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Ten Reasons Why Reparations for Blacks is a Bad Idea for Blacks - and Racist Too

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One

There Is No Single Group Clearly Responsible For The Crime Of Slavery

Black Africans and Arabs were responsible for enslaving the ancestors of African-Americans. There were 3,000 black slave-owners in the ante-bellum United States. Are reparations to be paid by their descendants too?

Two

There Is No One Group That Benefited Exclusively From Its Fruits

The claim for reparations is premised on the false assumption that only whites have benefited from slavery. If slave labor created wealth for Americans, then obviously it has created wealth for black Americans as well, including the descendants of slaves. The GNP of black America is so large that it makes the African-American community the 10th most prosperous "nation" in the world. American blacks on average enjoy per capita incomes in the range of twenty to fifty times that of blacks living in any of the African nations from which they were kidnapped.

Three

Only A Tiny Minority Of White Americans Ever Owned Slaves, And Others Gave Their Lives To Free Them

Only a tiny minority of Americans ever owned slaves. This is true even for those who lived in the ante-bellum South where only one white in five was a slaveholder. Why should their descendants owe a debt? What about the descendants of the 350,000 Union soldiers who died to free the slaves? They gave their lives. What possible moral principle would ask them to pay (through their descendants) again?

Four

America Today Is A Multi-Ethnic Nation and Most Americans Have No Connection (Direct Or Indirect) To Slavery

The two great waves of American immigration occurred after 1880 and then after 1960. What rationale would require Vietnamese boat people, Russian refuseniks, Iranian refugees, and Armenian victims of the Turkish persecution, Jews, Mexicans Greeks, or Polish, Hungarian, Cambodian and Korean victims of Communism, to pay reparations to American blacks?

Five

The Historical Precedents Used To Justify The Reparations Claim Do Not Apply, And The Claim Itself Is Based On Race Not Injury

The historical precedents generally invoked to justify the reparations claim are payments to Jewish survivors of the Holocaust, Japanese-Americans and African-American victims of racial experiments in Tuskegee, or racial outrages in Rosewood and Oklahoma City. But in each case, the recipients of reparations were the direct victims of the injustice or their immediate families. This would be the only case of reparations to

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people who were not immediately affected and whose sole qualification to receive reparations would be racial. As has already been pointed out, during the slavery era, many blacks were free men or slave-owners themselves, yet the reparations claimants make no distinction between the roles blacks actually played in the injustice itself. Randall Robinson's book on reparations, *The Debt*, which is the manifesto of the reparations movement is pointedly sub-titled "What America Owes To Blacks." If this is not racism, what is?

Six

The Reparations Argument Is Based On The Unfounded Claim That All African-American Descendants of Slaves Suffer From The Economic Consequences Of Slavery And Discrimination

No evidence-based attempt has been made to prove that living individuals have been adversely affected by a slave system that was ended over 150 years ago. But there is plenty of evidence the hardships that occurred were hardships that individuals could and did overcome. The black middle-class in America is a prosperous community that is now larger in absolute terms than the black underclass. Does its existence not suggest that economic adversity is the result of failures of individual character rather than the lingering after-effects of racial discrimination and a slave system that ceased to exist well over a century ago? West Indian blacks in America are also descended from slaves but their average incomes are equivalent to the average incomes of whites (and nearly 25% higher than the average incomes of American born blacks). How is it that slavery adversely affected one large group of descendants but not the other? How can government be expected to decide an issue that is so subjective - and yet so critical - to the case?

Seven

The Reparations Claim Is One More Attempt To Turn African-Americans Into Victims. It Sends A Damaging Message To The African-American Community.

The renewed sense of grievance -- which is what the claim for reparations will inevitably create -- is neither a constructive nor a helpful message for black leaders to be sending to their communities and to others. To focus the social passions of African-Americans on what some Americans may have done to their ancestors fifty or a hundred and fifty years ago is to burden them with a crippling sense of victim-hood. How are the millions of refugees from tyranny and genocide who are now living in America going to receive these claims, moreover, except as demands for special treatment, an extravagant new handout that is only necessary because some blacks can't seem to locate the ladder of opportunity within reach of others -- many less privileged than themselves?

