

THE FUTURE IS HERS

Reproductive justice is the right to self-determine, featuring Monica Simpson

Monica Simpson is a spoken word artist and activist and the founder of SisterSong, an organization that focuses on the reproductive rights of women in marginalized communities. This video transcript is part of the *Future Is Hers* multimedia series, celebrating innovators, risk-takers, and change makers supported by the Ford Foundation, who have impacted the lives of women and girls around the globe.

Transcript begins.

[on-screen text: Monica Simpson, Executive Director, SisterSong]

[A Black woman with light- and dark-brown dreadlocks, wearing a black top and multicolored dangling earrings, addresses the camera.]

MONICA SIMPSON: Reproductive justice is a framework that women of color have been organizing with to bring our communities together around the issues that impact us the most. It is a framework that's intersectional. It advocates for the human right to have the children that we want, to not have children, and to end pregnancies or to have access to the contraceptives that we need to determine how we want to make family or not. Overall, reproductive justice is about the human right to self-determine, the ability to be able to live free from fear and violence, and so that we are able to have healthy lives, and to grow and to live into our destinies.

[on-screen graphic: Ford Foundation logo]

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