

**Policy Brief: A Definitive Response to Reparations
Demands – Ending the Cycle**



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Reparations Manifesto and CARICOM's Updated Plan

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The strong nations of the earth must unite with moral clarity and historical honesty to deliver a final, decisive response to perpetual reparations demands. The recent manifesto announced by Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley at the Ghana conference — an updated CARICOM plan emphasizing monetary compensation, gender-based violence claims, links to climate justice, and no statute of limitations — represents a continuation of a grievance-based political and financial enterprise.

[theguardian.com](https://www.theguardian.com)

We reject this approach outright. No living generation owes financial reparations for the actions of ancestors from centuries past. This is not justice; it is a racket that distracts from present accountability and sustainable progress.

Historical Completeness, Not Selective Memory

The transatlantic slave trade was a grave evil involving immense suffering. Approximately 12 million Africans were transported, with horrific mortality and lifelong bondage.

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However, full truth requires acknowledging that African kingdoms, merchants, and elites actively captured fellow Africans — often rivals from other groups — and sold them to European traders. Historians note that Europeans rarely ventured deep inland; the supply chain depended on African participation.

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This was not unique to Europeans: the Arab-Muslim trans-Saharan and Indian Ocean trades enslaved millions over a longer period, and internal African slavery predated and persisted beyond European involvement. Denial of African agency in the trade is deceptive and reveals intent to maintain a one-sided narrative for leverage. All human societies have dark chapters; selective outrage serves politics, not healing.

Modern Slavery: The Urgent Moral Crisis

While historical debates continue, modern slavery demands immediate action. An estimated 7 million people in Africa today live in forced labor, forced marriage, trafficking, debt bondage, and descent-based servitude — a prevalence of about 5.2 per 1,000.

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This is driven by contemporary factors: conflict, weak governance, poverty, and harmful practices in the present. Nigeria alone accounts for roughly 1.6 million cases.

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These victims suffer today, unrelated to any white European or American alive now. Strong nations should condemn and eradicate current slavery through enforcement, economic opportunity, education, and institution-building — not divert energy and resources into intergenerational wealth transfers.

Benefits of Developed Societies and the Path to Prosperity

Populations of African descent in the Americas have, overall, gained tremendously from Western institutions: rule of law, property rights, scientific and medical advances, education systems, and economic mobility. These advantages far exceed conditions in many origin regions plagued by ongoing instability. This does not erase past wrongs — it demonstrates what works: strong institutions, human capital investment, family stability, and personal agency.

Demands for trillions in compensation (as previously floated) ignore this reality and risk moral hazard — rewarding grievance over governance.

Blueprint for a One-and-Done Reset – How to Respond

1. **Acknowledge history fully:** Recognize the transatlantic trade's horrors and African/Arab/internal participation. Issue universal apologies for all slavery where appropriate but close the book on inherited guilt.
2. **Reject monetary reparations:** No open-ended payments from taxpayers or nations today. Crimes against humanity have no statute of limitations in theory, but practical justice cannot bankrupt the present for the distant past. Precedent would fracture the world.
3. **Prioritize today's victims:** Direct global effort and funding toward ending modern slavery in Africa and elsewhere. Support anti-trafficking, governance reform, and opportunity creation.

4. **Focus on universal solutions:** Education quality, rule of law, anti-corruption, property rights, and family structures drive prosperity across all groups. These are color-blind and evidence based.
5. **Declare the reset:** A clear international statement: “We confront the past honestly. All claims for historical reparations from living generations are closed. The era of inherited debt ends here. Forward with accountability in the present.”

The Elect of God Royal Academy stands for truth, equal human dignity under God, and practical love that lifts people through responsibility — not division. This manifesto and similar efforts distract from real healing. Let us drive a stake through endless grievance politics once and for all. Nations and people thrive when they own their future, not when they demand payment for their past.

All humans share equal moral worth and potential. The path forward is agency, institutions, and truth — for everyone.

Shalom. Truth sets us free.

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