“Unity 4 Our Community Work Group”

Introduction

by Amaru Young

“Crosswalk of The Black American People”

Presented by: Mona Strahan

FROM FREEDMAN TO COLORED TO NEGRO TO BLACK TO AFRICAN AMERICAN TO BLACK AMERICAN

TIMELINE: THE POWER OF NAMES AND NAMING OUR PEOPLE.

WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN ONE PEOPLE

FROM FREEDMAN TO COLORED TO NEGRO TO BLACK TO AFRICAN AMERICAN TO BLACK AMERICAN

Freedman - post-Civil War 1865

- Colored – (1880-1930's)
- Negro – (1901 – 1945 or 1952)
- Black - Black leaders advocated in early 1960's the term Black
- 1970s Black was the staple term used by everyone
- 1991 ushered in African American
- In 2019 to present: Black vs African American is trending

GALLUP POLL IN 2021, IF THEY HAD TO CHOOSE, MOST BLACK ADULTS WOULD CHOOSE "BLACK"

Black Americans' Preferred Term for Their Racial Subgroup, if They Had to Choose

If you had to choose, which term do you lean toward -- "African-American" or "Black"?

	Black	African-American	No opinion
	%	%	%
June 1-July 5, 2021	52	44	4

Question asked of those with no preference for "Black" or "African-American" as the racial group description. Figures above represent combined results.

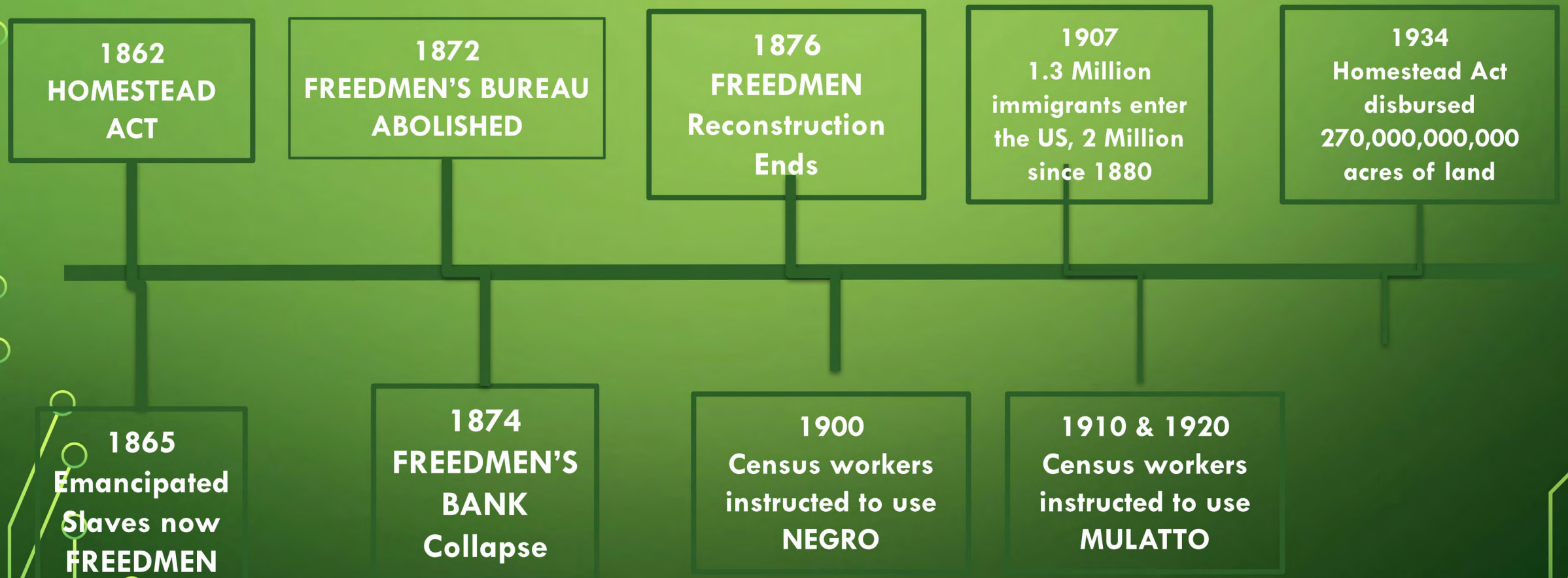
GALLUP, JUN 1-JUL 5, 2021

- https://news.gallup.com/poll/353000/no-preferred-racial-term-among-black-hispanic-adults.aspx