Eight

Reparations To African Americans Have Already Been Paid

Since the passage of the Civil Rights Acts and the advent of the Great Society in 1965, trillions of dollars in transfer payments have been made to African-Americans in the form of welfare benefits and racial preferences (in contracts, job placements and educational admissions) - all under the rationale of redressing historic racial grievances. It is said that reparations are necessary to achieve a healing between African-Americans and other Americans. If trillion dollar restitutions and a wholesale rewriting of American law (in order to accommodate racial preferences) for African-Americans is not enough to achieve a "healing," what will?

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What About The Debt Blacks Owe To America?

Slavery existed for thousands of years before the Atlantic slave trade was born, and in all societies. But in the thousand years of its existence, there never was an anti-slavery movement until white Christians - Englishmen and Americans -- created one. If not for the anti-slavery attitudes and military power of white Englishmen and Americans, the slave trade would not have been brought to an end. If not for the sacrifices of white soldiers and a white American president who gave his life to sign the Emancipation Proclamation, blacks in America would still be slaves. If not for the dedication of Americans of all ethnicities and colors to a society based on the principle that all men are created equal, blacks in America would not enjoy the highest standard of living of blacks anywhere in the world, and indeed one of the highest standards of living of any people in the world. They would not enjoy the greatest freedoms and the most thoroughly protected individual rights anywhere. Where is the gratitude of black America and its leaders for those gifts?

Ten

The Reparations Claim Is A Separatist Idea That Sets African-Americans Against The Nation That Gave Them Freedom

Blacks were here before the Mayflower. Who is more American than the descendants of African slaves? For the African-American community to isolate itself even further from America is to embark on a course whose implications are troubling. Yet the African-American community has had a long-running flirtation with

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separatists, nationalists and the political left, who want African-Americans to be no part of America's social contract. African Americans should reject this temptation.

For all America's faults, African-Americans have an enormous stake in their country and its heritage. It is this heritage that is really under attack by the reparations movement. The reparations claim is one more assault on America, conducted by racial separatists and the political left. It is an attack not only on white Americans, but on all Americans -- especially African-Americans.

America's African-American citizens are the richest and most privileged black people alive -- a bounty that is a direct result of the heritage that is under assault. The American idea needs the support of its African-American citizens. But African-Americans also need the support of the American idea. For it is this idea that led to the principles and institutions that have set African-Americans - and all of us -- free.

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**Orvonon** · 4 years ago

Since you wrote this piece in 2001, I am hoping that you have acquired more knowledge of the subject and realized just how racist this article sounds. I do understand how you being "White" cannot relate to the injustice and struggle of Black Americans. What I cannot understand is how you as a human being have no empathy for other human beings, Black Americans! I do plan to write a

response to your 10 points. The space here is not adequate. I will forward it to you and post it on the web. Thank You!

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Ben → Orvonon · 4 years ago

The only pieces of this that even sound racist are points 8 and 9 and mostly because they are poorly worded rather than actually being discriminatory. In my opinion number 5 makes an incredibly irrefutable argument against reparations. While slaves were being bought and sold along the African coast my family was in Italy having nothing to do with the process or benefits of slavery. Moral injustice abounds in this world and is almost never solved by financial transactions. Blacks looking for reparations (whether for financial gain or to soothe a sense of injustice) and white apologists would both be better served by realizing that they are human beings and Americans first

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Mikeyp → Ben · 3 years ago

Slavery WAS a financial transaction. The ultimate capitalist enterprise and one of the cornerstones of Americas economy. When your family came over from Italy , were ANY of the benefits of slavery present? EVERY American benefits from the material produce of slavery (some more than others) because without slavery there might not even be a USA. Because of money , millions were forced to spend ENTIRE LIVES in physical bondage.Can a human life be given back so that the one from whom it was taken can relive it as a free American. What was so bad about black people that they had to suffer this multi-century holocaust in order to be considered human. To be citizens. of a country they had no intention of going to. Say what you may about how your relatives voluntarily came over. The slaves did not.That is the fundamental difference and is immovable.

