

# READINGS & RESOURCES ON ABOLITION & REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

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## **About this document**

Care Not Cages is a project about the intersection of reproductive justice and prison abolition, spearheaded by the Young Womxn of Color for Reproductive Justice Leadership Council, in partnership with BYP100, URGE: Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity, and Black & Pink. We believe that no one deserves to be in a cage. As reproductive justice means that people should have what they need to parent their children and to have healthy and safe families - and prisons stand in opposition to happy, healthy families - we believe that reproductive justice is in direct alignment with the struggle for prison abolition. Please use this document to learn more about the intersection of these two movements.

## **Mission & Vision**

The Young Womxn of Color for Reproductive Justice Leadership Council (YWOC4RJLC) is a group of 14-24 year old young womxn of color organizers who are working to educate, empower, and fight back against issues impacting their community through a reproductive justice lens. We seek to aid these young womxn of color in harnessing their power and mobilize them in solidarity with each other to create a society free from all forms of oppression. The Leadership Council serves as the steering committee for the YWOC4RJ Collective and regularly engages the larger collective through online and offline activism opportunities. YWOC is currently made up of 13 womxn of color in creating solutions to address the impacts of oppression, and building power with a new generation of organizers for reproductive justice.

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Title	Type	URL/Link	Description
Prison Abolition is a Key Component of Reproductive Freedom	Article	<a href="https://wearyourvoicemag.com/prison-abolition-reproductive-care/">https://wearyourvoicemag.com/prison-abolition-reproductive-care/</a>	Short overview of the intersection of abolition and reproductive justice.
Incarcerated women and reproductive healthcare	Video	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNx1ntLyl2Q">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WNx1ntLyl2Q</a>	TedTalk from an OB GYN who works at a jail.
Reproductive Control: The Enduring State Violence Against Incarcerated Black Women	Article	<a href="https://rewire.news/article/2018/06/14/reproductive-control-enduring-state-violence-incarcerated-black-women/">https://rewire.news/article/2018/06/14/reproductive-control-enduring-state-violence-incarcerated-black-women/</a>	A 2018 overview of a few campaigns related to reproductive care for the incarcerated.
Who Pays? The True Cost of Incarceration on Families	Report	<a href="https://ellabakercenter.org/sites/default/files/downloads/who-pays.pdf">https://ellabakercenter.org/sites/default/files/downloads/who-pays.pdf</a>	An in depth report on the impact of mass incarceration on families.
Reproductive Justice Briefing Book: A Primer on Reproductive Justice and Social Change	Book	<a href="https://www.law.berkeley.edu/php-programs/courses/fileDL.php?fID=4051">https://www.law.berkeley.edu/php-programs/courses/fileDL.php?fID=4051</a>	An anthology of resources about reproductive justice.
4 Ways to Center Trans Women in Reproductive Justice	Article	<a href="https://everydayfeminism.com/2015/11/trans-women-reproductive-justice/">https://everydayfeminism.com/2015/11/trans-women-reproductive-justice/</a>	Article about trans rights and reproductive justice.
Reproductive Justice, Not Just Rights	Article	<a href="https://www.dissentmagazine.org/article/reproductive-justice-not-just-rights">https://www.dissentmagazine.org/article/reproductive-justice-not-just-rights</a>	Article explaining the difference between reproductive justice and reproductive rights.
Making the Case for Reproductive Revolution	Article	<a href="https://medium.com/@njerakeith/making-the-case-for-reproductive-revolution-9d039c58d4ab">https://medium.com/@njerakeith/making-the-case-for-reproductive-revolution-9d039c58d4ab</a>	Article about abortion and Black women.
Women, Race, & Class - Angela Davis	Book	<a href="https://legalform.files.wordpress.com/2017/08/davis-women-race-class.pdf">https://legalform.files.wordpress.com/2017/08/davis-women-race-class.pdf</a>	A powerful study of the women's liberation movement in the U.S., from abolitionist days to the present, that demonstrates how it has always been hampered by the racist and classist biases of its leaders.
Are Prisons Obsolete? - Angela Davis	Book	<a href="https://www.feministes-radicales.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/Angela-Davis-Are_Prisons_Obsolete.pdf">https://www.feministes-radicales.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/Angela-Davis-Are_Prisons_Obsolete.pdf</a>	A case for abolishing prisons.

