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REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE & THE HIV MOVEMENT

A FRAMEWORK TO GUIDE OUR
FUTURE

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Lineage: Reproductive Justice Comes from Black women

12 founding mothers Toni M. Bond Leonard, Reverend Alma Crawford, Evelyn S. Field, Terri James, Bisola Marignay, Cassandra McConnell, Cynthia Newbille, Lorretta Ross, Elizabeth Terry, 'Able' Mable Thomas, Winnette P. Willis, and Kim Youngblood.

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE FRAMEWORK: Every individual has the human right to:

- **Decide if and when they will have a child** and the conditions under which they will give birth (IF/WHEN/HOW)
- **Decide if they will not have a child** and their options for preventing or ending a pregnancy
- **Parent the children they already have** with the necessary social supports in safe environments and healthy communities, and without fear of violence from individuals or the state
- **Bodily Autonomy**, free from all forms of reproductive oppression



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Reproductive Justice is intersectional



- Articulated and framed by Black women and women of color
- Looks beyond a singular focus on abortion & emphasizes access
 - **Reproductive health:** focuses on provision of services
 - **Reproductive rights:** focuses on protecting legal rights to reproductive services
 - **Reproductive justice:** focuses on movement building & complete physical, mental, spiritual, political, social, and economic well-being
- **Grounded in human rights and social justice**
 - RJ is necessarily linked to & includes other social justice issues
 - Necessarily challenges white supremacy, anti-Blackness, cisheteronormativity, racism, xenophobia, empire



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Reproductive oppression in the U.S.: examples

- Rape, sexual violence, contraceptive and gynecological experiments forced on people who were and/or are enslaved
- Forced sterilization of Black, Indigenous, and Latinx women, people with disabilities, people who are incarcerated, and PLHIV
- Separation of families through slavery, boarding schools, the foster care system, mass incarceration, and ICE
- Restricted/lack of access to trans-inclusive repro health care: abortion; gender affirming care; informed consent; maternal and perinatal care; sexual health education
- Family caps in welfare policies



- “Condoms as evidence” policies
- Policies that make it hard to change gender markers on IDs
- Restricting & criminalizing PLHIV, immigrants, people of trans experience, sex workers, people with felonies



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REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE AND THE HIV RESPONSE



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Reproductive Oppression and PLHIV

“...not one clinician offers advice or talks about reproductive health. Having sex after HIV or even contemplating having children is like an elephant in the room and these conversations are like taboo.” – L, Birmingham, AL

“I get asked if I use a condom but nothing else about my sex life or whether I want to get pregnant.”
-C, Orangeburg, SC

“I was really upset when I learned that I could have been advised to freeze sperm before my transition.” – B, Detroit, MI

Source: PWN member quotes

silence about PLHIV as sexual beings | Stigma and discrimination | Forced or coercive sterilization and abortions | Lack of counseling about pregnancy prevention and contraceptive options due to assumptions that we aren't having sex or should be using condoms | Slow uptake of U=U science | criminalization of breast and chestfeeding when living with HIV | criminalization of sexuality when living with HIV



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Many HIV/RJ organizations and leaders, primarily Black cis and trans women, have been making these connections for decades

What It Takes to Get Women Out of Prison—and Stay Out

The rate of women in U.S. prisons is growing faster than men. But in New Orleans, one group is successfully tackling sentencing for drug use and sex work.

RESEARCH ARTICLE | WOMEN'S HEALTH

[HEALTH AFFAIRS](#) > [VOL. 41, NO. 2](#): RACISM & HEALTH

Racism Runs Through It: Examining The Sexual And Reproductive Health Experience Of Black Women In The South

[Terri-ann Monique Thompson](#), [Yves-Yvette Young](#), [Tanya M. Bass](#), [Stephanie Baker](#), [Oriaku Njoku](#), [Jessica Norwood](#), and [Monica Simpson](#)



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A reproductive justice response to HIV/AIDS and COVID-19

Jallicia Jolly

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UNSPOKEN:

Sexuality, Romance, and Reproductive Freedom for Women Living with HIV in the United States

a report by Positive Women's Network – United States of America (PWN-USA)

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For WLHIV, abridgement of rights particularly in the arenas of sexuality and reproduction, which are distinct from one another and must be uniquely addressed, takes a uniquely insidious form- and is frequently justified by narratives of public health concern.