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Herman_cain_is_my_main → Mikeyp · 3 years ago

Black Americans today also benefit from black slavery two centuries ago by living in one of the richest countries in the world with access to education, healthcare, abundant food. Just as you said, EVERY american benefits from the material produce of slavery that helped to build the usa, including the black middle class. I've never personally had to spend all day picking cotton, and neither has anyone else on this board. all of us are rich and lucky enough to have computers, so clearly, you've also benefited from slavery and owe me reparations for what my ancestors suffered so you could live in a country rich enough to supply things like advanced technology.

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steveegg → Mikeyp · 3 years ago

As a jew, I'd just like to tell you to shut up. African americans didn't suffer a multi-century holocaust. The holocaust was intended to be a total, hate-driven extermination of the jewish people and a number of other groups that Hitler disfavoured. African americans were far from exterminated; their population, albeit enslaved, thrived and grew. They

weren't starved to emaciation, worked until the last fibre of their being was destroyed then gassed. The victims of the holocaust endured slavery, but the victims of slavery didn't endure a holocaust.

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Michaelxbenleonard → stevegg · 2 years ago

If you are a European Jew. Your ancestors are actually converts to Judaism from the country known as Kazaria. They converted to Judaism in 740 A.D. The descendants of Abram-Ham were African. Their holocaust consisted of over 80 millions who were thrown over board from slave ships, kidnapped and brought to America where they were bread like cattle. Beaten, hanged, forced to work for free even after the emancipation proclamation that was to supposed to have set the slaves free. And America pays European Jews reparation every year for the smaller holocaust in Germany. Which Americans, including black Americans had no part in. A good part of the transatlantic slave trade was financed by European Jewish converts. As well as people try to hide it. The Bible was written in Africa, To Africans, By Africans. Christ was born in Africa, Educated like Moses in Africa among his cousins in Egypt. The flight into Egypt is a biblical event described in the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 2:13-23), in which Joseph fled to Egypt with his wife Mary and _____

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Apostle Rubie James → Michaelxbenleonard · 6 months ago

Excellent Word! You nailed it! Before Abraham was (I AM) we were!

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Francis Paul John McAnarney Jr → Michaelxbenleonard · 7 months ago

There were NOT 80 million slaves thrown over the sides of ships to drown.

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Apostle Rubie James → Francis Paul John McAnarney Jr · 6 months ago

No? Perhaps more! The rest were and are being murdered in the US and other countries still today!

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Francis Paul John McAnarney Jr → Apostle Rubie James · 6 months ago

Bull sh*t. You exaggerate and in my dictionary that is a lie and those who lie are liars.

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Melvin → stevegg · 7 months ago

You are mistaken - historically the rape, starvations, poor living conditions, murders, torture, etc...easily compare to what happened in WWII. Slaves endured much worse...forced to work starve be tortured and die.

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Apostle Rubie James → stevegg · 6 months ago

The True Hebrews deserve all that we can get from those who stole, enslaved and plagiarized from us. History does NOT nor can they tell how many billions of Afrikans lost their lives at sea or from ill treatment by Jews and ultimately every nation in the world! To say that we did not endure a holocaust is not only a misnomer but shows your ignorance of not only your history but world history!

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Francis Paul John McAnarney Jr → Apostle Rubie James · 6 months ago

Now you are claiming billions died at sea? If 200 will fit on a ship, then it would take ten million ship loads for 2 billion. You are so full of shit it makes me squint.

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Apostle Rubie James → Francis Paul John McAnarney Jr · 6 months ago

You are the only one who is counting...rather guesstimating those who died at sea only. I am talking about over 400 years...learn true history...lol, Watch the squinting...perhaps you need glasses.

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Francis Paul John McAnarney Jr → Apostle Rubie James · 6 months ago

you are so full of preemptive environmental superfluity. billions of africans died at sea. Irish were sold as slaves too and no one hears them whining and bellyaching about it, but the Irish do not have the bellyaching victim mentality that blacks do. Tell you what, there are several million african slaves being held today in rich arab and saudi countries, screw up your testosterone and go do something about that. Who sold their brothers to the english slave traders? blacks did that is who, for money, and they are still doing the same thing to their own kind no matter how many generations you try to expose them to culture. they are doing the same thing to their own kind here in America with drugs and prostitution. selling their own kind into slavery, for the money.

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Shomari Rice → stevegg · 6 months ago

400 years is a holocaust

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Apostle Rubie James → Shomari Rice · 6 months ago

LOL...I am glad that you recognized that 400 years is a holocaust...Learn your history boy.

