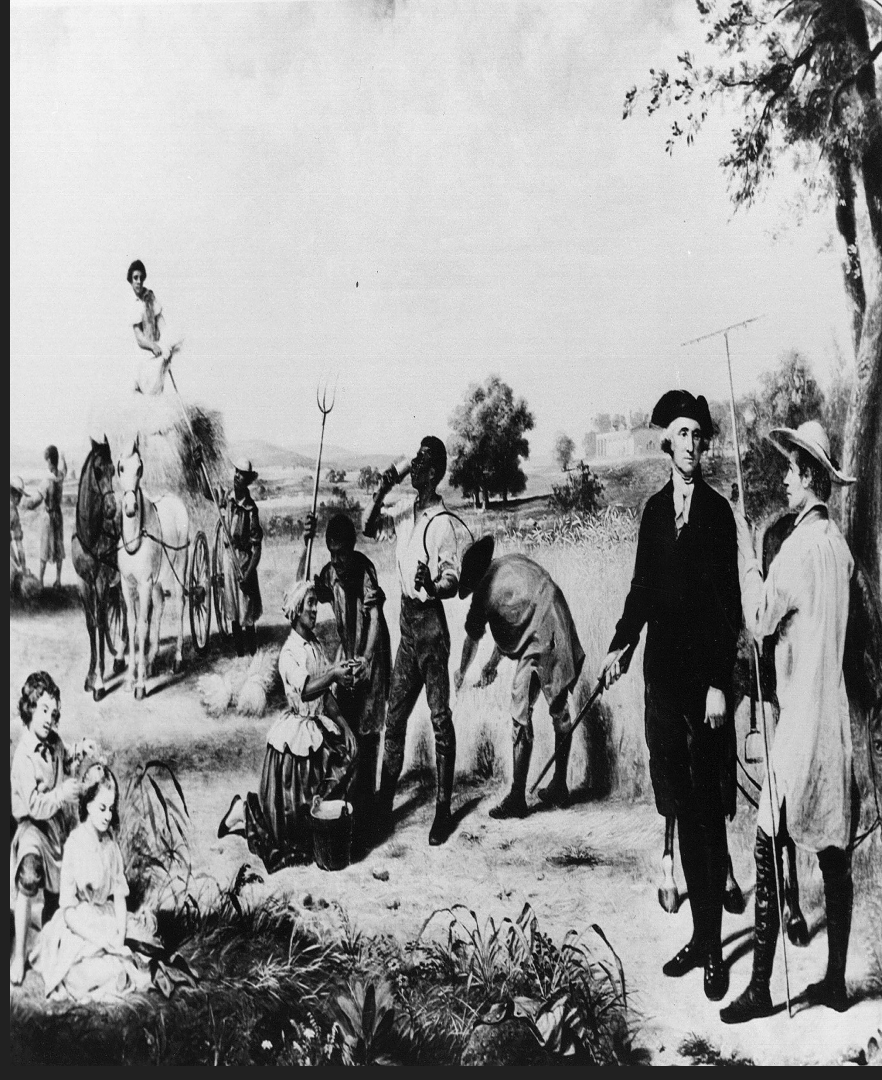


# Slave Reparation Intro

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# What is Slave Reparation

According to Wikipedia, Reparation for slavery is a proposal that should be provided to descendants of slaves from the Atlantic Slave Trade. The argument surrounds reparations based on many different reparations and land reparations received by African Americans which were later taken away.

Reparations were introduced by former Congressman John Conyers in 1989 and introduced every year until his retirement in 2017. Recently the bill has been reintroduced by Texas Democrat Sheila Jackson Lee.

# Why was it taken away?

When the civil war slowed down Gen. William T Sherman made a restriction of a huge tract of the Atlantic coastline called "40 acres and mule" to Black Americans recently freed from bondage.

However President Andrew Jackson rescinded the order and returned the land to its former owners. Sadly within months of Presidents Abraham Lincoln was assassinated. President Lincoln and Congress gave their approval and soon freedmen in the South and started to build and plant. Congress made an attempt at compensation but President Johnson vetoed it.

# Is an apologize be enough?

The point is made more acute because the United States has rightly apologized to other wronged groups of fellow Americans: the World War II Japanese internees, Hawaiians, Native Americans and the Tuskegee syphilis study victims. In all these cases, Washington engaged in dehumanizing behavior toward a group of people in the name of the United States.

However reparations are more than gettings an apology for what was taken away. It's the recognition of damages of enslavement and government discrimination.

The effort for the federal gov to give back and repair the black community that have been repeatedly denied and discriminated to accumulate wealth and participate in the US that gained its power through labor of enslavement.

How could saying "sorry" ever be enough to cure a wrong as profound as mass enslavement? What do African Americans deserve more?