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Pill Fest!  
But is  
Opill a win  
for all?



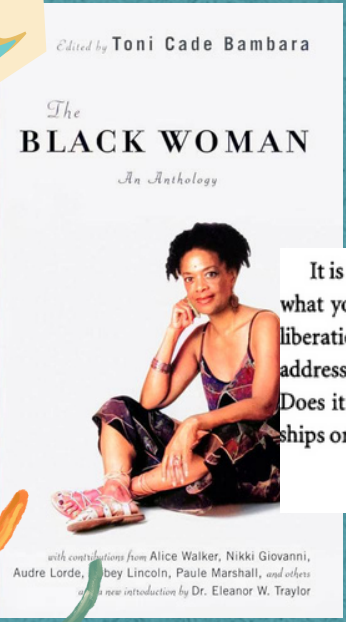
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It is revolutionary, radical, and righteous to want for your mate what you want for yourself. And we can't be rhapsodizing about liberation, breeding warriors, revolution unless we are willing to address ourselves to the woman's liberation. So what about the pill? Does it liberate or does it not? Will it help us forge new relationships or not? Does it make us accomplices in the genocidal plot en-

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genocide

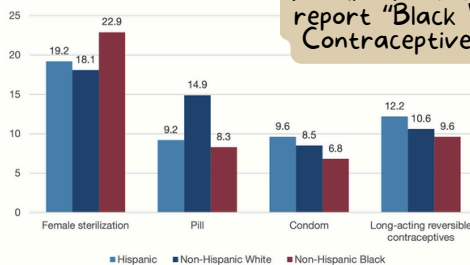
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# Racialized Access to Birth Control

CONTRACEPTIVE USE BY RACE/ETHNICITY\*



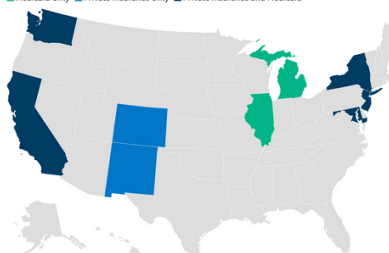
In our own voice 2020 report "Black Women's Contraceptive Equity"

Daniels K, Abma JC, "Current Contraceptive Status Among Women aged 15-49: United States, 2015-2017," NCHS Data Brief (no. 327), Hyattsville (MD): National Center for Health Statistics, 2018. (<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/databriefs/db327.htm>)

*Many challenges facing Black women—and other communities most impacted by racism, economic injustice, and gender discrimination—stem not from unintended pregnancy, but rather from social and economic disparities.*

Coverage of Over-the-Counter Contraception Without a Prescription, State Policies as of April 2024

■ Medicaid Only ■ Private Insurance Only ■ Private Insurance and Medicaid



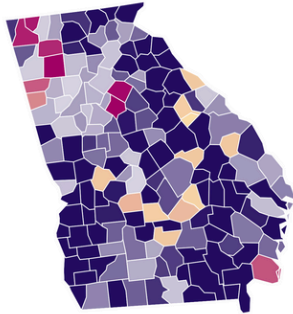
KFF Over-the-Counter Oral Contraceptive Pills  
Michelle Long, Karen Diep, Laurie Sobel, and Mina Salpanicoff  
Published: Sep 14, 2023

Additionally, retailers can choose whether and how to stock *Opill*. Retailers who choose to sell it will also decide which supply option (one, three, or six-month packs) to stock. As is the case with emergency contraception at many retailers who stock it, *Opill* could be kept in a locked case on the shelf or behind the pharmacy counter to reduce the chance of theft, which could create access barriers.

# birth CONTROL access in ga

Contraceptive Deserts in Georgia

NO HEALTH CENTERS WITH ALL METHODS ← → SOME HEALTH CENTERS WITH ALL METHODS  
more women with no access more women with access



**632,230**

Women in need live in contraceptive deserts, counties that lack reasonable access to the full range of methods.\*

**44,950**

Of the 632,230 women in need, 44,950 live in counties without a single health center that provides the full range of methods.

