Reproductive rights are human rights, featuring Lourdes Rivera

Lourdes Rivera is senior vice president of US programs at the Center for Reproductive Rights. This video transcript is part of the *Future Is Hers* multimedia series, celebrating innovators, risk-takers, and change makers, supported by the Ford Foundation, who have impacted the lives of women and girls around the globe.

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[on-screen text: Lourdes Rivera, Senior Vice President, US Programs, Center for Reproductive Rights]

[A Puerto Rican woman with short curly hair and glasses, wearing a black jacket over a burgundy dress, addresses the camera.]

**LOURDES RIVERA:** Reproductive rights has been an interest of mine since I was a child. I came to learn that one-third of my mother’s generation had been sterilized, often without informed consent. That was my entryway into this work. And I came to this core belief that it’s really important for individual women to be able to make their own decisions to become a parent or not to become a parent.

[on-screen graphic: Ford Foundation logo]

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