

# **“Confronting the *Past* to Repair the Enduring Harm in the *Present*”**



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The **cracks** of structural **racism** are erupting as **earthquakes** in **Black** and other **communities of color**.

**We must repair the cracks and build a new foundation.**



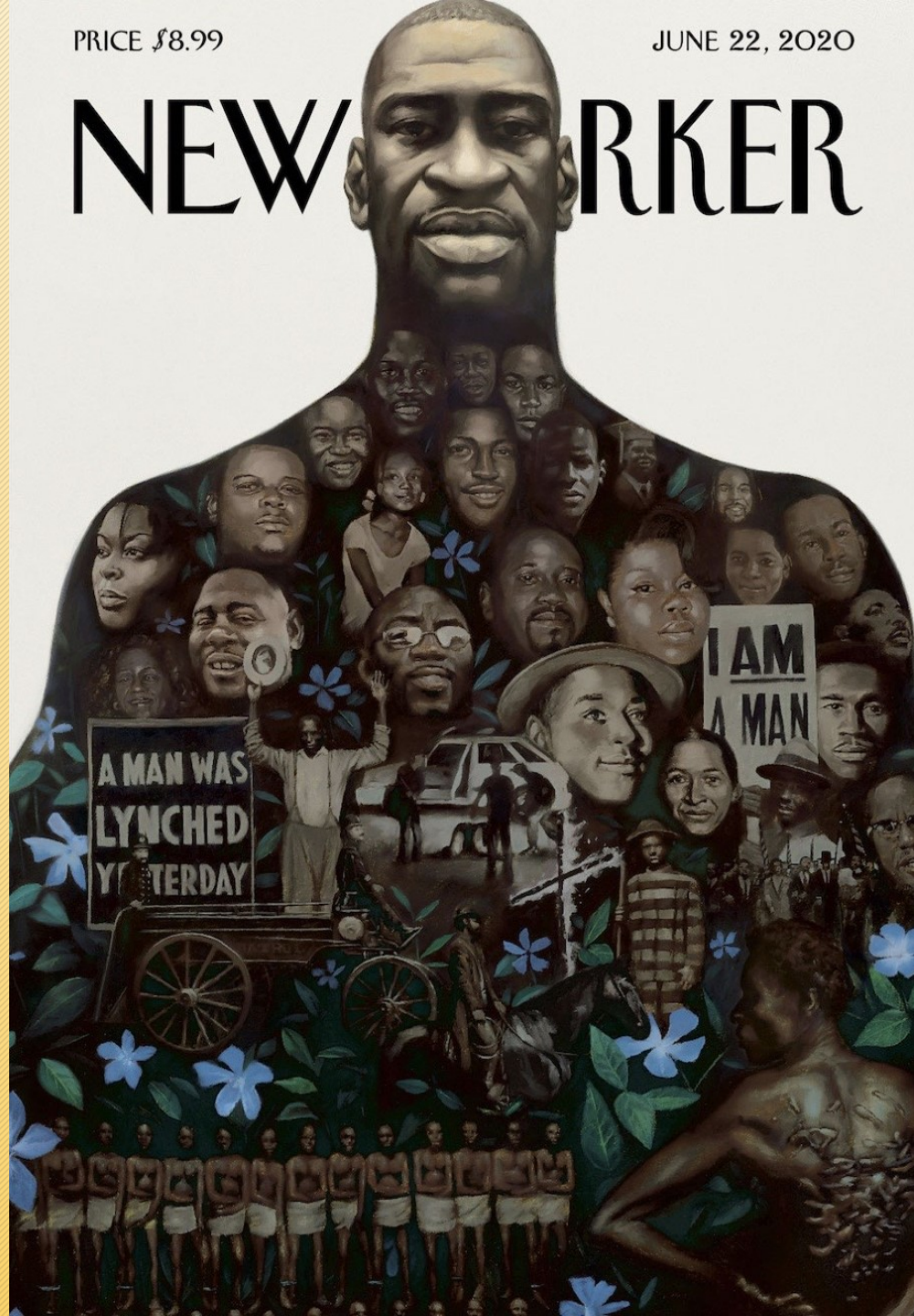
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## BLACK IN NEW JERSEY 2022 ACTION AGENDA