Creative Interventions Toolkit: A Practical Guide to Stop Interpersonal Violence	Toolkit	<a href="http://www.creative-interventions.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/CI-Toolkit-Complete-FINAL.pdf">http://www.creative-interventions.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/CI-Toolkit-Complete-FINAL.pdf</a>	A huge guidebook with tons of concrete examples, stories and tools for stopping interpersonal violence without the police.
All About Love - Bell Hooks	Book	<a href="https://www.academia.edu/33877231/All_about_love_bell_hooks">https://www.academia.edu/33877231/All_about_love_bell_hooks</a>	A book discussing many aspects of love in modern society.
Assata Shakur, an Autobiography- Assata Shakur	Book	<a href="https://libcom.org/files/assataauto.pdf">https://libcom.org/files/assataauto.pdf</a>	A personal and political autobiography from Assata Shakur about her life and activism.
"She Doesn't Deserve to Be Treated Like This": Prisons As Sites of Reproductive Injustice	Report	<a href="https://www.prisonpolicy.org/scans/Roth%202017%20Prisons%20Reproductive%20Injustice.pdf">https://www.prisonpolicy.org/scans/Roth%202017%20Prisons%20Reproductive%20Injustice.pdf</a>	
Pedagogy of the Oppressed - Paulo Freire	Book	<a href="https://www.academia.edu/5349251/PEDAGOGY_OF_THE_OPPRESSED_30TH_ANIVERSARY_EDITION_PAULO_FREIRE">https://www.academia.edu/5349251/PEDAGOGY_OF_THE_OPPRESSED_30TH_ANIVERSARY_EDITION_PAULO_FREIRE</a>	Radical Brazilian educator Paulo Freire discusses an approach to emancipatory education and a lens through which to understand systems of oppression in order to transform them.
Bitter Brown Femmes - @Xicanisma, @QueerXicanoChisme	Podcast	<a href="https://bitterbrownfemmespodcast.com/">https://bitterbrownfemmespodcast.com/</a>	A podcast by brown folx for brown folx. Get educated, informed, and called out.
Me and white supremacy workbook - Layla F. Saad	Interactive workbook	<a href="https://convertkit.s3.amazonaws.com/assets/documents/15414/1953178/Me_An_d_White_Supremacy_Workbook_FINAL_BOOK_.pdf">https://convertkit.s3.amazonaws.com/assets/documents/15414/1953178/Me_An_d_White_Supremacy_Workbook_FINAL_BOOK_.pdf</a>	A workbook SPECIFICALLY designed for white people & non-Black people of color, to reassess & self reflect their privilege.
12 Things to do Instead of Calling the Cops	Article	<a href="https://www.sproutdistro.com/catalog/zines/organizing/12-things-instead-calling-cops/">https://www.sproutdistro.com/catalog/zines/organizing/12-things-instead-calling-cops/</a>	A zine on what to do instead of calling the police.
What to do Instead of Calling the Police	Article	<a href="https://www.aaronxrose.com/blog/alternatives-to-police">https://www.aaronxrose.com/blog/alternatives-to-police</a>	A guide on alternatives to calling the police.
Coins, Cops, & Communities	Toolkit	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwkZWpaf1T7XSVIyeUxTbVlvV2M/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwkZWpaf1T7XSVIyeUxTbVlvV2M/view</a>	Activities & materials to explore what community safety could look like beyond policing.
Freedom to Thrive: Reimagining Safety & Security in Our Communities	Report	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwkZWpaf1T7XMHh6dnpUaXpMaUk/view?pli=1">https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwkZWpaf1T7XMHh6dnpUaXpMaUk/view?pli=1</a>	A report on investments in policing across the US.
Why People of Color Need Spaces Without White People	Article	<a href="https://arrow-journal.org/why-people-of-color-need-spaces-without-white-people/">https://arrow-journal.org/why-people-of-color-need-spaces-without-white-people/</a>	An article explaining the need for POC only spaces.

