There will be No Reparations Paid to the Descendants on Black Slaves

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This is it.

It is a most sensitive topic and needs to be presented well.

The Racial Bottom Line

It is the year 2023.

The bottom line is that the majority of the American public is not in favor of providing financial Reparations to the current day descendants of Black American Slaves. And that point-of-view is held by part of the Black American community, as well.

I will briefly review the history of the Slave trade in this Hemisphere.

I will be addressing the excessive amount of talk and general complaining by certain people and organizations – about racism in America. **TO BE CLEAR, EVERYONE...**

America is Not a Racist Nation!!

So, if that is all someone is selling in America, They can simply shut up because they are the racist...

To be clear, Americans of all types (including both Black Americans and Hispanics) are sick and tired of hearing that ours is a racist nation!

In fact, enough is enough.

No Financial Reparations for Black Americans	There will be more on the Reparations topic shortly. I accept the practical use of Financial Reparations, if
0 0 0 0	appropriate. However, they would not be applicable to Black Slavery in our nation's past.
Once and for all! There will be no financial Reparations paid to the current day descendants of Black Slaves.	Bluntly put. America do not create slavery. European slave trade countries built the human trafficking business.
	If Black Slave descendants in America, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central or South America feel

that they are due such Financial Reparations, they should petition the leaders of other nations.

They would start with the King of Portugal because they actually started and built slavery up from 1519 to 1600. Next, they can go after England and then the Netherlands!

Seriously though, they should not hold their breath waiting for any reparations from them either!

Just let it go...

Slavery from the Beginning

The slave trade that began bringing Africans into the Western Hemisphere was originated by the Portugal.

The Portuguese ran the African slave trade from about 1519 to 1600. England and the Netherlands had low volume trade from 1600 thru 1650, and then became major slavers. (Source: US Park Service; US Dept of the Interior; Park Ethnography Program).

According to their records, from years 1601 to 1700 – some 13,000 slaves were taken to the "British Mainland North America". That is separate from those sent to various Caribbean territories and to Brazil and other Central and South American territories.

From 1701 thru 1775 another 251,000 were brought in. However, from 1776 to 1800 only 24,500 slaves were brought in.

<u>Key Dates from 1619 to 2023 – 404 years</u>

- From 1600 thru 1775, first Portugal and then the England and the Netherlands ran and were responsible for bringing the slave trade into the Western Hemisphere.
- The Quaker, Anthony Benezet (a white man) is recognized as the founder of the antislavery movement is America in the mid-1700's. In the 1830's the movement came under the leadership of Willaim Lloyd Garrison (also a white man), a Boston journalist and social reformer.
- The point being made here is that from the beginning White people, many of whom were Christians of some group, were actively organizing and protesting slavery before America was even born. That means prior to 1776!

Thus, from 1619 to 1776, the first 157 years, the Kings of England, not America was responsible for building slavery in the colonies.

- Then along came 1776 and the American Revolution. In 1783 the war is won and the US Constitution is created. While the Constitution did not end slavery, it set the stage for such social reforms to be realized as the society matured.
- Next, came the America Civil War of 1861 to 1865. The war was fought to preserve the Union and keep the nation from splitting apart. In the process of the war, the issue of slavery became a prime issue. To bring about and accelerate the end of slavery, Abraham Lincoln signed the *Emancipation Proclamation* freeing the slaves into law on January 1, 1863.

It should be noted that there were free Blacks in America prior to the Civil War. Also, that some of those free Blacks owned slaves, as did some American Indians. And those slave owning Blacks were opposed to the end of slavery! The relevant question would be, "What reparations would their descendants be owed?" Answer, "Less than zero".

Thus, it took from 1783 to 1863, just 80 years for our new nation to decide to end slavery. Not that there was not a lot more to do, but a "giant leap" was made in the right direction.

- Fast forward another 101 years to July 2, 1964 and the historic Civil Rights Act was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson. It prohibited discrimination in public places, provided for integration of schools and public facilities, and made discrimination in employment illegal.
- Then on August 8, 1965, the Voting Rights Act was signed into law. It prohibited racial discrimination in voting. It was both grand and "about time" all at once, but America got there. A total of 182 years since 1783, when Americans became responsible for the future use of slavery.

It is worth pointing out, that if the England had won the American Revolution, slavery could have become permanent!

- Thus, starting nearly 60 years ago the civil rights of American Blacks and other minorities have been promoted and protected by the law and general public's expectation.
- Over those years, Blacks and other minorities, including women have had social and economic programs passed to improve their opportunities and life. And women happen to make up half of the population!

Bluntly put, if people over those 60 years did not take advantage of all the preferential programs provided to improve their and their family's situation – then shame on them. Thus, the Black Americans that are still struggling have joined the Whites, Hispanics, Asians, etc., in similar situations.

- And if we need to print it in BIG LETTERS, in 2008 some 389 years after the first African slaves landed in America, We the People stood up elected the first Black American to be President of the United States in 2008! Granted that we were so disgusted after 8 years of Bush II and the Republican sponsored financial crisis of 2007/2008 that the Electorate was going to throw out the Republicans. Then, We the People turned around and re-elected him in 2012. Certainly, what you would have to call that a very racist national thing to do don't you think. Yes, sarcasm...
- So, like I wrote before, the individuals and groups that make their living off of perpetuating hatred and racial division in this country need to be called out for it. Just shut the hell up! And those that have been funding their hate exercises, please stop it!

I believe that covers the topic pretty well. That should give "some people" a whole lot to talk about.

Final Thought

I declare that there are three (3) groups of people walking around in our nation today.

- 1. American Citizens native born and those that came here legally and went thru the proper citizenship process.
- 2. Legal Occupants (LOs) of various types. People legally working here, going to school, etc., and Permanent Resident Aliens or PRAs. PRAs are long term residents that are not intending to obtain US Citizenship.
- 3. Illegal Occupants (IOs) of various types obviously those that are just walking across our open borders and/or enter via our international airport with a passport and with no intention of leaving. More enter via the airport route than cross the US/Mexico border annually! The federal government acknowledges that there are at least 10 million IOs.

We will now work to permanently eliminate #3...

Take care, A J Wildman