**>3:1** RATIO OF BLACK TO WHITE INFANT MORTALITY  
HIGHEST DISPARITY IN U.S.

**>2:1** BLACK TO WHITE LIKELIHOOD OF  
COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATION

**61%** PERCENTAGE OF INCARCERATED PEOPLE DENIED  
THE VOTE WHO ARE BLACK (VS 15% POPULATION)

**18:1** RATIO OF BLACK TO WHITE KIDS LOCKED UP  
HIGHEST DISPARITY IN U.S.

**12:1** RATIO OF BLACK TO WHITE ADULTS INCARCERATED  
HIGHEST DISPARITY IN U.S.

**3:1** BLACK TO WHITE LIKELIHOOD  
OF FACING POLICE FORCE

**SIXTH** MOST SEGREGATED STATE  
IN THE NATION FOR BLACK STUDENTS

**\$103,500** VS **\$4,900** FOR BLACK INDIVIDUALS  
MEDIAN NET WEALTH OF WHITE RESIDENTS **\$2,300** FOR LATINA/O INDIVIDUALS

**\$322,500** VS **\$17,700** FOR BLACK FAMILIES  
WHITE FAMILY MEDIAN NET WEALTH **\$26,100** FOR LATINA/LATINO FAMILIES















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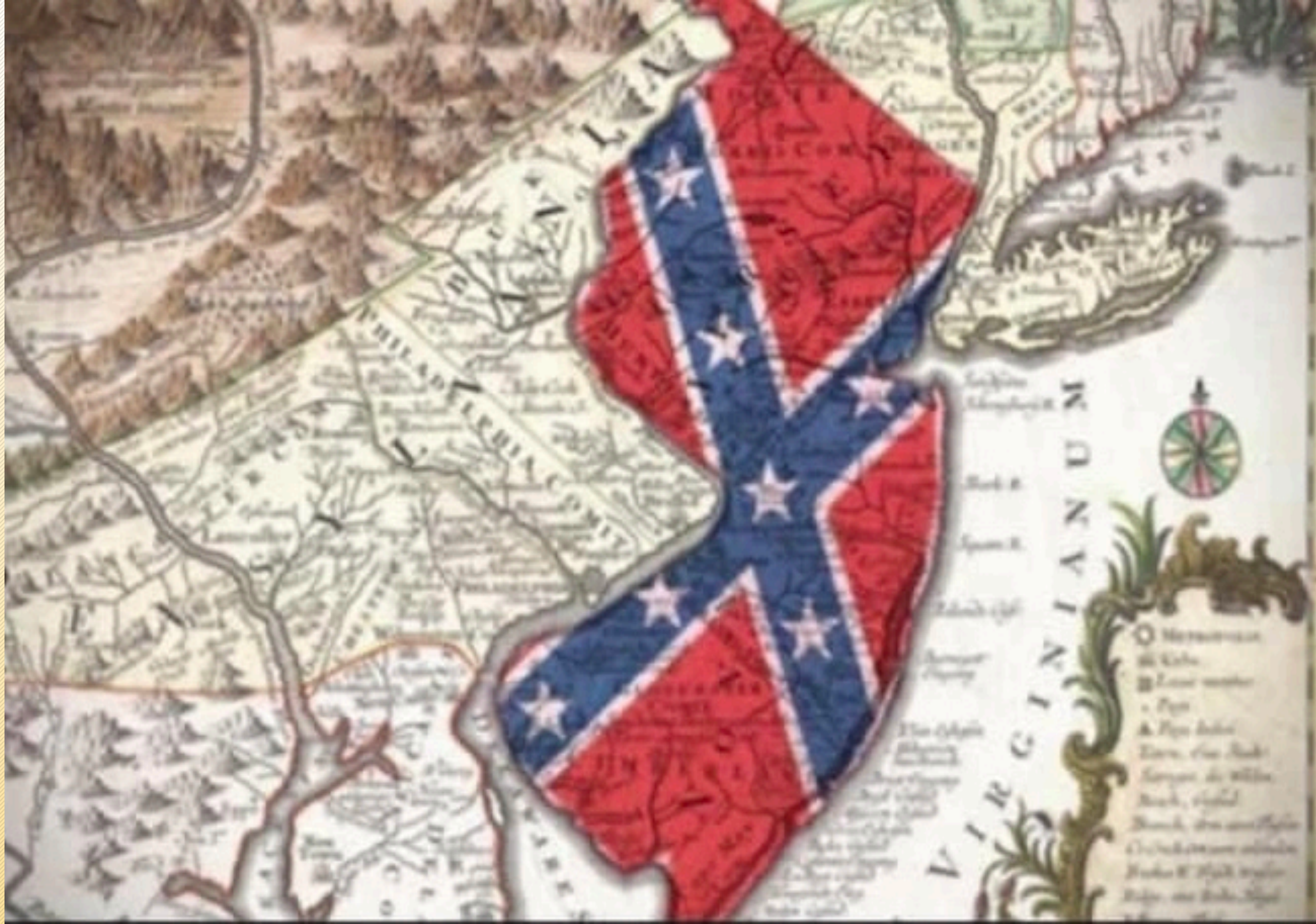
NJ embodies Dr. King's "Two Americas."

