

System	Social Impacts	Reproductive Examples
Patriarchy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Power, wealth, status, worldview dominated by men ✦ Sexual/reproductive capacities serve the aims of patriarchy ✦ Gender inequality and roles determined by patriarchy ✦ Patriarchal norms impact all other institutional organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Women's reproductive autonomy and agency are restricted and controlled by men ✦ Childcare and domestic labor are dramatically undervalued globally ✦ Approved family structure includes a heterosexual, cisgender man (head of house) married to a woman, with subordinate children
Racism & White Supremacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Discrimination in employment, housing, banking, education, healthcare, election systems, criminal justice, etc. ✦ Healthcare inequalities, employment/pay rates, voting access, wealth levels, and life expectancy - all are lower for racial minorities ✦ Incarceration rates, rates of chronic disease and early mortality, stress levels- all higher for racial minorities ✦ Standards of beauty, body size, colorism, and physical attributes reflect anti-Black sentiments and center whiteness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Black maternal and infant mortality rates are far higher than those of whites² ✦ Among American Indian and Alaska Native women of reproductive age, 21% lack health insurance, compared to 8% of white women³ ✦ 16% of Black LGBTQIA+ people reported postponing adding children to their family to avoid experiencing discrimination; 8% of white LGBTQIA+ respondents reported the same⁴
Economic Exploitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Profit maximization keeps wages low ✦ Stagnant wages, tax policy changes, and fewer social services have worsened inequality ✦ Affordable housing stock declines. ✦ Adequate health insurance is difficult to obtain for millions ✦ Women, especially women of color and mothers, and LGBTQIA+ individuals are more likely to be poor than men 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ The rate of unintended pregnancy among low-income women is 5 times higher than those above the poverty line⁵ ✦ Lack of abortion access increases the odds of women and their children being poor and stuck in low-level jobs well into the future⁶

Each of these systems of oppression has an individual impact on all of us. However, no one experiences just one system at a time. We are male and gay, or black and poor, woman and unmarried, or trans and immigrant. Each of us has a complex identity that interacts with multiple systems at the same time, and in ways that compound the effects of those systems.