Legislative Crosswalk

Presented by: Dawn Paige

POLICY WINS FOLLOWED BY EXTERNAL PRESSURE FOR RENAMING



https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2013/02/25/172885551/no-more-negro-for-census-bureau-forms-and-surveys

NAME CHANGES FOLLOWED BY WEALTH TRANSFERS

1970
US Census converts to self identification. Option: NEGRO or BLACK

1977
OMB Adds And Defines BLACK As An African Racial Group

1980
Increase in Sub Saharan and Caribbean Immigration

1997
OMB Adds AFRICAN AMERICAN

2013
OMB removes NEGRO

2016
Obama Replaces NEGRO With AFRICAN AMERICAN In Federal Legislation

2020-2023
5 Million immigrants enter the US

2023
OMB/CENSUS Removing NEGRO?

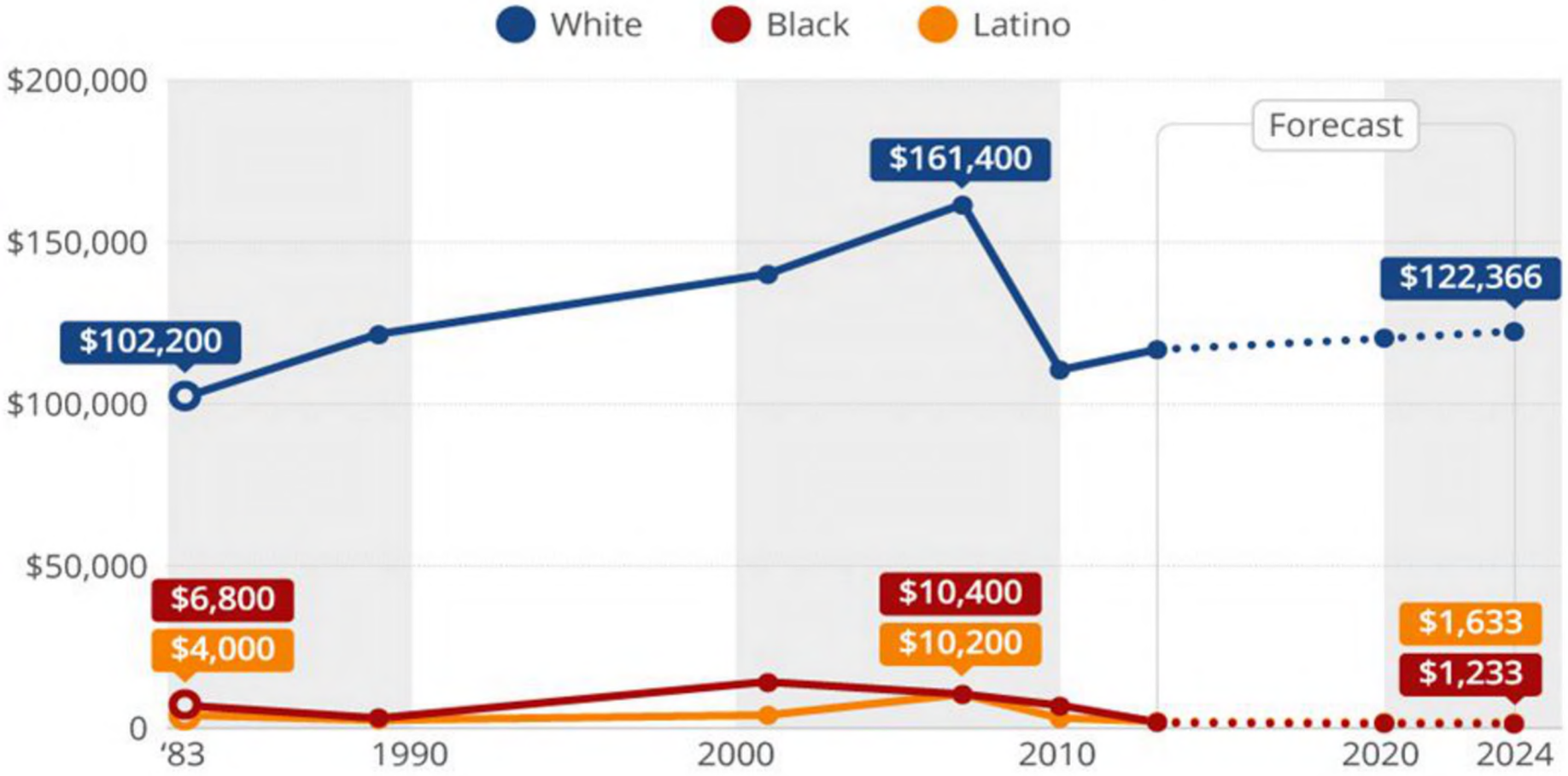
2023
NEW DEAL FOR NEW AMERICANS

The Impact On Our People

Presented by: Angela Nirvana

Racial Wealth Inequality Is Rampant In The U.S.

Median household wealth by race/ethnicity in the United States (1983–2024)



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Source: Prosperity Now & Institute For Policy Studies

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Solution - Redefining Black American Peoplehood

Presented by: Ahsun Powell

Definition: Sub-Saharan Africa

Relating to, or begin the part of Africa south of the Saharan

List of Sub-Saharan African Countries

Angola
Benin
Botswana
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Comoros
Congo (Brazzaville)
Congo (Democratic Republic)
Côte d'Ivoire
Djibouti
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Gabon
The Gambia
Ghana
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Kenya
Lesotho
Liberia
Madagascar
Malawi
Mali
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mozambique
Namibia
Niger
Nigeria
Réunion
Rwanda
Sao Tome and Principe
Senegal
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Somalia
South Africa
Sudan
Swaziland
Tanzania
Togo
Uganda
Western Sahara
Zambia
Zimbabwe

Definition: Caribbean

