British Medical Journal* 2006;332(7534): 138.

Sims C. Using Gifts as Bait, Peru Sterilizes Poor Women. *The New York Times* February 15, 1998.

<http://www.ourbodiesourselves.org/>

Our Bodies Ourselves (OBOS) provides clear, truthful information about health, sexuality and reproduction from a feminist and consumer perspective. OBOS vigorously advocates for women's health by challenging the institutions and systems that block women from full control over our bodies and devalue our lives.

<http://cwpe.org/>

The *Committee on Women, Population and the Environment* is a multi-racial alliance of feminist community organizers, scholarly activists, and health practitioners committed to promoting social and economic empowerment of women in a context of global peace and justice; and to eliminating poverty.

Books and articles about the ethical dilemmas associated with genetic selection, including privatized neo-eugenics and challenges facing traditional notions of reproductive "choice."

Asch A. Disability Equality and Prenatal Testing: Contradictory or Compatible? *Florida State University Law Review*, 2003;30(2):315-342.
<http://geneticsandsociety.org/downloads/asch.pdf>

Bhatia R, Mallik R, Das Dasgupta S. Sex Selection: New Technologies, New Forms of Gender Discrimination. Oral presentation at Aarohan 2003: South Asian Women Rise Up Against Violence (New Jersey, August 2003). <http://genetics.live.radicaldesigns.org/article.php?id=1997>

Gender and Justice in the Gene Age: A Report from a Feminist Meeting on New Reproductive and Genetic Technologies. Sponsored by the Center for Genetics and Society; Committee on Women, Population and the Environment; and Our Bodies Ourselves, 2004. Available online at <http://www.gjga.org/report.pdf>

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Levine J. What Genetic Modification Means for Women. *World Watch* 2002;15(4):26-29.

Rapp R. *Testing Women, Testing the Fetus: The Social Impact of Amniocentesis in America*. New York: Routledge, 2000.

Rothman B. *The Tentative Pregnancy*: New York: Penguin, 1987.

Tuhus-Dubrow R. Designer Babies and the Pro-Choice Movement. *Dissent* 2007; Summer: 37-43. <http://dissentmagazine.org/article/?article=861>

<http://www.eugenicsarchive.org/eugenics/>

The most extensive archive related to the history of eugenics in the United States and includes an exhibit on sterilization laws. Maintained by the Cold Spring Harbor/Dolan DNA Learning Center.

<http://www.bioethics.iu.edu/eugenics/>

Produced as part of a collaborative project on eugenics in Indiana, the first U.S. state to pass a sterilization law. Maintained by the Indiana University School of Medicine Center for Bioethics.

<http://www.gene-watch.org/>

The *Council for Responsible Genetics* fosters public debate about the social, ethical and environmental implications of genetic technologies.

http://www.hreoc.gov.au/disability_rights/hr_disab/Sterilization/sterilization.html

(*A report commissioned by the Federal Disability Discrimination Commissioner for the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, December 1997*. update 2001).

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<http://geneticsandsociety.org/>

The *Center for Genetics and Society (CGS)* is a nonprofit information and public affairs organization working to encourage responsible uses and effective societal governance of new genetic and reproductive technologies.