

# WOMEN IN THE NEWS

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Cities are heating up, and people in poverty are feeling the effects. Also, gender and racial biases are risking the health and well-being of children. Meanwhile, a new wave of tech companies is promising to invest in women's health. Keep reading to find out what else is on our mind this week.

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## NEWSMAKERS



### As Rising Heat Bakes U.S. Cities, The Poor Often Feel It Most -- NPR

"Those exposed to that extra heat are often a city's most vulnerable: the poorest and, our data show, disproportionately people of color. And living day after day in an environment that's literally hotter isn't just uncomfortable, it can have dire and sometimes deadly health consequences." Read the full story [here](#).



### Racial Disparities Exist for Breastfeeding Moms. Here's Why. -- PBS News Hour

"Black women are [three to four times more likely to die](#) as a result of pregnancy, compared to white women. Their babies suffer an [infant mortality rate that more than doubles](#) that of white children, often due to low birth weight, premature birth or complications after birth. Black babies are more likely to be born prematurely than white babies... That reflects the level of prenatal care black mothers receive." [Read here](#).



### Female Scientists are up Against a lot of Unconscious Bias. Here's How to Fight it.

"Quick, close your eyes and picture a scientist. Did you just picture a man? There's a pretty good chance you did." Read more [here](#).

## PERSPECTIVES



### Trump's "Public Charge Rule" Will Only Make America Worse -- Ms. Magazine

"Existing health disparities will widen as immigrants are discouraged from accessing children's health insurance, food assistance, and maternal and infant nutrition. Fewer children will be vaccinated. Fewer pregnant people will receive prenatal care. Fewer people will be treated for communicable and preventable diseases." Read the full editorial [here](#).

## STILL RELEVANT



### Lawyer Who Visited Texas Border Protection Facility Describes "Inhumane" Conditions -- CBS

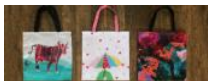
"Lawyers say hundreds of migrant children were forced to sleep on the floor for weeks without enough food, many battling the flu and a lice infestation. That's on the American side of the border, in a Customs and Border Protection facility in Clint, Texas, just outside El Paso." Read the full article [here](#).

## BRIGHT SIDE



### These Fem Tech Startups are Tackling the Most Frustrating Women's Health Issues -- Fast Company

"Despite women being major consumers of health products, there has been little innovation into prescribed women's health products over the past 20 years." Read more [here](#).



### Tote-ally Great: New Tote Bag Designs -- Art Restart Blog

Our social enterprise, [Art Restart](#), has launched three new amazing tote bag designs. See the new products [here](#).



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