The Caribbean is a region that consists of the Caribbean Sea, its islands, and the surrounding coasts. The region is southeast of the Gulf of Mexico and the North American mainland, east of Central America, and north of South America. Situated largely on the Caribbean Plate, the region comprises more than 700 islands, islets, reefs, and cays.

List of Caribbean Countries

*Note this list does not include Caribbean Territories

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Aruba
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- British Virgin Islands
- Cayman Islands
- Cuba
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- Grenada
- Guadeloupe
- Haiti
- Jamaica
- Martinique
- Montserrat
- Martinique
- Montserrat
- Navassa Island
- Netherlands Antilles
- Puerto Rico
- Saint Barthelemy
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Martin
- Saint Vincent and Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Turks and Caicos Islands
- United States Virgin Islands

What is “Peoplehood”

The fact or state of being a community of people of shared race or nationality, often with the implication of associate status or rights:

“they desire to have their peoplehood recognized constitutionally”

- awareness of one’s identity as a member of a distinct people:

“my deep sense of peoplehood gave me the fortitude to fight the difficult battles”

Code of Federal Regulations, def.36 CFR § 906.2 - Definitions, NEGRO

Negro: (k) Minority group member means any person residing in the United States who is Negro, as defined below:

(1) Negro—is an individual of the Negro race of African origin;

Code of Federal Regulations, def.36 CFR § 906.2 - Definitions, NEGRO

Freedman: Definition & Legal Meaning

Definition & Citations:

In Roman law. One who was set free from a state of bondage; an emancipated slave. The word is used in the same sense in the United States, respecting negroes who were formerly slaves.

