ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MASSACHUSETTS REPARATIONS STUDY (LINKS INCLUDED)

Note: this list focuses on articles and videos which supplement the lists of references in the Study Report

I. In Favor of Reparations

1.) Coates, Ta-Nehisi, "The Case for Reparations," originally published in The Atlantic, 2014.

1a.) On Oprah's Book Club, Oprah talks with Ta-Nehisi Coates https://www.youtube.com › watch?v=i7kFrPWGACg Ta-Nehisi Coates, author of "The Water Dancer," Oprah's first book selection for her Apple TV+ series, "Oprah's Book Club," offers three reasons why African-Americans should receive slavery reparations. "Oprah's Book Club," premieres exclusively on Apple TV+ on November 1, 2019.

2.)Hannah-Jones, Nikole, Interview with Terri Gross.
https://www.npr.org/2020/06/24/882773218/a-call-for-reparations-howamericamight-narrow-the-racial-wealth-gap

3,)Montero, David, The Cost of Slavery. Interview with David Montero.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n3qzwqHduQg&t=1117s

4.)Darity, William Alexander, A blueprint for reparations in the US | William "Sandy" Darity

5.)Rochester, Shawn, "The Black Tax,"
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0w3o8uHVkKQ

6.) Allen Davis, "A Historical Timeline of Reparations Payments Made from 1783 through 2021 by the United States Governments, States, Cities, Religious Institutions, Universities, Corporations, and Communities"
https://guides.library.umass.edu/reparations

II. Against Reparations

1.) Blazina, Carrie and Kiana Cox, Black and White Americans are far apart in their views of reparations for slavery, PEW Research Center Survey, November 28, 2022.

2.) Brophy, Alfred, The Cultural War over Reparations for Slavery, DePaul Law Review 2004. This article is certainly informative, but it's lengthy, and not the easiest of reads. The reader could get the information—and more—by reading *Why Are Reparations Not Needed*: *Against Reparations* in the *Study Report.*

3.) Eizenstat, Stuart E., What Holocaust Restitution Taught Me About Slavery Reparations, *Politico*, October 27, 2019

4.) Hughes, Coleman, Opening Statement on Slavery Reparations to the U.S. House Committee on the Judiciary, delivered 19 June 2019, American Rhetoric.com. Hughes' Testimony before Congress on H.R.40,

5.) Hughes, Coleman, A Case for Color Blindness, www.youtube.com, April, 2023. TED talk: not very long, and provocative.

6.) Kennedy, Randall, Cornel Brooks and David Harris, "A Conversation on Reparations," Harvard Kennedy School,
https://iop.harvard.edu/forum/conversation-reparations
Note: This is a comprehensive critique examining the strengths and weaknesses of the reparations arguments and those who oppose it. (hit Download after you arrive at the link)

III. For those interested in a religious/spiritual orientation to reparations

1.) Rabbi Sharon Brous' Rosh Hashanah sermon about reparations, "Our Country was Built on a Stolen Beam" (32 minutes) (September 22, 2017) **https://ikar.org/sermons/our-country-was-built-on-a-stolen-beam-thecallfor-a-national-reckoning/**

2.) Interview with Jennifer Harvey, author of Dear White Christians, (17 minutes) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cBf_pXJYvFo

3.) Virginia Theological Seminary: Reparations https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TypF6EBC3bs

4.) Film: The Cost of Inheritance (click)
This documentary (53 minutes) examines issues related to personal responsibility and the religious institutions (Jesuits) and reparations.

IV. Resources illustrating different reasons why Reparations are needed (newer additions)

The criminal legal system:

The Thirteenth Amendment https://www.youtube.com › watch?v=krfcq5pF8u8
"The Thirteenth Amendment" is a 2016 American documentary film directed by Ava DuVernay. It explores the prison-industrial complex, and the "intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States". The title refers to the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1865, which abolished slavery throughout the United States and ended involuntary servitude, except as punishment for convicted criminals." [Wikipedia] A thought-provoking introduction to the impact of the Criminal Legal System's mass incarceration on Black Americans.

Housing/the Wealth Gap

Richard Rothstein, "The Color of Law" (discussion with Ta-Nehisi Coates)
https://www.youtube.com › watch?v=9Pb6y9rNKmo
Rothstein discusses with Ta-Nehisi Coates Rothstein's important book detailing the ways federal, state and local governments made it so difficult for Black Americans to build up wealth in their homes, creating the current "wealth gap" between Black Americans and white.

Rothstein's important book: *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America* by Richard Rothstein (2017)

"Redlining: Mapping Inequality in Dayton and Springfield" PBS video (2022) tells the national and local story of redlining, a practice which embedded racial segregation and inequality into the development of American cities and suburbs and created a wealth gap that continues to impact our communities today.https://www.pbs.org/video/redlining-mapping-inequality-in-dayton-springfield-kam44p/

"Mapping Inequality" is an online project being run by the University of Richmond where you can see the maps developed by the Federal Home Owners' Loan Corporation nationwide during the 1930s -1940s, including the one for greater Boston, at https://dsl.richmond.edu/panorama/redlining/ (I think there's a page about the terms used to describe the marginalized groups and another showing current health disparities that track with historic redlining.—Susan Verdicchio)

Health/Medical

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks (film)
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5686132/ This filmed version of Rebecca Skloot's book about "Henrietta Lacks, an African-American woman whose cancer cells became the first immortalized human cell line, HeLa, in 1951. Learn about her life, family, diagnosis, treatment, and the ethical issues raised by the use of her cells for medical research and commercial purposes." [Wikipedia] A perspective on the unequal treatment Black Americans have experienced in dealings with the medical community.

Also: General Studies of Reparations (see also #6 in Part I, above)

Reparations and Reparatory Justice: Past, Present, and Future (book) by Sundiata Keita Cha-Jua (Editor, Contributor), Mary Frances Berry (Editor, Contributor), & 19 more (U of Illinois Press, 2024) Paperback available..

Ta-Nehisi Coates, “The Case for Reparations” from *The Atlantic is available on this website. It has been the subject of several discussions attended by League members. [You’ll see it’s #1 in Part I, above]*

Into America podcast “Uncounted Millions” series
https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/presenting-uncounted-millions-the-power-of-reparations/id1499906821?i=1000644616205 (trailer)
https://www.msnbc.com/intoamerica

“Into America is back! In a new series, “Uncounted Millions,” we take a look at one of today's most pressing debates: reparations. On a journey that begins in the nation’s capital during the heat of the Civil War and ends in modern day Brooklyn, host Trymaine Lee follows the little-known story of one of the only Black people to receive reparations, and the mark it left on that family for generations to come. The series asks: if more Black families had been given reparations decades ago, how might Black America look different today? “