Glossary Project
Crafting Democratic Futures

- **Reparations**
  - *Cambridge English Dictionary:*
    - payment for harm, loss, or damage that has been caused to a person or an organization, or the fact of making such a payment
  - *How the Center uses it:*
    - *Fresh Perspectives*, April 2021: “By definition, “reparations” means "a repairing or being repaired; restoration to good condition”, “a making of amends; making up for a wrong or injury”, or “anything paid or done to make up for something else; compensation.” In the face of righting the wrongs of slavery, defining reparations becomes highly contentious, with proposals facing criticism from both opposition and like-minded proponents. For the ‘Just Futures’ initiative, this difficulty is seen as an opportunity. As a community-driven, place-based project, reparations are intended to take different forms…”
    - *Press Release*, December 2020: “Reparations refers to compensation, which may include a national apology, educational, housing, and healthcare programs, and financial redress from the U.S. government to Native Americans for genocide and African Americans for the detrimental effects of slavery and beyond.”
  - *Resources:*
    - *Liberation Ventures* doesn’t provide a definition per se, but rather creates a racial repair framework. They state that “A strong reparations program includes four components, in a cycle of repair: acknowledgement, reckoning, accountability, and redress.”
  - *Discussion:*
    - relation to Native American communities not highlighted as much in prior/current pieces. The same applies to other racialized groups and communities as well.
    - WWI and WWII context, Germany (reparations vs restitution)

- **Reconstruction**
  - *Cambridge English Dictionary: the process of building or creating something again that has been damaged or destroyed*
  - *How the Center uses it:*
  - *Resources:*
  - *Discussion:*

- **Restitution**
  - *Cambridge English Dictionary: the return of objects that were stolen or lost*
  - *How the Center uses it:
- **Redress**
  - *Cambridge English Dictionary*: to right a wrong or give payment for a wrong that has been done
  - *How the Center uses it:*
  - *Resources:*
    - *Liberation Ventures* defines it as “Acts of restitution and rehabilitation.”
  - *Discussion:*

- **Repair**
  - *Cambridge English Dictionary:*
  - *How the Center uses it:*
  - *Resources:*
  - *Discussion:*

- **Reckoning (n)**
  - *Cambridge English Dictionary:*
  - *How the Center uses it:*
  - *Resources:*
  - *Discussion:*

- **Others?**
  - Truth
  - Healing
  - Accountability
  - Acknowledgement
  - Closure
  - Atonement
  - Violence
  - Trauma (intergenerational)
  - Frameworks
    - Truth and Reconciliation (South African)
    - Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation (Kellogg)
    - Transitional Justice ([International Center for Transitional Justice](https://www.icij.org/))
    - Restorative Justice
    - CRT
  - Justice (General/High-level Terms)
  - Social justice
  - History
  - Privilege
  - Equity (Diversity and Democracy, General/High-level Terms)
  - Race
  - Racism
  - Anti-racism (Diversity and Democracy)
- White Supremacy (Diversity and Democracy)
- Democracy
- “Process” words like: research, dialogue, democratic decision-making, organizing, consensus
- Harm
- Displacement
- Dispossession
- Reparative work
- Ameliorate

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