TransformHarm.org	Website	<a href="https://transformharm.org/">https://transformharm.org/</a>	a resource hub about ending violence. It offers an introduction to transformative justice. Created by Mariame Kaba and designed by Lu Design Studio
Mass Incarceration in the US	Video	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=6&amp;v=NaPBcUUqbew&amp;feature=emb_logo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=6&amp;v=NaPBcUUqbew&amp;feature=emb_logo</a>	A video brief on Mass Incarceration in the United States
We need to talk about an injustice	Video	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2tOp7OxyQ8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2tOp7OxyQ8</a>	A TEDTalk with human rights lawyer Bryan Stevenson shares some hard truths about America's justice system, starting with a massive imbalance along racial lines: a third of the country's black male population has been incarcerated at some point in their lives.
Prison Abolition is Reproductive Justice	Slideshow/Webinar	<a href="https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/112rem_m2Yym534cnPj2vRYvkLHREg3mf?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/112rem_m2Yym534cnPj2vRYvkLHREg3mf?usp=sharing</a>	PRISON ABOLITION IS REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE facilitated by K Agbebiyi and Hoai An.
Reproductive Justice in the Prison System	Document	<a href="https://www.ifwhenhow.org/resources/reproductive-justice-in-the-prison-system/">https://www.ifwhenhow.org/resources/reproductive-justice-in-the-prison-system/</a>	This issue brief details the laws and challenges that impinge upon the reproductive health and freedom of incarcerated individuals. Some issues discussed include forced sterilization, abortion, and shackling of pregnant people.
Is Prison Necessary?	Article	<a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/17/magazine/prison-abolition-ruth-wilson-gilmore.html">https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/17/magazine/prison-abolition-ruth-wilson-gilmore.html</a>	An interview in the New York Times with Ruth Wilson Gilmore.
CriticalResistance.org	Website	<a href="http://criticalresistance.org/">http://criticalresistance.org/</a>	Critical Resistance seeks to build an international movement to end the Prison Industrial Complex by challenging the belief that caging and controlling people makes us safe.
Incarceration as a Threat to Reproductive Justice in Massachusetts and the US	Article (academic)	<a href="https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/4075/d437e32dcab9201fde018a9efc0b437f6eff.pdf">https://pdfs.semanticscholar.org/4075/d437e32dcab9201fde018a9efc0b437f6eff.pdf</a>	Legal article that discusses how prisons and jails undermine reproductive health, rights, and justice and how mass incarceration undermines the prospect for reproductive justice in the United States overall.

SurvivedandPunished.org	Website	<a href="https://survivedandpunished.org/">https://survivedandpunished.org/</a>	Survived & Punished (S&P) is a national coalition that includes survivors, organizers, victim advocates, legal advocates and attorneys, policy experts, scholars, and currently and formerly incarcerated people.
Close Rikers Now, We Keep Us Safe: A New Yorker's Guide to Building Community Care and Safety by Closing Rikers with No New Jails	Toolkit	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dDNc5l-vLsY2eVRXZBNJz20Pbsw5lft5/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dDNc5l-vLsY2eVRXZBNJz20Pbsw5lft5/view</a>	A New Yorker's guide to building community care and safety by closing Rikers with no new jails.
Thinking about how to abolish prisons with Mariame Kaba	Podcast & transcript	<a href="https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/thinking-about-how-abolish-prisons-mariame-kaba-podcast-transcript-ncna992721">https://www.nbcnews.com/think/opinion/thinking-about-how-abolish-prisons-mariame-kaba-podcast-transcript-ncna992721</a>	An interview with abolitionist organizer Mariame Kaba.
Prison, Foster Care, and the Systemic Punishment of Black Mothers Dorothy E. Roberts	Article (academic)	<a href="https://www.uclalawreview.org/pdf/59-6-2.pdf">https://www.uclalawreview.org/pdf/59-6-2.pdf</a>	This Article analyzes how the U.S. prison and foster care systems work together to punish black mothers in the service of preserving race, gender, and class inequality in a neoliberal age.
What the Prison-Abolition Movement Wants	Article	<a href="https://www.teenvogue.com/story/what-is-prison-abolition-movement">https://www.teenvogue.com/story/what-is-prison-abolition-movement</a>	An overview of abolition in Teen Vogue.
Reproductive (In)justice: Women and Mothers in Prison	Article	<a href="https://www.nwhn.org/reproductive-injustice-women-and-mothers-in-prison/">https://www.nwhn.org/reproductive-injustice-women-and-mothers-in-prison/</a>	Article about mothers who are incarcerated.
Why We Should All Be Using the Framework of Reproductive Justice	Article	<a href="https://inthesetimes.com/article/21908/reproductive-justice-abortion-reproduction-bodily-autonomy-alabama">https://inthesetimes.com/article/21908/reproductive-justice-abortion-reproduction-bodily-autonomy-alabama</a>	A brief overview of reproductive justice.

## Love Notes . . .

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