In white NJ the median household wealth is \$322,500.

In Black NJ it is just \$17,700—by design.

Think about that—a \$300,000+ racial wealth gap.











## Slavery's legacy is written all over North Jersey, if you know where to look

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"New Jersey was known as the 'slave state of the North,' " said Elaine Buck, who co-founded the Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum in Hopewell with Beverly Mills in 2018.



## TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.



**R**ANAWAY from the subscriber, on the night of the 26th July, 1799, a negro man named **WILL**, aged 49 years, about 5 feet 8 inches high; he is stout made and has a bald head; when he walks he throws out his feet and toes in a singular manner, walking very wide.

He is a bold, daring fellow; talks and laugh's much, and very loud; he speaks Low Dutch and middling good English, although he frequently gives his words the Dutch accent; he is not so very black as many of the African race; he is an arch fellow, and is very active on a farm, or on the water.

Any person who will take up said negro, and deliver him to his master, or secure him in any goal so that his master may get him again, shall receive the above reward and all reasonable charges paid.

All masters of vessels and other persons are forbid taking away said slave, or harboring him at their peril, under the penalty of one hundred pounds.

DAVID BANKS.

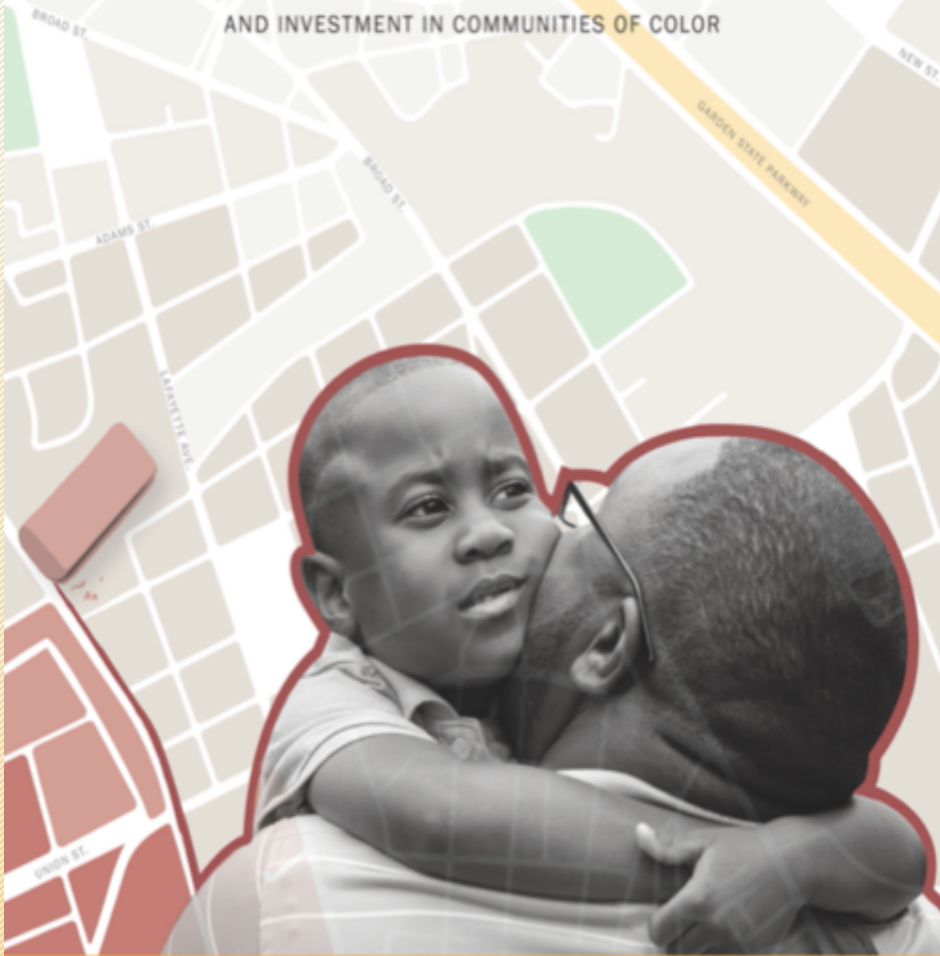
Newark, New-Jersey, February 8, 1802.

