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LISSAH JOHNSON: We're at a moment in time where many folks are asking what does a more just world look like?

LILY CLAUS: It comes once everyone has equal access and opportunity to receive the human rights that they deserve.

GERARDO RODRIGUEZ: Justice means being equitable and fair.

KATIE VAN WOERT: Justice is equal treatment for all.

LISSAH JOHNSON: Justice seems to be an important buzzword in this cultural moment. Whether it's regarding the environment, the criminal justice system, the economy, or academia—systems across different sectors in our society that have historically and currently limit opportunities and oppress certain communities are being more closely scrutinized.

But could justice be relevant even to beauty?

KATIE VAN WOERT: Beauty is confidence. It is being comfortable in your own skin and secure in your identity. People who are truly beautiful work hard to make others feel beautiful as well.

GERARDO RODRIGUEZ I think beauty is knowing who you are inside and out and being confident with who you are.

TABITHA LUMOUR-MENSAH To me, beauty is a word we use to describe the things that invoke positive feelings like joy, peace, and contentment.

LILY CLAUS: Comes from being confident and feeling good about yourself both physically and emotionally.

LISSAH JOHNSON: From the unattainable beauty standards that we uphold for people, to different types of products sold and the ingredients that are in them—how does our society's collective narrative about beauty perpetuate injustice?

The fact is beauty is not harmless, nor frivolous, or only skin deep. It's also a source of toxic environmental exposures and a tool for othering and excluding specific groups of people.

Introducing Beauty + Justice, a new podcast where we talk with folks in healthcare, academia, non-profits, and clean beauty businesses about what it will take to create a more clean and equitable future of beauty for everyone. Throughout these episodes we will examine the history and the context surrounding beauty injustices, discuss the potential impacts on our health, and highlight some of the amazing individuals working in this field.

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DR. CHESAHNA KINDRED: We were beautiful for thousands and thousands of years and somehow we have been made to forget that.

DR. BLAIR WYLIE: In all honesty, I think that that there is no one standard definition of beauty and I find kind of the diversity of humanity so beautiful.

DR. ROBIN DODSON: The environmental injustice of beauty—this idea right is that product use is not in isolation, it is actually a product of various isms right, colorism, odorism, racism.

BOMA BROWN WEST: Well, to me it's about making sure that everyone, no matter their skin color is able to have access to, and be given safe beauty products. That's what it's about. It's about erasing the inequities, the toxic inequities that we see in today's beauty marketplace.

LISSAH JOHNSON:

Dr. Tamarra James-Todd, our fearless leader here at the Environmental Reproductive Justice Lab at Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health will guide the conversations.

And I—Lissah Johnson, a PhD candidate at Harvard Chan—will be your host.

DR. TAMARRA JAMES-TODD:

Join us as we collectively envision a path towards beauty justice.