Women's health, rights, and quality of life are impacted by policies, practices, attitudes and behaviors that include, but are not limited to, their sexual and reproductive choices, options, and constraints placed upon those.

Although the National HIV/AIDS Strategy set forward ambitious targets for improving diagnosis, treatment and care for people living with HIV (PLHIV), to reduce new infections, and to improve coordination of domestic HIV prevention and care efforts—it failed to set specific or measurable targets for women. In particular, the Strategy neglected to address sexual and reproductive health of PLHIV, and glossed over the troubling prevalence of violence and trauma in the lives of women living with HIV. As

QUEER VOICES

Undetectable = Untransmittable. So Why The Hell Isn't That Catching On?

One can't help but wonder what role racism plays in the field's apparent distrust of people with HIV.

By Naina Khanna

Queer news and culture. For everyone.

Dec 1, 2017, 02:54 PM EST | Updated Dec 1, 2017

“Reluctance from medical providers and public health officials to share information about viral suppression rests on a complex set of stigmas, but **boils down to one basic idea: people with HIV can't be trusted. We can't be trusted to take our medications, to care about and protect others, and to tell our providers the truth about our sexual and medical decisions.**

Source:

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/undetectableuntransmittable-so-why-the-hell-isnt_b_5a21b23fe4b04dacbc9bd6f0



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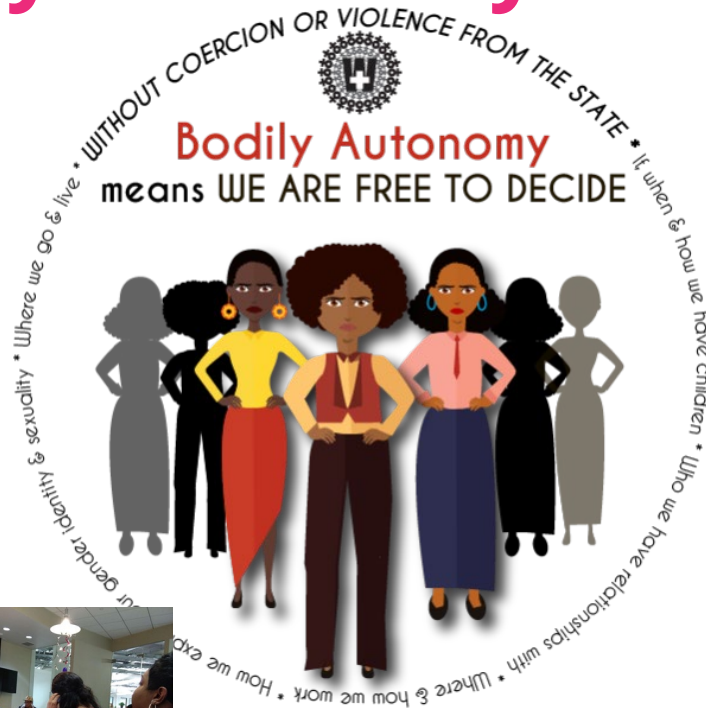


PWN's Bodily Autonomy Framework

Trans-Centered Reproductive Justice Factsheet

Trans Justice is Repro Justice

Positively Trans and PWN collaborated on a TCRJ strategy meeting in 2018 which led to a set of recommendations



“Bodily autonomy is the simple but radical concept that individuals have the right to control what does and does not happen to our bodies. When we have full bodily autonomy, not only are we empowered to make decisions about our health and future – without coercion or control by others – we also have the support and resources needed to meaningfully carry out these decisions.”



