

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.”
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- *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:*

- *Resources:*
- *Discussion:*

- **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](#))
 - 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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