Fairfield v. Lawson, 50 Conn. 513, 47 Am. Rep. 669;Davenport v. Caldwell, 10 S. C. 333.

Redefining “Black” in America

Black American: The category “Black American'' includes individuals who identify with any of the foundational populations in the United States of America previously referred to as Negro, Freedmen, Black, Colored, Mulatto, or African American prior to the end of the 19th century .

This includes people and groups that identify as Freed Blacks, American Freedmen, Gullah Geechee, American Negro, Black American, African American, American Descendants of Slavery and Foundational Black Americans, etc.

Who and What are “Black Americans”

Who are We

We are apart of the “Foundational Populations” in the U.S.

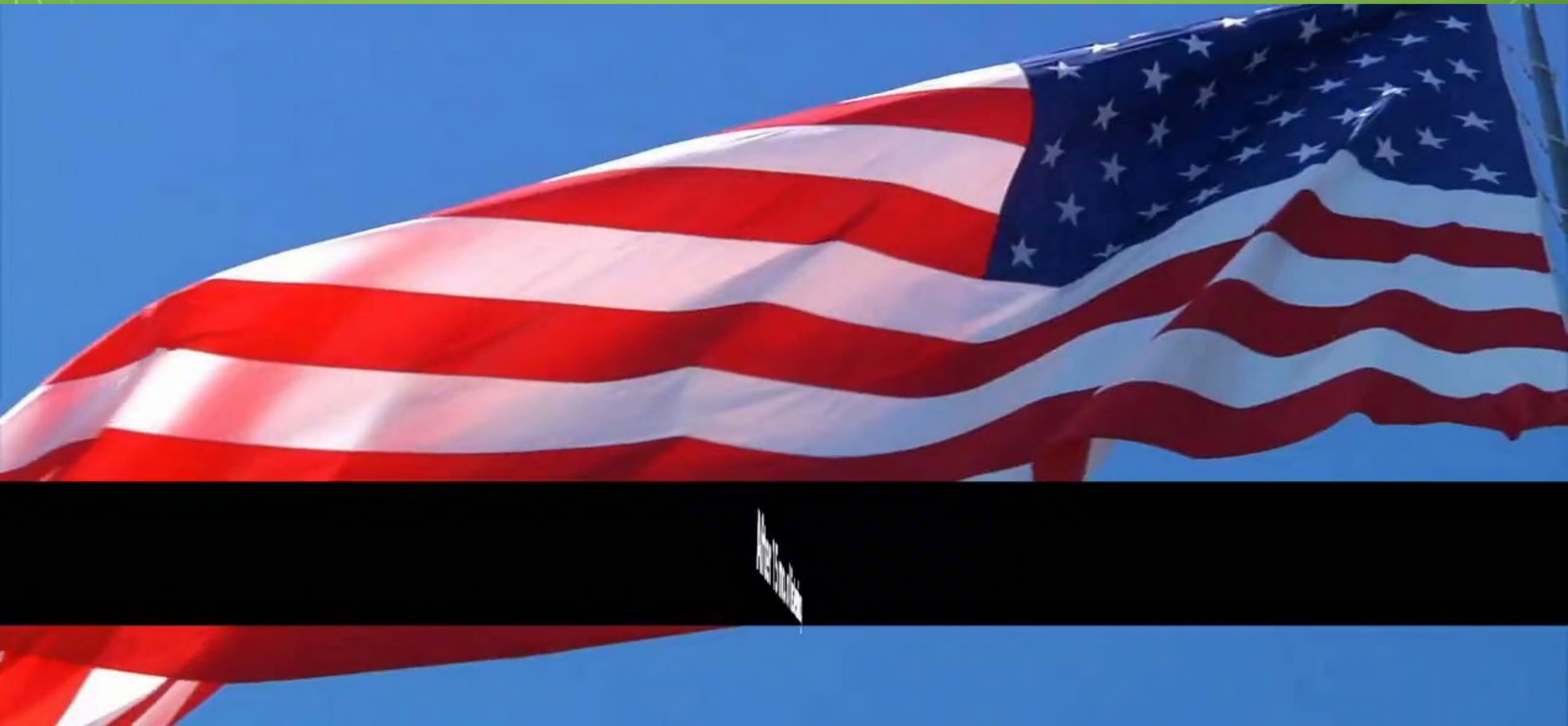
We are the Descendants of U.S. Chattel Slavery

