

# Beggars and Choosers

**Rickie Solinger**

*Historian and Author, Wake Up Little Susie: Single Pregnancy and Race Before Roe v. Wade*

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## **Politics of Choice and Women's Dignity**

Historian Rickie Solinger discusses the consequences of selecting the most consumerist term of our times — CHOICE — as women's special guarantee. She considers how embracing choice has promoted a system of thinking and responding to reproductive issues that selectively protects women or exposes them to danger, depending on their race and class. The language of choice has defined some women as good choicemakers, others as bad, and has facilitated a crucial shift in the terms of the debate: from women's rights to consumers' privilege.

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