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Apostle Rubie James → stevegg · 7 months ago

What a great answer..."Shut up"..."As a Jew" You are talking to the true and real Hebrews! Where do you get off at GOY! Not only did we suffer from slavery at your hands as you kissed white azz vying for citizenship anywhere you could

more Afrikans and Hebrews suffered in a holocaust that all Nations had a hand in not just Germany!

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Ericapuc07 → Ben · 3 years ago

Although, your ancestors were immigrants, eventually you and your family have benefited from white privilege. It is a historicly known fact that new waves of immigrants participated in the continued oppression of Black Americans, in an effort to establish their "whiteness". While it is true, there are many well-off or middle-class African American families, it is also true that the Black community in a whole deals with a wide spectrum of disparities; everything ranging from health-related issues, to education, to incarceration rates, and beyond.

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throttler → Ericapuc07 · 7 months ago

Health-related issues? Nothing to do with white people. Education? We all get free education. Black people get scholarships white people cannot get. There are no exclusively white scholarships. Incarceration rates? Black people commit the crimes. That is why they are in prison.

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James → Orvonon · 2 years ago

Realize that there were White slaves in the United States also, such as the Irish slaves sold to the colonies by king James II. African-Americans were not the only ones enslaved, but seem to have been taught that they were, and just like the Irish were sold to the US by whites, African-Americans were sold by fellow tribesman from the African tribesman at pre-established trading posts, as they were in fear at that time due to possible resistance and diseases that they haven't seen before. While 9 and 10 may be worded slightly less Politically Correct for a public forum, the writer does have a point. By constantly pursuing this track of thought, you alienate yourself from others in this great country that they wish to be a part of, but if that is the route everyone wants to take, then maybe you should be returned to the homeland that you feel that you were ripped from. if not, let it be, I'm not saying to say it didn't happen, it did, it sucked. But the fact of the matter is, this is a new day and era and no longer do we own slaves nor drag them to stocks for not following their master.

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R.C. → Orvonon · 4 months ago

The truth--isn't racist--its just the truth--your non acceptance does not make it any less true.

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James W Parker Jr → Orvonon · 2 years ago

Sniveling baby!

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Speedracer1964 → Orvonon · 3 years ago

Of curse you being black would say such a thing or write such a thing. You and those like you play in to the hands of hypocrisy.

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**Lisimba_06** → Orvonon · 3 years ago

"Right ON!"

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**Juneau** · 4 years ago

As a European with no relation to slavery in any kind (not that it matters) I tend to agree with Mr. Horowitz.

No human being should be held accountable for the actions of their fathers, or fathers' fathers.

The people alive today have no ties to slavery, apart from being, not by choice, born from parents who's parents' parents' parents owned slaves.

That is not their fault, and they do not have an obligation to make amends for that.

If anyone should compensate anyone, it should be the slave owners themselves, and they would only compensate the slaves, not their descendants.

And since all of these people are long since dead, there is nothing left to argue about.

Get over it.

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**FreeBlackCollegeTuition** → Juneau · 4 years ago

"No human being should be held accountable for the actions of their fathers, or fathers' fathers."

I agree. But government of The United States of America is NOT a human being. It have a life that stretches back to the 1700s. And reparations for human atrocities are well known .. yes, even in Europe. For example, Germany paid Israel and the World Jewish Congress a total of 3,450,000,000 DM (that's about 1770000000 euros) in Holocaust reparations.

So, you see, no one is asking for reparations from individual people, so *you* get over it, and try to understand the problem better .. otherwise, you risk having Americans giving you questionable criticism of issues in your country, just as you've done here.

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**Presidents100** → FreeBlackCollegeTuition · 4 years ago

Germany didn't no paid 3,450,000,000 DM 150 years after the fact.

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**Ericapuc07** → Presidents100 · 3 years ago

First of all, you need to go ahead and throw in the time African Americans were treated as second-class citizens and exculded from equal education and job opprotunities during the Jim Crow era. After the emancipation of slaves, white bitter Southerners enacted Black Codes and Jim Crow laws to protect white supremacy...& soon enough, their racist attitudes and customs spread to the North. Jim Crow laws were existence from the end of the Reconstruction Era to the end of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s...so do the math

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**Julie OConner** → Ericapuc07 · 8 months ago

That being said, by you, I assume you to be a Conservative and NOT a Liberal? Jim Crow laws and how the Dems deceive the African Americans since, is why I am a Conservative.

