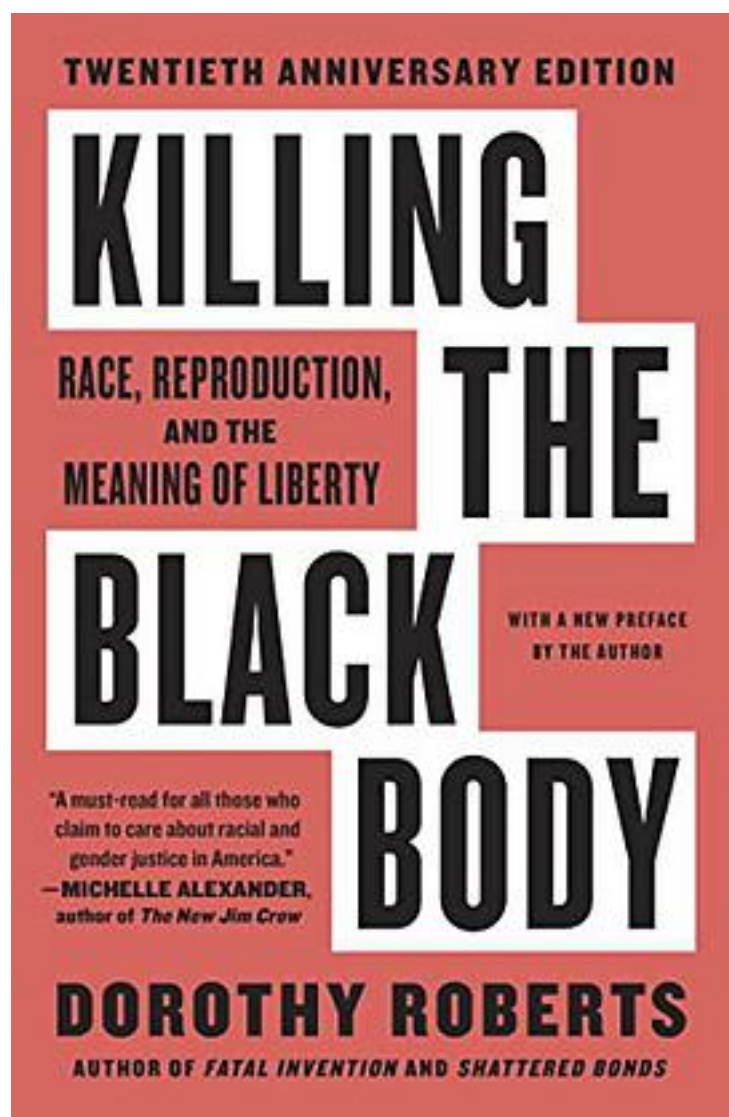


# Killing the Black Body



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This is a no-holds-barred response to the liberal and conservative retreat from an assertive, activist, and socially transformative civil rights agenda of recent years--using a black feminist lens and the issue of the impact of recent legislation, social policy, and welfare "reform" on black women's--especially poor black women's--control over their bodies' autonomy and their freedom to bear and raise children with respect and dignity in a society whose white mainstream is determined to demonize, even criminalize their lives. It gives its readers a cogent legal and historical argument for a radically new, and socially transformative, definition of "liberty" and "equality" for the American polity from a black feminist perspective. The author is able to combine the most innovative and radical thinking on several fronts--racial theory, feminist, and legal--to produce a work that is at once history and political treatise. By using the history of how American law--beginning with slavery--has treated the issue of the state's right to interfere with the black woman's body, the author explosively and effectively makes the case for the legal redress to the racist implications of current policy with regards to 1) access to and coercive dispensing of birth control to poor black women 2) the criminalization of parenting by poor black women who have used drugs 3) the stigmatization and devaluation of poor black mothers under the new welfare provisions, and 4) the differential access to and disproportionate spending of social resources on the new reproductive technologies used by wealthy white couples to insure genetically related offspring. The legal redress of the racism inherent in current American law and policy in these matters, the author argues in her last chapter, demands and should lead us to adopt a new standard and definition of the liberal theory of "liberty" and "equality" based on the need for, and the positive role of government in fostering, social as well as individual justice.

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Insightful and interesting discussion of social justice along the racial line through assessing the issue of social reproduction

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race functions in social movement of abortion freedom and policy change of  
sterilization

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可讀性與文筆都非常好，無法想像是1997的書。斷斷續續讀一個月。作者提供了很多  
有力的法律和歷史論據，從黑人女性主義角度解讀美國政體的「自由」和「平等」，把  
這些東西真正的意思呈上桌上完成了社會變革性「定義」  
其中訴非常具實用性(1.向貧困的黑人婦女提供和強制執行節育措施  
2.濫用毒品的貧困黑人婦女將養育子女定為犯罪3.停止差別待遇或社會資源在富裕的白  
人夫婦用來確保遺傳相關後代的新生殖技術上的投入不成比例)看了這本才知道直到今  
時今日她們由於沒錢買避孕藥或避孕套，生育量在一個可怕的數字上

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