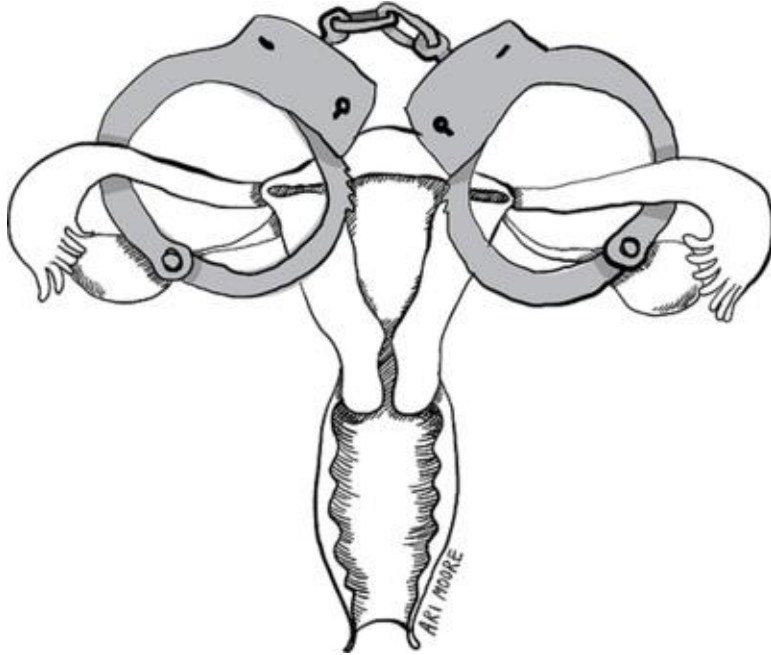


Topic: The barriers of Reproductive Justice in the Virginia Prison System



I need to understand the barriers of Reproductive Justice while women are incarcerated such as the cycle of poverty, the toll on kids/families while women are incarcerated, and mental/emotional affects of prison. I also need to understand how the barriers that incarcerated women such as the red tape of getting an abortion, prenatal care, and postpartum care are influenced in prison. I also need to understand women constitutional rights of health care and how guards, public defenders, and nurses interfere with these rights. I need to understand how women suffer medical neglect and loss of parental rights especially if they are poor or women of color. I also need to understand and analyze the effects of most women being in prison being mothers to children under the age of eighteen. I also need to understand how prisons influence mother and children bonds due to the limits of vising hours, charges of phone calls/videos, terminating parental-rights and imprisoning women far from their homes.



The most important skill I think I will need is an inquiring mind about the issue. I need to have an open mind in learning and listening to individuals experience in the prison system. I need to be able to think outside the views of individual choice and analyze the structural conditions that contribute to this issue in the United States. I also need communication skills to be able to do the oral history part of the project. I also need discipline skills in order to get this project done. I will also need to organize my research in an understandable and effective manner.

I have provided a social media account that is a support group to inform individuals on the injustice's women face regarding reproductive justice with incarcerated. [Reproductive Justice for All](#)

I have also provided a meme below that reflects on the stigmas of being an incarcerated mother entail. The United States government tries to determine what make a good mother and who is deemed as a good mother. I have decided to do my final project on the barriers of reproductive justice in the Virginia Prison system to analyze the structural and society factors that put women in jail and the hardships they face while being pregnant in jail.

My wife hates being embarrassed, so we surprised her at the airport

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