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**freeblackcollegetuition** → FreeBlackCollegeTuition · 4 years ago

it HAS a life

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**LeCalabro** → FreeBlackCollegeTuition · 3 years ago

How much is owed by the US to victims of black on white crimes that have been rampant in the past 50 years. Rape, robbery and murder of whites by blacks is not uncommon.

In 2005, 35000 white women were raped by blacks and less than 10 blacks were raped by white men. Millions and I mean millions of black on white FELONY crimes have been committed in the past 10 years.

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**isaac** → LeCalabro · 3 years ago

LeCalabro, are you kidding me? can you tell me how many white women were raped by white men? and do you know how many crimes have been committed against blacks by whites through this time? and for the reasons only being BECAUSE THEY WERE BLACK? murder, lynchings, assault, dude, whites have done terrible things to blacks simply because their skin colour is different, i am embarrassed to be white for so many reasons. dont you remember something called the KKK? there are still racist groups out there who advocate this types of things. i cant think of any black groups that have the same veiws about whites and advocate that type of racism. your comment both reeks of ignorant racism and severe mental retardation, of which you should seek a proper education and serious medication.

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**Julie OConner** → isaac · 8 months ago

While I agree that there "are still racist groups out there who advocate" I disagree that you feel there are no "black groups that have the same views"... Do you know what a huge number of black inmates are doing to pass their time?... Fueling their "brothers" on the outside with slavery-reminding letters and phones calls through a group called SVENGALI! (not the only group of its' kind) They sit, on our dime, researching slave history and the decendants of such slave owners and have them go perpertrait crimes against them. One in particular comes to mind... A White Christian couple, college students, car-jacked, raped, burnt, household chemically-induced, shot, (girl) thrown in a garbage can, (boy) thrown next to the railroad tracks (in TENN). BTW, have you heard how the Black Panthers have emerged into such a Racist group as to stand in front of election sites with clubs? Or how they want to kill all the White Babies? Look it UP! Please, what ever you do, do your own research if you

are man enough to do so. It is ALL bad! There could never be enough reparation in the World for what the world's inhabitants have done to it's inhabitants.

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Becky → LeCalabro · 3 years ago

Rape and Crime are not government sponsored and protected, it is just crime committed by individuals on an individual basis. What your saying is not related to reparations. Also in many of the cases of white women being attacked by black men, there is not definitive proof that the accused even committed the crime, but because of prejudice and lack of legal protection many innocent black males have entered out prison systems. You should try actually researching the things that you believe instead of spewing out unsubstantiated claims.

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Julie OConner → Becky · 8 months ago

While I do not justify LeCalabro's comment, I disagree that "Rape and Crime are not government sponsored/protected". Are you kidding me? The liberal government LOVES to separate the classes/incomes/skin colors... to the point of fighting and raping and crime sprees! Oh Please... they reinforce these precise behaviors with a slap on the wrist in the name of racism. Not to say that there are not people wrongly imprisoned, but that is another topic all together White/Black/doesn't matter color.

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Ericapuc07 → Juneau · 3 years ago

Just need some clarification: So while "No human being should be held accountable for the actions of their fathers, or fathers' fathers," it is okay for them to benefit/ profit from the actions of their forefathers???

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Jem0360 → Juneau · 4 years ago

Wow Juneau...it must be lovely to live in your simple world.

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Becky → Juneau · 3 years ago

Reparations does not hold any individual responsible, it holds the government responsible.

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Alfred Dadda → Becky · 3 years ago

The government you speak of is responsible yes, however it can not use taxpayer money to fund these reparations, or it shouldn't anyway. So if you expect the government to pay reparations then you are in reality asking the taxpayer to pay these reparations.

"Reparations does not hold any individual responsible, it holds the government responsible."

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throttler → Becky · 7 months ago

Where do you think the government gets its money from? The

Where do you think the government gets its money from? The taxpayers, that's where.

