

10. An apology and reparations are ethical and principled – the only genuine rectification that white people can make. Unity and an end to racism can never be realized when we continue to live at the expense of African people. We can no longer turn our heads to the fact that our lifestyle is built on the suffering of others. Peace, justice and even the survival of the planet depend on the ability of African and other peoples to have justice and self-determination. Reparations is our opportunity as white people to join the leadership of African people and oppressed humanity in building a world in which every child can grow up to realize her or his talents and aspirations, a world in which life can truly prevail.

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The African People's Solidarity Committee (APSC) was formed in 1976 by the African People's Socialist Party and works under its leadership. Our mission is to build a broad base of support from the white community for the 500 year old African struggle for peace, happiness and liberation. The centerpiece of our work in the white community is in organizing a movement for reparations, the basis, we believe for all white people to begin to right the historic wrong to African, and all the world's Peoples.

In 2006, APSC launched "African People's Solidarity Day." This campaign will build massive support from the white community for the growing demand for reparations to African people. It will also be an important component in forcing the U.S. government to formally apologize to the African community for its crimes against them – from the slavery of recent centuries, to the economic underdevelopment, illegal drug economy, police brutality and massive imprisonment of today. All of this the U.S. government imposes on African people to benefit the general white population. We urge you to join us in changing history!

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TEN REASONS

Why the U.S., Western Powers and White People Everywhere Owe Reparations to African People



By the African People's Solidarity Committee

Preamble

We uphold the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations which recognizes that the inherent dignity and “equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world.”

We call on the United States government along with the corporate and religious establishments and the white population ourselves to issue an official, sincere and thoroughgoing apology to African people for crimes against humanity including the slave trade, colonialism and the brutal ensuing oppression;

Additionally, we call on white people everywhere to support, foster and participate in the demand by African people for reparations for slavery, genocide, colonialism, and the decimation of African civilization and national independence.

Ten reasons why the U.S., Western powers and white people everywhere owe reparations to African people:

1. The enslavement of African people is the cornerstone upon which the wealth and power of the U.S. and Europe is built. For more than 500 years the rape and colonization of Africa, along with the genocide of the Indigenous Peoples and the domination of the majority of the world, has been the foundation of the “American dream” of wealth and democracy for the white population.

2. White people benefit economically, politically and socially from the suffering, enslavement and oppression of African people. The oppression of Africans makes up the pedestal upon which our lives are constructed. Every wave of landless European workers climbed up the “ladder of success” at the expense of African people in a system overflowing with wealth and opportunity created by slavery, theft and genocide.

3. Countless millions of tons of gold, silver, minerals, plants, animals and natural resources were stolen from Africa for our benefit. Slavery and colonialism have devastated Africa, the richest continent on the planet, subjecting its people to the violence of genocide, poverty, starvation and repressive social systems today.

4. White society inflicted immeasurable pain, suffering and terrorism on African people. The popular and festive lynchings, carried out by all sectors of the white population, were part of the fabric of the American way of life. The burnings and armed attacks on Africans; the

brandings and torture, the ripping of babies from the wombs of mothers, the enforced poverty, the attacks on family life, the exclusion from work, the violent destruction of African business and enterprise, such as in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the denial of civil and democratic rights and the degradation of African culture – throughout our history white people consistently initiated or complied with such crimes against African people.

5. White people carried out genocide, torture, maiming and violence on the continent of Africa through colonialism. For example, the Belgians killed 20 million people in the Congo and cut off the hands of millions more in the process of exploiting the rubber crop. Throughout Africa there were massive mutilations, decapitations and terror perpetrated by colonizers without a word of protest from white people anywhere.

6. Priceless and irreplaceable intellectual property has been stolen from African people. From the splendid art of ancient Africa now seized and stored in museums of Europe and North America, to the genius of African music – jazz, blues, reggae, rap and dance – African art enriches white people and corporations at the expense of those who created it. African art, technology and science made white people wealthy while Africans lived and died in poverty.

7. African people have been deprived of millions of life years. Countless young, healthy people died in the holds of ships crossing the Atlantic and their parents died of grief. Millions more were worked to death in a few short years as slaves. Today African people in the U.S. live 7 years less than white people and infant mortality in some African communities is greater than in underdeveloped countries. AIDS is skyrocketing throughout the African world and death by curable diseases continues to grow.

8. The public policy of police containment, endorsed by the majority of white people is responsible for rampant police murder, brutality and terror in African communities. Laws such as “Three Strikes” legislation, voted in by white citizens, policies allowing discrimination in sentencing and the death penalty, and the utilization of militaristic police forces have turned African communities into war zones of terror, fear and death.

9. Fifty billion dollars every year is made from the prison economy in the U.S. and \$500 billion is reaped from illegal drug sales at the expense of African people. The majority of drug users and sellers are white but the majority of people incarcerated on drug charges in the concentration camps called prisons are African. Drug money is laundered through major corporations and real estate firms, yet African people are slanderously labeled “drug kingpins.” Generally built in rural white areas, the prison industry has fueled economic prosperity for white people for decades.