

# Denial of Slavery Reparations No Longer Sustainable

50 million citizens claim heritage from the four million enslaved people held captive and forced into labor for two centuries until 1865, when a constitutional amendment finally made slavery illegal. They demand economic reparations for their ancestors' abduction and forced labor.

They contributed to the U.S.A.'s eventual success, just as much as all other working-class peoples made invisible by the passage of time and history's biases. They also suffered treatment made unspeakable by the evil of racial hatred, prejudice, and sustained, systematic oppression.

The nation boasts upwards of a thousand billionaires. If each gave a million and everyone else donated ten dollars into a smartly invested "black lives matter" fund for grants into universities across the country, there would be a growing repository of \$4B+ for black youth to draw upon in fulfilling higher education ambitions that might otherwise be wasted or discouraged.