What are We

One People - One Ethnicity - One Family

With Multiple Identifiers

Our Solution



Proposed OMB "Fig. 2" and Report Categories



What is your race or ethnicity?
Select all that apply AND enter additional details in the spaces below.

☐ **Black American**- *Enter, for example, Negro, Black, Colored, Mulatto, American Freedmen, African American, Black American and Gullah Geechee, etc.*

☐ **American Indian or Alaska Native**- *Enter, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet, Mayan, Aztec. Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Tribal Government, Tlingit, etc.*

☐ **Asian**- Provide details below.
☐ Chinese ☐ Filipino ☐ Korean
☐ Japanese ☐ Asian Indian ☐ Vietnamese
Enter, for example, Pakistani, Cambodian, Hmong, Thai, etc.

☐ **Caribbean**- Provide details below.
☐ Jamaican ☐ Trinidadian ☐ Aruban
☐ Haitian ☐ Virgin Islander ☐ Bahamian
Enter, for example, Barbadian (Bajan), Guyanese, etc.

☐ **Hispanic/Latino**- Provide details below.
☐ Cuban ☐ Dominican ☐ Guatemalan
☐ Spaniard ☐ Columbian ☐ Puerto Rican
Enter, for example, Afro-Latino, Mexican or Mexican American, etc.

☐ **Middle Eastern or North African**- Provide details below.
☐ Lebanese ☐ Iranian ☐ Egyptian
☐ Syrian ☐ Moroccan ☐ Israeli
Enter, for example, Algerian, Iraqi, Kurdish, etc.

☐ **Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander**- Provide details below.
☐ Native Hawaiian ☐ Samoan ☐ Chamorro
☐ Tongan ☐ Fijian ☐ Marshallese
Enter, for example, Palauan, Tahitian, Chuukese , etc.

☐ **Sub Saharan African**- Provide details below.
☐ Nigerian ☐ Ghanaian ☐ Ethiopian
☐ Somalian ☐ Kenyan ☐ Sudanese
Enter, for example, South African, Botswanan, Cameroon, etc.

☐ **White**- Provide details below.
☐ German ☐ Irish ☐ Polish
☐ Italian ☐ English ☐ French
Enter, For example, Scottish, Norwegian, Dutch, Slavic, Cajun, Roma, etc.

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Sub-Saharan African:

