

Reparations Fact Sheet

What Are Reparations?

Reparations are measures taken to address the enduring legacy of slavery, segregation, and systemic racism. They aim to repair historic and ongoing injustices faced by African descendants in the United States.

Historical Context

For over 250 years, millions of Africans were enslaved and subjected to brutal conditions in the Americas. Even after slavery, Black communities faced Jim Crow laws, redlining, disenfranchisement, and economic exclusion.

Examples of Past Reparations

- Enslavers received reparations after slavery ended (e.g., British slave owners in 1833).
- Japanese Americans received reparations after WWII internment.
- Native American tribes have received land settlements and other forms of restitution.
- Holocaust survivors received compensation from Germany.

Current Movements

- H.R. 40: A bill to study and develop reparations proposals for African Americans.
- Local efforts in cities like Evanston, IL and San Francisco are exploring financial restitution and housing support.
- Organizations like NAARC, N'COBRA, and the Movement for Black Lives are leading advocacy efforts.

Why Reparations Matter

Reparations are not just about money - they're about justice, healing, and restoring dignity. They are a necessary step toward acknowledging and correcting the racial wealth gap and the generational harm caused by systemic racism.

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Learn More

Visit BloodRemembers.org to explore timelines, stories, and the ongoing petition for Black reparations. Together, we honor the past and fight for a just future.