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Gender monitoring the 2010 NHAS



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Thirteen organizations today released a gender audit of the first-ever U.S. National HIV/AIDS Strategy. The document is an analysis, from a gender perspective, of the Strategy, and lays out recommendations for the Strategy's implementation to improve all women's, including transgender women's, access to HIV prevention, care, and treatment consistent with the right to nondiscrimination, dignity, bodily integrity, and ethical treatment. The analysis is based in human rights principles. [Read the Executive Summary of the](#)

VIDEO SPOTLIGHT



OUR MISSION

GENDER MONITORING REPORT CARD

GRADE	AREA OF CONCERN FOR WOMEN LIVING WITH AND AFFECTED BY HIV
Law and Policy Review	
B	Because the U.S. National HIV/AIDS Strategy makes great strides in addressing the rights and dignity of people living with HIV overall, but little mention of improving enforcement and education about laws and policies that disproportionately affect women, in Law & Policy for women living with and affected by HIV, the Strategy receives a B.
Data Collection & Risk Assessment	
C	Because the U.S. National HIV/AIDS Strategy articulates the need for targeted surveillance to better track and describe the HIV epidemic, but does not address the need to disaggregate data based on gender identity and makes no suggestion to better track social and structural determinants of women's vulnerability to acquiring HIV independently of personal risk behavior in Data Collection and Risk Assessment for women living with and affected by HIV, the Strategy receives a C.
Meaningful Involvement of HIV-positive Women	
C+	Because the U.S. National HIV/AIDS Strategy calls for increased leadership of people living with HIV as a mechanism to reduce stigma and discrimination, but does not describe mechanisms to build capacity to promote leadership among people living with HIV reflective of the epidemic, in Meaningful Involvement of HIV-positive Women, the Strategy receives a C+.
Women Centered Service Delivery	
C+	Because the National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United States identifies the unique structural factors that lead to increased vulnerability of women in the HIV epidemic, reinforces the right of all HIV-positive people to voluntary, informed, and respectful HIV care and treatment but does not provide concrete recommendations for the integration of women-centered services such as sexual and reproductive healthcare into HIV care and treatment, in Women-Centered Service Delivery for women living with and affected by HIV, the Strategy receives a C+.
Resource Equity	
C	Because the U.S. National HIV/AIDS Strategy proposes no plan or campaign to address the unique needs of women beyond their roles as partners and mothers; fails to specifically recognize how women's needs and risk for HIV vary based on geographic location, and how resource allocation should reflect this variation; and has no proposal for capacity building for community based organizations (CBOs) that provide women centered services, in Resource Equity for women living with and affected by HIV, the Strategy receives a C.
Research	
B	Because the Strategy does implicate some structural drivers of the HIV/AIDS epidemic as worthy of further research but does not call for great scale up or changes in the approach to HIV/AIDS research as a whole and especially for women, in Research, the Strategy receives a B.
C+	FINAL GRADE FOR THE U.S. NATIONAL HIV/AIDS STRATEGY



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NHAS 2022-2025

NHAS 2022-2025 mentions reproductive healthcare for PLHIV twice:

1. “Across the lifespan, individuals with HIV will also experience a spectrum of non-HIV-specific needs, which may require coordination across various health and social services systems, such as sexual and reproductive health or transition-related care for transgender individuals, in order to ensure affirming whole-person care. “ - p 59
2. “In addition to the RWHAP, patient-centered medical homes and health homes create opportunities to address medical and support service needs of people with HIV through coordinated, team-based, and accessible programs including co-location of mental health, substance use, geriatric, reproductive, and other related health care services.”-p 48

BUUUT...

the *NHAS Federal Implementation Plan*, released 8/26/2022, has ZERO actions specifically related to advancing sexual and reproductive health and rights of people ALREADY LIVING with HIV



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FURTHERMORE...
through invasive and nonconsensual practices
like molecular HIV surveillance/"cluster
detection and response", the HIV public health
workforce is actively violating key tenets of
reproductive justice and bodily autonomy,
and placing Black, Indigenous, and People of
Color living with HIV, especially queer and
trans folks, directly in harm's way



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The Center for HIV Law and Policy

Is Molecular HIV Surveillance Worth the Risk?



Mark S. King
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"Molecular [#HIV](#) Surveillance is a license to hunt down marginalized people with HIV while ignoring their right to privacy or consent. It will also creep you out."

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Watch Activists Storm The Stage at USCA,
Protesting Neglect From CDC



Protestors from across the nation have a message for Dr.

MOLECULAR HIV SURVEILLANCE:
A GLOBAL REVIEW
OF HUMAN RIGHTS
IMPLICATIONS



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HIV JUSTICE LIVE!

