



REPARATIONS
— united

**Unity Tour – We Are
Determined to Win!**

**The Mission
The Mandate
The Method**

The Tour

Purpose

- The purpose of the tour is to create a shared understanding of the mission to get enacted a federal reparations commission, how to do so collectively, why that is important.
- Secondly, we seek agreement to move forward collectively to achieve the mission operating as a Reparations United Front.

Messages of Unity

- **The Mission** – federal redress – for that to occur a unified front must be built and maintained.
- **The Mandate** – understanding what the proposed Commission is mandated to accomplish
- **The Method** – a serious downplaying of the differences that we hold, understanding that it is not even necessary to give up our differences to collectively work on the Mission

Chaos In the Movement: Extreme Mission Drift

- Existing in the movement now
 - Contending organizations
 - Contending ideologies
 - Contending definitions
 - Movement celebrities
 - Political immaturity
 - Organizational egotism
 - Ideological confusion
 - Constant creation of distracting noise
 - People and orgs undermining others' work.
 - Plagiarism and claiming of others' work
 - Competitiveness over cooperation
 - Who can make the biggest and boldest reparations demand

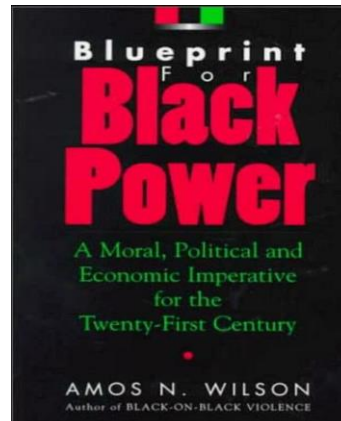
The Mission : Federal Redress

The enactment of a HR 40 Commission through Presidential “Executive Order.”

By understanding power and utilizing our power to move the Democratic Party and the President into creating the Commission.

Two Types of Power

- *Power To Do*
- *Power Over Others*



Four Forms of Power

- *Force* - the biological, physical, or psychological means to engage in actions that are in your group's best interest, or make a group engage in actions that are in your group's best interest, or prevent them from engaging in action that are in their best interest.
- *Coercion* – The instrumental use of force or the threatened use of force.
- *Influence* – actions taken as a result of the positive regard one has of the other. – Expert, Legitimate Authority, Best Interest
- *Manipulation* – concealed efforts to achieve certain action.

The Base of Our Power

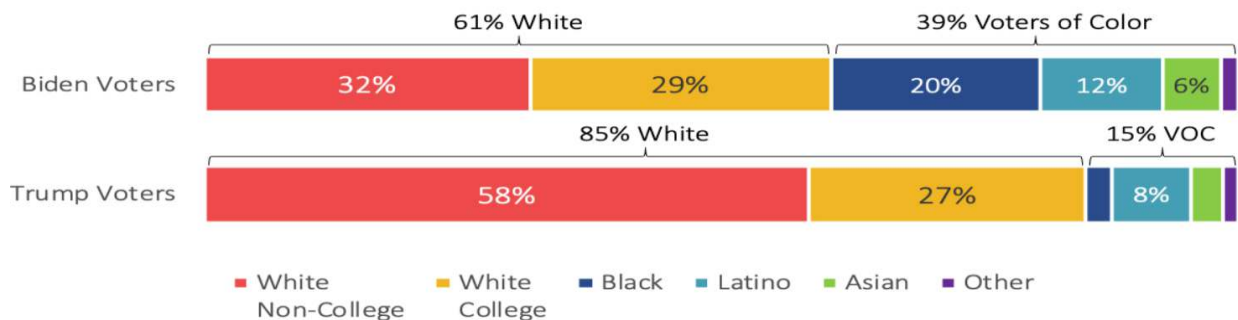
- **Our power**
 - Centers around the critical need for the Democratic party to perpetually hold the Black vote in order to win the presidency.
 - There is a lot of power in the hands of many people and organizations when one's party controls the executive branch of government. Cabinets, Courts, Domestic Policy, Foreign Policy, Military Policy, and Monetary Policy.
 - We are a central piece in that determination of power-holders
 - With the exception of LBJ, since 1960 the republican party has wone the majority of the white vote in America.
 - It is only because of the Black vote, that Kennedy, Carter, Clinton, Obama, and Biden were elected.

	1976		Carter	Ford		
White		89	48	52		
Black		9	83	17		
Hispanic		1	82	18		
	1980		Carter	Reagan		
White		88	36	56		
Black		10	83	14		
Hispanic		2	56	37		
	1984		Mondale	Reagan		
White		86	34	66		
Black		10	91	9		
Hispanic		3	66	34		
	1988		Dukakis	Bush I		
White		85	40	60		
Black		10	89	11		
Hispanic		3	70	30		
	1992		Clinton	Bush I	Perot	
White		87	39	41	21	
Black		8	83	10	7	
Hispanic		2	61	25	14	
	1996		Clinton	Dole	Perot	
White		83	44	46	9	
Black		10	84	12	4	
Hispanic		5	73	21	6	
	2000		Gore	Bush II	Bucha non	Nader
White		81	42	55	*	3
Black		10	90	9	*	1
Hispanic		7	62	35	1	2
Asian		2	55	41	1	3

