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Reparations are crucial for Black Americans in general as we are a country built on slavery, but I feel strongly that they are also specifically necessary for Oregon as a state with our deeply racist history. With our first Black exclusionary law passing in 1844, laws continuing to be put in place until 1859, and them not being overturned until about a century ago, we are a state that is 87% white as of 2019. Black Oregonians have been disadvantaged due to these laws, and still are due to ongoing gentrification, and deserve reparations.