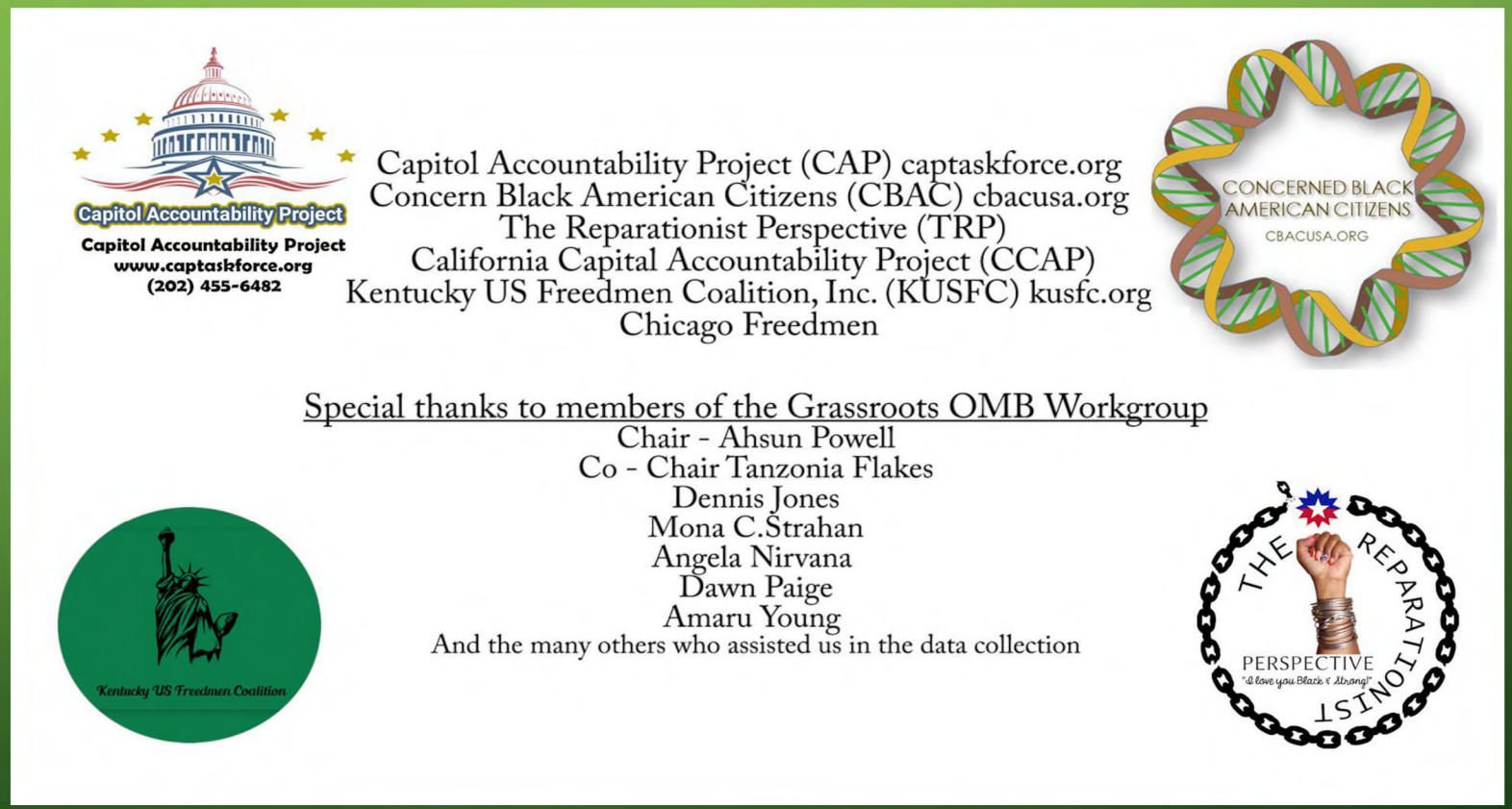
The category "Sub-Saharan Africa" includes all individuals who identify with one or more nationalities or ethnic groups originating in Angola, South Africa, Botswana, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Cape Verde, Madagascar, Rwanda, Somalia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Namibia, Senegal, and other African cultures. Examples of these groups include, but are not limited to Nigerian, Ghanaian, Somalian, Sudanese, Kenyans, and Ethiopians etc.

Caribbean:

The category "Caribbean" includes all individuals who identify with one or more nationalities or ethnic groups originating in Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cayman Island (U.K.), Curacao (Netherlands), Guyana, Haiti, U.S. Virgin Island, Jamaica, Antigua Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts, Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent, Grenadines, Sint Maarten, Suriname, Trinidad, Tobago, Turks, Caicos and other Caribbean Island cultures. Examples of these groups include, but are not limited to, Jamaican, Haitian, Dominican, Saint Martin, Cuban, and Trinidadian etc.

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Questions and Answers

- What is the rationale for removing Minority and Majority and what is the anticipated impact?
- What is the rationale for removing the word Negro?
- What would be the rationale for rejecting our proposal here today of the three categories?