November 9th,  
2022

THE ROOT

## The "OPill" Birth Control Has Changed The Game For Black Women

The F.D.A just approved the first over-the-counter birth control. Here's why that's a big deal for Black Americans.

By Jessica Washington Published July 13, 2023



Researchers surveyed over 700 BIPOC people (including transgender and non-binary people) in the United States and discovered that roughly 45 percent of participants faced at least one barrier to accessing birth control within the last year.

Jennifer AmenKheti Queen, whose organization [Black Women for Wellness](#) partnered with the researchers, was more than willing to dig into the nitty gritty of why Black people struggle to access birth control.

"One thing we know is the less that we have to interact with doctors and health care centers, the fewer barriers we're gonna face, the less discrimination we might face," she says. "[Making birth control over-the-counter is] gonna greatly mitigate some of these barriers to access."

# a f f i r m i n g c l i n i c s U N D E R A T T A C K

Decatur Fire Department determines fire at gender clinic was intentional



Dan Whisenhunt · Jan 26, 2024



Queer Med in Decatur, GA victim  
arson in October, 2023

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I agree it is a sinister thing for the state to tell anyone not to have a child. And I know it's not for nothing, certainly not for love, that b.c. clinics have been mushrooming in our communities. It's very much tied up with the man's clinging to that long since refuted "10 percent" when so many census agencies agree that we more than likely comprise 30 percent of the population. But. Let's talk about murder and about these Sisters who rise to the occasion. Seems to me the Brother does us all a great disservice by telling her to fight the man with the womb. Better to fight with the gun and the mind.

# Liberate Gender Affirming Care: Access to O-pill Hormone & Replacement Therapy for all

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## The First Over-the-Counter Birth Control Pill Marks a Pivotal Moment in Birth Control Access

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## Ongoing efforts are needed to ensure comprehensive contraceptive care and reproductive health for all

However, Opill is not a panacea for the persistent and pervasive barriers that exist for high-quality and equitable health care. Reproductive rights advocates and leaders have fought for decades to secure and improve options for birth control alongside the necessary resources and conditions for adequate care and sustainability. Comprehensive sex education, affordable health care overall, and dismantling systemic inequities in care are also required in order to truly remove barriers to contraceptive use. Policy and funding decisions must work in conjunction with these issues in order to truly support equitable access and affordability for all people. In January 2024, reproductive health leaders called on Perrigo and retailers to set Opill's retail price at \$15 for a three-month supply to ensure it is affordable for everyone and to develop a robust assistance program to support people who are unable to pay the retail price. The suggested retail price of \$19.99 for a one-month pack is a good starting point, but more must be done to ensure the pill is affordable and accessible to all who need it, including insurance coverage and assistance programs.

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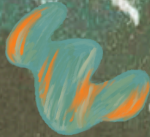
the new consciousness, by being intellectually and spiritually and financially self-sufficient to do the thing right. You prepare yourself by being in control of yourself. The pill gives the woman, as well as the man, some control. Simple as that.

Make O-Pill widely covered by insurance, low-cost,  
and widely available

Since 2004, a group of researchers, advocates, and providers has been leading a coalition-driven movement focused on the potential of OTC birth control pills to bridge gaps in access and give people greater control over their reproductive health and lives.



Listen to Black  
Reproductive  
Justice Principles



# Dismantle All Barriers to Birth Control Access

## The Pill: Genocide or Liberation?\*



Toni Cade

After a while meetings tend to fade, merge, blur. But one remains distinct, at least pieces do, mainly because of the man-woman pill hassle. I don't recall who called the meeting or what organizations were present. But I do remember that one speaker, in mapping out what should be done to make the Summer of Support G.I. coffee-house venture effective—it was a mere idea then—said that we should stock the coffee shops with items guaranteed to attract our Brothers in khaki so that re-education could begin. He began the list of things to be sent to the off-base radical projects: "Packages containing homecooked soul food, blues and jazz records, Black journals, foxy Sisters who can rap, revolutionary pamphlets, films that . . ." My gut cramped on the "Sisters." Talk about being regarded as objects, commodities. Not one to sit on my hands, I raised a few questions about the insensitivity of that cataloguing and about the agenda in general, which nicely managed to skirt any

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