

Dear Reparations Committee,

I learned about slavery and 40 acres and a mule. As a young child, I always wondered why we as a race never received the 40 acres and a mule. Native Americans relocated, Asian and Hiroshima, Jews and the Holocaust...what about the people brought here as "servants", enslaved and "set free" under the false pretense that we will have rights like the Europeans who came over on the Mayflower. We built this country, the USA! How can we grow as a country, be the leaders in a "free" world and use the 14 Amendment when the wrongs of this horrible past aren't rectified. No, all wrongs like the memories can't be erased like the history books, documentaries and media tries to "speed bump" over the hard reality of the Bloody past.

I visited Selma for the reenactment a few years ago. I met, talked and dined with Mrs. Rosa Parks. I had the chance for a speech rally, small setting during black history month at UNT to hear Dr. Martin Luther King III. All these pivotal moments changed my life.

Now, as an adult, I wonder how the youth will be affected by the present incidents of race relations because the history of the past still exists and is not corrected. The unspoken is now out in the open rearing its "ugly head" as justice for all. But in reality, justice for all is just a figment of "our imagination" for a select few or only when convenient. So basically, the rules are constantly changing.

Please think of how the world has changed and will when we leave. What is the legacy that will be left behind? In God we trust...was this only for a select few people, ethnicities, or educational backgrounds? Our children are friends with each other because of the laws changed allowed it yet the benefits aren't the same. How is the 14th Amendment not able to service all? We can't always choose for our children so if they become friends, socialize or have children with another, are you not going to love your grandchildren, want them to have all rights written in the constitution and be protected under the law?

Don't judge for today by yesterday but by what could and will happen tomorrow. You must implement the reparations now. It's in the best interest of our country to do so. After all, we have helped to build it.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Rosiland Davis