N. B. The above negro has been seen at Providence (R. I.) and at Lime in Connecticut, but on being pursued, left that and is now supposed to be in some other parts of the Eastern states.



# ERASING NEW JERSEY'S RED LINES

REDUCING THE RACIAL WEALTH GAP THROUGH HOMEOWNERSHIP  
AND INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR



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From its founding as a colony, New Jersey created a racially exclusive system for distributing property—which has led to the stark racial wealth gap we see today.





- New Jersey provided each English white settling family with *150 acres of land* and *additional 150 acres* for each enslaved Black person who worked on that land.
- By the 1800s, *more than two-thirds* of all enslaved Black people in the North were held captive here in New Jersey.
- And after becoming the last Northern state to end formal slavery, New Jersey *developed its own form of sharecropping*.

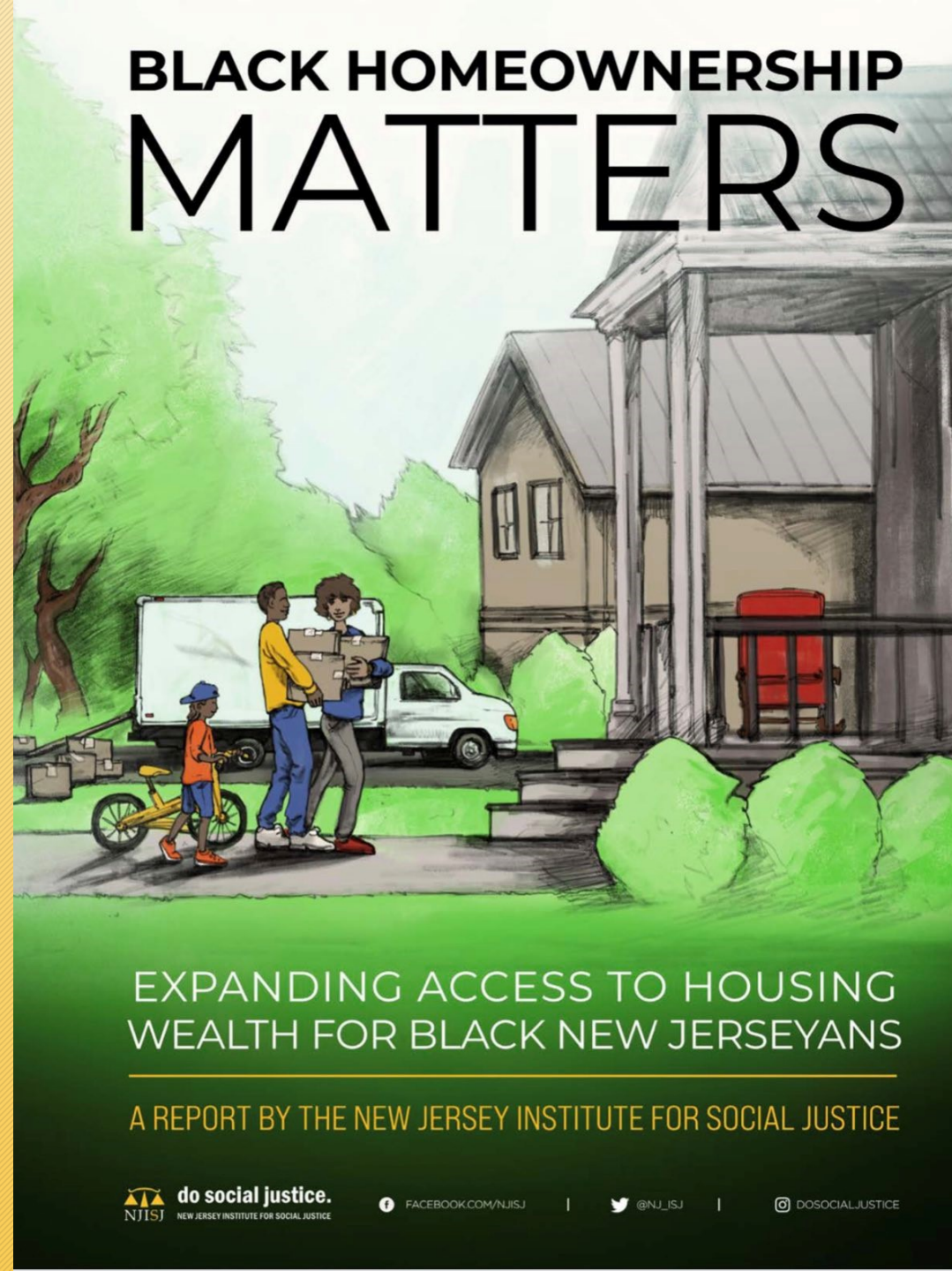


There is a direct line from the enslavement of Black people in New Jersey to:

- sharecropping;
- restrictive covenants;
- denial of homeownership opportunities through the GI Bill for Black WWII veterans;
- Jim Crow segregation;
- Redlining;
- Exclusionary zoning policies;
- Predatory lending practices;
- Today's racial wealth gap.



