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The idea of reparations is absolute lunacy. Our government is overspending as it is, but wants to rationalize monetary payments to people that were not slaves, cannot prove to be descended from slaves, at a cost to every other Oregonian that never owned slaves. Outside of the lunacy, it's outright bigotry! African Americans were not the only slaves (nor were they all enslaved by white people!) pre civil war in this country. Indentured servants came in many colors, and there were tons of Chinese, Irish and other European slaves in this country for decades. And a slew of Africans that stole and sold other Africans. This is not news! It's been 140 years and yet the current need to virtue signal tells officials to "act" as if they care. But the reality is this horrible part of history happened, to a LOT of different people. We cannot undo it, we cannot deny it, but giving token dollar amounts to a specific race based on this is degrading every other victim of the same abuse. It's been 140 years, let it go. Stop telling the African American community, or any other community, they are victims and should feel like victims. We have grown and made great strides as a united nation of strong people, not victims! Just stop the pandering!