

Indigenous Women's Reproductive Traditions: Reclaiming Sovereignty Through 500 Years of Colonization

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This course reading...

- Explores traditional Indigenous reproductive practices, including birth control and abortion, prior to European colonization.
- Examines how European patriarchal structures disrupted Indigenous women's control over their bodies and reproductive rights.
- Addresses the effects of 20th-century forced sterilization policies on Indigenous women.
- Highlights current efforts by Native women to reclaim traditional reproductive rights and advocate for justice.
- Ideal for students and scholars in Women & Gender Studies, Cultural Anthropology, and Native American Studies.

What happens when centuries-old reproductive traditions clash with colonial impositions?

In *Indigenous Women's Reproductive Traditions*, Stephanie A. Sellers delves into the rich history of Indigenous women's reproductive practices before European colonization. The book highlights traditional methods such as birth control, abortion, and child spacing, which were integral to maintaining agency over their bodies. Sellers explores how these practices were disrupted by European patriarchal structures and examines the impact of forced sterilization in the 20th century. Today, Indigenous women are reclaiming their rights through movements for reproductive justice, advocating for a return to their ancestral practices and redefining concepts of womanhood and motherhood on their own tribal terms.

Ideal for courses in Women & Gender Studies, Cultural Anthropology, and Native American Studies, this book offers crucial insights into the intersection of traditional practices and colonial impacts on Indigenous women's reproductive rights.

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