- Homeownership is the key driver of wealth.
- But just *38% of Black households* in NJ own homes compared to *75.9% of white households*.
- Black New Jerseyans' total wealth through homeownership is just *5.9% of NJ's \$860 billion* in wealth through homeownership.





**The way  
forward: building  
power from the  
ground up.**



# Black In New Jersey 2022 Action Agenda

[www.njisj.org](http://www.njisj.org)

- Build Wealth
- Transform Justice
- Build Power
- Repair harm of racism



**BLACK IN NEW JERSEY**

**2021/2022 AGENDA**  
TO MAKE  
**BLACK LIVES REALLY MATTER**  
IN NEW JERSEY

**The undeniable truth that Black Lives Matter is being tested everywhere in America.**

From the ravaging of the coronavirus pandemic, to persistent violence by police against Black people, to disparities in wealth, health and criminal justice, we are seeing deeply embedded **cracks** of structural racism in our **foundation** erupt into **earthquakes** in Black communities.

This is true right here in New Jersey, where Black people face some of the worst racial disparities in the nation. With all seats in the New Jersey Legislature and the Governor's seat up for election this year, we must seize this urgent moment to repair these cracks of structural racism and build a new foundation.

Stand with us in holding all 2021 elected official candidates accountable to make Black lives really matter in the Garden State by supporting the following action agenda:

**Close the racial wealth gap**

- Baby Bonds
- Guaranteed Income
- Cancellation of Student Loan Debt
- Expanded Homeownership

**Transform the youth justice system**

- Youth Prison Closure & Investment in Kids
- Community-Based System of Care for Youth

**Keep communities safe**

- Culture of Accountable Policing
- Investments in Community-Based Public Safety Options

**Ensure democracy for all**

- Voting for People in Prison
- Same-Day Voter Registration
- Early Voting
- Racial Justice in Redistricting
- Limited Police Presence at Voting Locations

**Repair harm of racism**

- COVID-19 Racial Data
- Reparations Taskforce

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SAY THE WORD.

REPARATIONS

TAKE ACTION FOR A NEW JERSEY REPARATIONS TASK FORCE (S322/A711):  
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**#SAYTHEWORD**

















**“The  
conversation  
has to be  
about  
reparations.”**

**—Lieutenant  
Governor Sheila  
Oliver**







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"Everyone in NJ has benefitted from or been harmed by slavery. I have benefitted.

[@GovMurphy](#), you have benefited.

[@SpeakerCoughlin](#), you have benefitted.

NJ must pass the Reparations Task Force Bill now."

—[@uumontclair](#)'s Rev. Anya Sammler-Michael: [actnow.io/Ud7tUs7](https://actnow.io/Ud7tUs7)





# 400yearsnj.org



## Take Action NOW to Repair NJ's Racial Injustice!

New Jersey has some of the worst racial disparities in the nation when it comes to wealth, health, youth and adult incarceration and school segregation.

This can be tied directly to our shameful history as the "slave state of the North" – and the generations of policy-driven structural racism that followed.

It's time to finally repair the harm.

It's time to Say the Word: Reparations.



There is a bill pending in the NJ Legislature to establish a **Reparations Task Force** that will allow esteemed experts throughout the state to study our history and propose targeted and strategic policy recommendations for reparative justice. It also calls for community meetings across the state at a time when many are trying to stifle honest conversations about our past.



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# JUNETEENTH MARCH & RALLY FOR REPARATIONS, JUSTICE & DEMOCRACY

**150 YEARS  
IS ENOUGH.**



SAY THE WORD:  
**REPARATIONS**

## JUNE 17, NEWARK NJ

**12 PM:** March from Lincoln Memorial (50 West Market Street)

**1:30 PM:** Rally at Newark City Hall (920 Broad Street)

Masking and Social Distancing Encouraged

Join us as we raise our voices to pass legislation for a  
Reparations Task Force (A938/S386), to invest in our youth  
and close our youth prisons, for same-day voter registration  
(A1966/S247) and for police accountability/civilian review boards.

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