“Japanese Americans received reparations in the form of compensation through Ronald Reagan in 1988 when he signed into law the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, which provided a payment of $20,000 to every Japanese American who had been either “interned” or relocated by the U.S. government during World War II.” See Gale Encyclopedia of Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity – Vol. 1 [A-H], pg.190.

Editors Commentary

Let’s look at these definitions ladies and gentlemen, beginning with the word compensation:

As used herein, compensation means providing money or items of economic value to a person or group that has suffered an injury caused by another. Compensation is different from restitution, meaning the return of specific property to a previous owner, and reparations, usually applied to compensation a defeated country pays to the victors for damages or losses suffered during war. See Gale Encyclopedia of Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity - Vol. 1 [A-H], pg. 189.

Next is the word interned, comes from interment, means to confine as a prisoner, especially for political or military reasons, basically means a form of imprisonment, to be held captive against one’s will. See oxforddictionaries.com

Did we as Black people overlook this or something? Were we not interned, held captive, imprisoned against our will, confined against our will, for no other reason than
to be slaves and the wealth builders for white society and their comfort because of political and military reasons? You know it! But when it comes to Black people in America and throughout the world, why does our compensation come in the form of educational funds and institutions that have been of no benefit to us and will continue to be of no benefit to us as a people, why does our compensation come in the form of civil rights, acts and laws that have been promulgated which have done nothing for us as individuals or as a people in which these laws and acts and educational programs and so forth become the basis of a defense by certain whites to justify that they are in support of giving blacks some form of compensation and/or reparations when we know for a fact these programs and so forth have contributed little or nothing to our economic, political and social infrastructures, and any proceeds or funds that are meant for the black community ends up turning out to be minor or major scholarship funds in which you rarely see anyone returning to their stumping grounds to donate or to participate in programs for the empowerment of our people in a real sense, in a real economical, political and social sense, and any funds that may become available has always been usurped and given to a small few “special” blacks, and they ultimately end up feeding us the illusion of inclusion as spoken of by Dr. Umar Johnson.

Therefore, because of the fact we have been made to be ignorant to the law through enslavement, these laws and so-called “Rights” and/or “Privileges” ends up benefiting everyone else except Blacks, they always create an atmosphere of where everyone must be included in our discussions or political and social reforms, or they would say “oh that’s too black” or some other derogatory response as stated by Dr. Claud Anderson. But as you see in this particular Did You Know article, others have piggy backed and piggy banked rolled off of the bloodshed of our black ancestors. This government in which we have existed and our ancestors who have fought and died in wars to protect this country, my grandfather included, fought during World War II and protected their families in World War II, and these people overlook the atrocities we have faced and endured at the hands of their forefathers and others in this country during four hundred years of slavery and give $20,000 to every Japanese American who were “interned,” is a slap in the face to every Black person in America, throughout the world and to our ancestors, who have received no monetary funds, restitution or proceeds from our ancestors enslavement in which we have inherited that physical, mental, economical, political, and social slavery, throughout the years up to present day in 2014, Read your history!

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