



# Double Jeopardy: The impact of the Dobbs Decision on Maternal Mortality and Morbidity

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# The Pregnancy-Related Mortality Impact of a Total Abortion Ban in the United States: A Research Note on Increased Deaths Due to Remaining Pregnant

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Michele Goodwin has noted that in Mississippi, a Black person is 118 times more likely to die from carrying a pregnancy to term than from having a legal abortion.

# ABSTRACTING INEQUITIES

## Using MMRIA to Document Discrimination and Racism

Reproductive justice was centered in the birthing person's care.

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unclear ☐ Unknown

Reproductive justice is the manifestation of bodily autonomy and can manifest in clinical settings through a person's ability to safely make the decision and play out that decision to have children or not have children in a manner that best supports their goals and ideals. (Reproductive Justice, n.d.)

If yes, describe.

If no, describe.



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## Improving The Measurement Of Structural Racism To Achieve Antiracist Health Policy

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# Measuring Structural Racism

- Historical Context
- Geographic Context
  - Neighborhoods
  - Modifiable Area Unit Problem



## Perspective

# Abortion Access as a Racial Justice Issue

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### Article

### Metrics

5 References 17 Citing Articles

**R**ESTRICTIONS ON REPRODUCTIVE BODILY AUTONOMY — THE FREEDOM TO decide whether, when, and how to have a child, with whom, and under what circumstances — have long been leveraged to oppress and control persons and communities that are devalued by racist, classist, or ableist societies.<sup>1</sup> On June 24, 2022, in the landmark *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision, the U.S. Supreme Court revoked the right to abortion. Even though abortion is an essential component of comprehensive reproductive health care that has been protected in the United States for nearly 50 years, future access will be severely limited or denied in the 26 states that have banned or are likely to ban abortion care.

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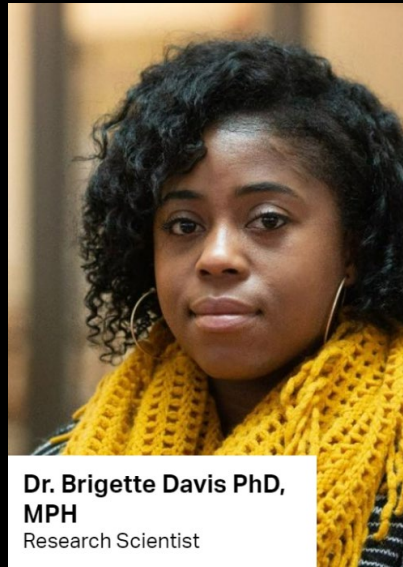
# Historical Data Needs

- Mississippi Appendectomy
- “La Operacion”
- Blood quantum



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## Advancing the Measurement of Structural Racism Through the Lens of Antiabortion Policy

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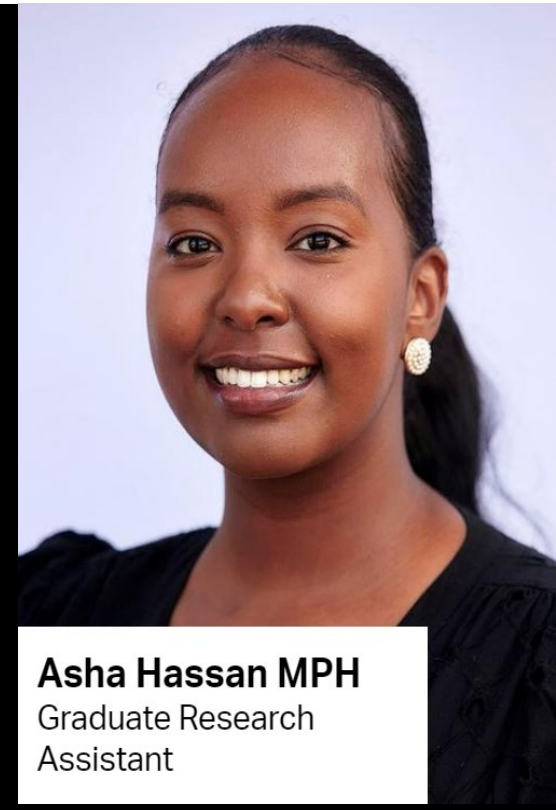
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- Abortion as a form of resistance
- Abortion as an act of love
- How has access to abortion facilitated radical Black joy?

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