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While having the greatest empathy for people who have experienced any degree of negative prejudice, the whole idea of reparations is degrading to the recipients as well as the people who will not qualify even though they have undoubtedly have experienced prejudice at least to some degree. Being wronged, belittled, left out, are experienced universally. Plenty of people have the rotten luck to come from very bad and dysfunctional families having nothing to do with the color of ones skin, but it sure is tough to over come.

As far as the generational legacy in families still harmed by slavery of the past, my family had two grandfathers grievously wounded in the Civil War fighting on the side of the north. I could make a claim that my family legacy was harmed by that action in the past. What if I was both the descendent of slaves and slave owners, I wasn't, but many people are. Would that mean I'd get some reparations then have to pay reparations back?

Bottom line, we should not be held responsible for the good or bad behavior of our ancestors. We are alive now and we are should be accountable for our own behavior now.

If the problem is not the legacy of slavery, but of prejudice then it is really a problem shared by all humans. People of color are far from being the sole victims of economic, social, and emotional racism/severe prejudice. People like to add to the list LBG etc., and women. But why stop there? Men are often maligned. Certainly fat and homely people are handicapped, not to forget physically and mentally challenged people.

Reparations and even the talk of reparations hurts the cause of bringing us all together to be kinder to each other.