2004		Kerry		Bush II		126
White	77	41	58	40/56	61-64	
Black	11	88	11	12/1.5	52-57.5	
Hispanic	8	53	44	5.5/4.5	48.5-62.5	
Asian	2	56	43	1.5/1		
Other	2	54	40	1.5/1		
2008		Obama		McCain		131
White	74	43	55	42/53	70-60	
Black	13	95	4	16/1	58-54	
Hispanic	9	67	31	8/3.5	54-59	
Asian	2	62	35	1.5/1		
Other	3	66	31	2.5/1.5		
2012		Obama		Romney		126
White	72	39	59	35/55	63.5-61.5.5	
Black	13	93	6	15/1	50-56	
Hispanic	10	71	27	9/3.5	48.5-60.5	
Asian	3	73	26	3/1.		
Other	2	58	38	1.5/1		
2016		Clinton		Trump		137.5
White	70	37	57	36/55	66-62	
African-American	12	89	8	15/1	51-56	
Hispanic	11	66	28	10/4.	51-61	
Asian	4	65	27	3./1		
Other	3	56	36	2./1		

2020		Biden	Trump
White	72	44	56
Black	12	90	10
Latino	10	63	57
Asian	4	67	33
Other	2	55	45

Blacks Are a Significant Block of the Democratic Party “Black voters are key to Democratic success — without the large majorities of Black voters Biden won, he couldn’t have been competitive nationally or in key Electoral College states Black voters remain a core pillar of the Democratic coalition



The Power of the BLACK Vote

From 1960- Present



1 out of 16 elections the Democratic Party won the majority of the White vote for Presidency.

From 1960 to Present



Once - the number of times the Democratic Party would have had Executive powers if there were only white voters

Of Democratic Party Presidents



% that would have been elected (6 of 8) if only the Black and white vote was counted alone

Of Democratic Party Presidents



% of time the Black vote made ALL the difference in delivering the White- House to the Democratic Party 7 of 8



From 1960 to Present



% of time the Democrats controlled the White House (8/16)

Of Democratic Party Presidents



% that would have been elected, (1 of 8) if all Black vote was removed, counting white, Hispanic, Asian and other votes

Future for Democratic Party



Based on the above, number of times a Democratic Party Presidential candidate can win the White House going forward without the Black vote.

What do we demand for out voting power?

HR40 Reparations Commission via Presidential Executive Order Now!



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Utilizing Coercive Power

A coercer may succeed even without possessing the capability or intention to use force, so long as the power subject believes he has both”

- knowing we have the power – must be mass education around this
- radically informing the Democratic party that we have this power, and we would like to continue to exercise it within the Party
- radically informing the Democratic party that we will only accept a federal redress effort in exchange for utilizing our voting power on behalf of the party.
- Indicating our actions to move in contrary position if our offer to the party is not reciprocated.
 - Possibly intense work or threat around a third political party – Working Family Party, Green Party, etc

The Mandate

- Confusion around HR 40 or the HR 40 Executive Order.
- It's no good because it's been introduced for 30+ years.
- It's the only Federal redress Legislation that has been introduced. (Apologies, and 1619 bill, Juneteenth)
- Revised in 2017

DEVELOP A MASTER PLAN OF REDRESS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS

- **1) Study the crimes** committed against our ancestors during the period of enslavement, **2) determined the continued impact** of those crimes on the descendants of those who were enslaved and **3) develop remedy proposals** for the injurious impact of the crimes
- Ditto – for apartheid/jim crow era and neo-apartheid era

The Method - Unity

Critical moment in the movement -Calls for A Reparations United Front.

My major caution and concern is that the various forces who have contributed to the extraordinary potential of this moment not squander this opportunity because of internal tensions, bickering, individual and organization egoism and political immaturity. In my considered judgment, what is required at this moment is operational unity and a united front to coordinate a massive multifaceted campaign to win reparations.

The surging momentum developing around the idea of reparations is the result of decades of dedicated struggle by a broad range of leaders, organizations and movements. “

Dr. Ron Daniels 2002

Major Contentions

- **Eligibility** – The commission will determine eligibility. And eligibility will directly result from who were injuries based on the remedy proposals – if someone or their ancestor was not here when a particular injury was caused then there is no redress for that person.
- **Forms** – The commission will determine the forms as mandated to address the continued impact. As many as necessary to eliminate the impact
- **Identity** – The Bill spells out our collective identity.

Principles of Unity

As a collective of various organizations and philosophies, we will respect each other's autonomy in organization and philosophy. The central principle we unify and agree upon are:

- 1. Our primary goal is to achieve Reparations for Africans in America [i.e., descendants of Africans enslaved in the United States] via an HR 40 Commission by Executive Order**
- 2. The so-called Transatlantic Slave Trade was a crime against humanity with continued impact on the lives of current living descendants of Africans enslaved in the United States, which obligates the US to engage in reparations.**

Reparations United Front

- 1. Functioning as a "Reparations United Front," is critical to maintain a unified public posture. Members of the Collective (organizations and individuals) agree not to attack each other, especially regarding Reparations.**
- 2. In instance where there may be differences of opinion, members will emphasize their commitment to Reparations, to minimize attempts to divide and neutralize the effectiveness of the Collective.**
- 3. The Collective may elect not to recognize those who fail to abide by the aforementioned principles of unity. Everyone is encouraged to support the work of the Collective in ways most suitable for them, whether inside or outside the Collective.**

Reparations United



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