Episode 1: Whose Blood is it Anyway?
Questioning the rollout of molecular HIV surveillance

With Alexander McClelland, Naina Khanna, Joe Amon and Dr Larissa Mulka

Hosted by Edwin J Bernard (HIV Justice Network)

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HIV, DISCRIMINATION, AND LAW > INTERVIEWS

Tracked and Monitored: Advocates Call for a Moratorium on Molecular HIV Surveillance

Terri Wilder, M.S.W.
Sept. 1, 2021

A PERFECT STORM ?

MOLECULAR HIV SURVEILLANCE
IN THE CONTEXT OF CRIMINALISATION

Consent and criminalisation concerns over phylogenetic analysis of surveillance data

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We Are People, Not Clusters!

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Critical Public Health The rise of molecular HIV surveillance: implications on consent and criminalization

February 2019 • [Critical Public Health](#) 30(1)

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Supreme Court overturns Roe v. Wade, ending 50 years of federal abortion rights

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Justice Thomas: SCOTUS 'should reconsider' contraception, same-sex marriage rulings

Democrats warned that the court would seek to undo other constitutional rights if it overturned Roe v. Wade, as it did on Friday.

Federal judge blocks HHS guidance that care must include abortion services



By [Chris Boyette](#) and [Tierney Sneed](#), CNN
Updated 12:18 PM ET, Wed August 24, 2022

As New Term Starts, Supreme Court Is Poised to Resume Rightward Push

The justices return to the bench on Monday to start a term that will include major cases on affirmative action, voting and discrimination against gay couples. Several will take on questions about race.

Bloomberg

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Texas Judge Says HIV Drug Mandate Violates Religious Freedom

- Ruling in federal court in Texas concerns Gilead PrEP drugs
- Company said it didn't want to subsidize 'homosexual behavior'

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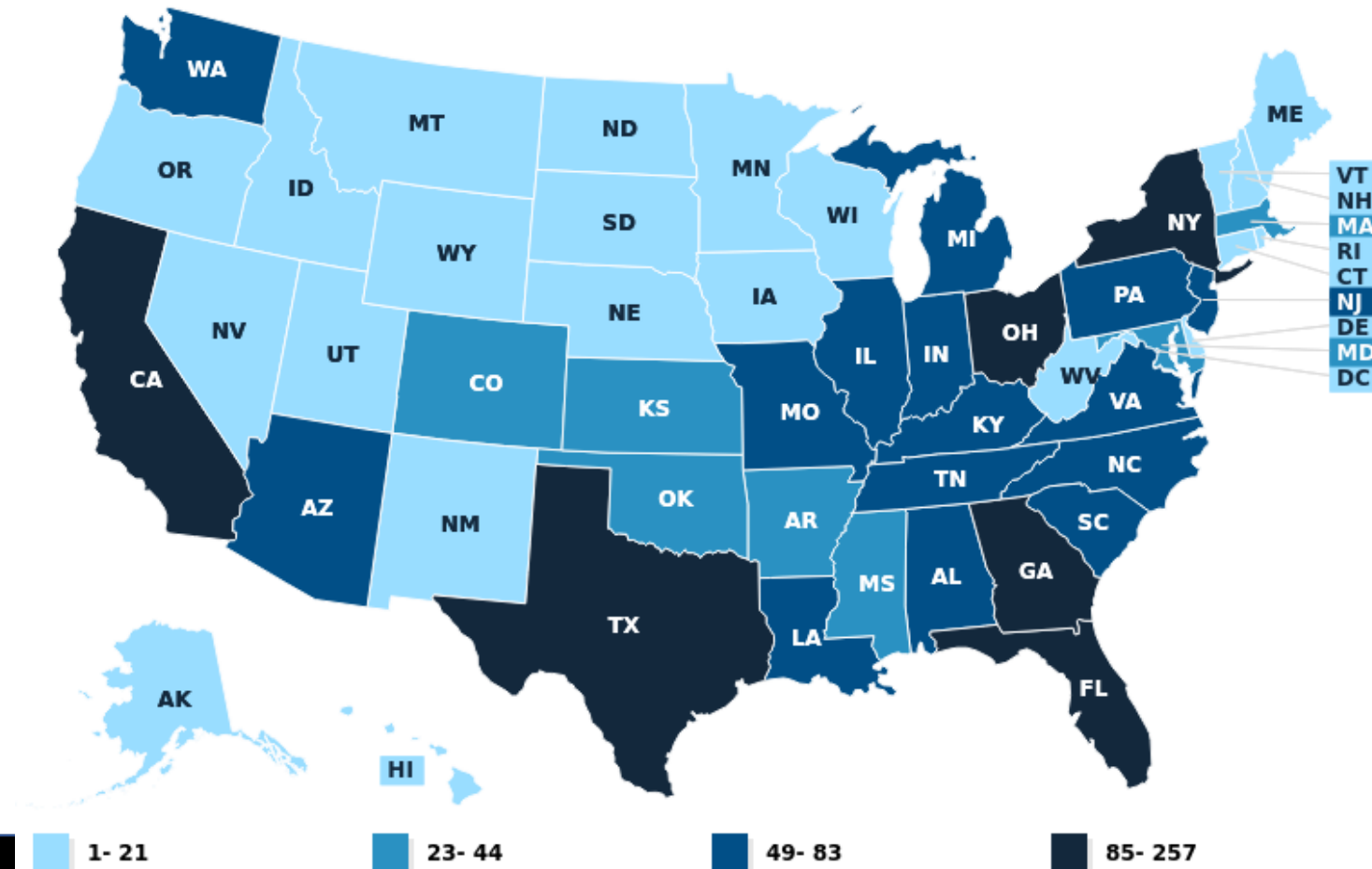