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M. Juneau · 3 years ago

since you don't live here, your input is as irrelevant as everything you brought up.

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GrowUp · 4 years ago

The concept of reparations is racist in and of itself. Mr. Horowitz is absolutely correct in each and every point. The entire reparations concept is about greed. You want something for nothing, plain and simple.

I have never enslaved another human being, nor have I supported slavery in any way. Furthermore, none of the black people reading this have ever been enslaved. Bearing those two simple points in mind, how can anyone be so greedy, so short-sighted and so RACIST as to even propose that they are owed reparations? Doesn't it get boring, always playing the victim? You should feel ashamed of yourselves, begging for money based on the pain and suffering incurred by your ancestors (not to mention the lives MY ancestors sacrificed in freeing them!)

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FreeBlackCollegeTuition → GrowUp · 4 years ago

I submit to you that if someone read this in the context of reparations which were (rightly) given to Jews who suffered the Holocaust,---or the \$3 billion that the U.S. gives to Isreal every year in cash and prizes-- your tune would rapidly change.

Doesn't it get boring, always being the hypocrite?

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keli → FreeBlackCollegeTuition · 3 years ago

I agree FreeBlackCollege Tuition. I guess the words justice and equality have no meaning for hypocrites. It's the same old song.....that continues to deny the truth about the violent crimes committed against Black people for the wealth of this country and then have the unmitigated gall to be arrogant and feel we have no right to justice. One hell of a nerve!

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Jem0360 → GrowUp · 4 years ago

Like you I love my ancestors. People I loved were raped, and held captive against their will and made to work and serve under the threat of death. Their families were destroyed and they had children much like prize bulls and horses. They were dehumanized and degraded, our women were raped and our men were turned into mandigos. They were freed with not so much as a "thank you". Our race has been hindered ever since then and not as you suppose because we are greedy and don't want to succeed in life. As a descendant to give my ancestors the dignity in this society that they so richly deserve someone should be held accountable where it counts. I am sure as a rational and not as you present yourself (racist) person you can understand this from a purely human standpoint.

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JustAThought → Jem0360 · 4 years ago

Do you really think that any amount of money would right these wrongs? Wouldn't some kind of memorial or something more

symbolic as to what your ancestors went through would be more appropriate than money?

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Ericapuc07 → JustAThought · 3 years ago

Hell no! (excuse my language) But what the hell is a memorial going to do for the Black Americans living in poverty? What about those that want to go to school but can't afford it? How about those that need to see a doctor, but have no insurance? Will a memorial address those problems? ABSOLUTELY NOT...I mean you practically answered your own question, if you feel as if no amount of \$\$\$ could right such wrong-doings, what in the world would lead you to believe that a monument of stone or metal would do the job??? Put your realistic thinking-cap on...PLEASE

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Lisimba_06 → Ericapuc07 · 3 years ago

You told his butt!. Thank you

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Ericapuc07 → GrowUp · 3 years ago

I'm sorry, I can't help but LAUGH at your comments! Are you serious??? Have you EVER taken a history or even social studies course (outside of grade school)? If so, you should've learned that despite the fact that you haven't owned slaves yourself, nor have I ever been a slave, there was/ still such a thing called INSTITUTIONALIZED RACISM (yes my friend, hold tight, it does exist). It's not a matter of reparation proponents being "greedy," it's a matter of us fighting for what is rightfully OURS, whether you like it or not. Yes, it was OUR ancestors that (forcefully) sacrificed their sweat, blood, and tears without compensation to build this oh-so-great nation we live in today. It was also OUR ancestors that made white slave owners wealthy; in return they passed their wealth on down to the following generations. Black Americans (& other slaves else where) were robbed of such an opportunity; despite the fact their labor generated the wealth, the majority of them couldn't pass down one cent to their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc.

& At the end of the day, you can holler all you want about not having a direct hand in slavery, but the truth of the matter is: you & your white or non-Black ancestors DEFINITELY, without a doubt benefited from white privilege. So save me the sob story about you & your ancestors, p.s. the Union Army soldiers & Presd. Lincoln could've cared less about the slaves' freedom...their focus was a straight economically and politically driven, they didn't want slavery to spread West into newly acquired territory (for the sake of maintaining political balance in D.C.)

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