Timeframe: as of October 4, 2022



Maternal deaths and mortality rates per 100,000 live births: Number of Deaths, 2018-2020



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SOURCE: Kaiser Family Foundation's State Health Facts.

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Organizing for Reproductive Liberation

2020: PWN contacted nearly 500,000 voters in Colorado, Pennsylvania, and Texas. We successfully defeated an anti-abortion ballot measure (Prop 115) and passed an expansion of paid family medical leave (Prop 118) in CO

2022: Deep canvassing on abortion now in CO, PA, and TX for the midterms



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Spotlight: Pennsylvania

SB106: PA's Anti-Abortion Constitutional Amendment | July 2022

1. Lays the groundwork for future abortion bans by writing that citizens have “no rights related to abortion” in the Constitution.
2. Institutes voter photo ID requirements
3. Gives the Governor the power to appoint a Lieutenant Governor instead of allowing the voters to have a say
4. Centralizes oversight of elections to a single individual: the PA Auditor General - politicizing election results
5. Takes power away from the Governor and gives more to the General Assembly

Volunteer with us in PA: <https://www.mobilize.us/pwn-usa/event/514327/>



**PWN canvassers
registering a Philly
voter, Oct 8, 2022**



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Spotlight: Colorado

Colorado is an abortion oasis, surrounded by states that have criminalized or restricted abortion

- **2020:** PWN members protected abortion and advance family formation in Colorado by helping defeat Prop 115 and pass Prop 118
- **2022:** PWN and allies helped pass the Reproductive Health Equity Act (RHEA) which enshrines the right to abortion and contraceptives in state law and blocks public entities from denying or restricting those rights.
- **2022:** Deep persuasion and listening conversations with CO voters on abortion access, GOTV
- 87% of Colorado counties do not have an abortion provider

Volunteer with us in CO:

<https://www.mobilize.us/dashboard/pwn-usa/event/517118/>



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A PWN COLORADO EVENT

GRAND JUNCTION TEACH-IN

Find your political home with PWN Colorado

Wed, Aug 24 6-8p MT

WHAT: Come to learn about what PWN Colorado is doing to fight for reproductive justice and protect abortion access, and connect with other advocates on the Western Slope.

Join us in person register bit.ly/PWN-CO-GJ-COMMUNITY or join us virtually bit.ly/PWN-CO-GJ-COMM-VIRTUAL

WHO: PWN CO western slope members, allies, and interested community members

COVID PROTOCOL: if you aren't feeling well, please join us virtually. N95 mask indoors along with physical distancing

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Wait times at Colorado abortion clinics hit 2 weeks as out-of-state patients strain system



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