

OUR SHARED FUTURE: RECKONING WITH OUR RACIAL PAST

The Smithsonian Institution's "Our Shared Future: Reckoning with Our Racial Past" initiative is intended to spark a meaningful discussion around the impact of race and racism across six key themes. The broad initiative will bring the Smithsonian to America through three national forums, regional and local pop-up events, an online curriculum, and interactive dialogues on social media. The Smithsonian is committed to providing historical perspective and encouraging a productive dialogue and reflection on race in America. Themes for this initiative include:

Race and Wealth addresses the racial wealth gap in the United States that continues to grow. Conversations are encouraged around race and wealth as they relate to economic justice and everyday aspects such as housing, education, credit, and debt as well as contemporary debates about reparations for slavery.

Race, Arts, and Aesthetic highlights notions of race that are publicly constructed and reinforced through museums, monuments, narratives in media, sports, and visual and performing arts. The goal is to elicit conversations that will examine the tension between what we see and who that represents and who it does not.

Race and Wellness examines the impact racism and discrimination has on the quality of physical, emotional, and mental health. Scientific racism, public health, and race-based traumatic stress are compounded by racial disparities. Exploring these issues can move us toward greater equity and wellness.

Race and Place showcases the impact racial violence, urban planning, redlining, and gentrification has on the displacement, segregation, and economics of communities. This theme encourages conversation about how race has impacted the limits of physical space, environment, climate, and more.

Race, Policy, and Ethics considers how policies, whether as legislation or cultural practices, can contribute to institutional racism through mass incarceration, prison reform, police brutality, voting rights, disenfranchisement laws, and more.

Race Beyond the U.S. provides an international lens to help us reflect on our country's uniqueness and our global connectedness.

For more information regarding the "Our Shared Future: Reckoning with Our Racial Past" initiative, visit the [website](#) and follow @Smithsonian and #RaceAndOurSharedFuture on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).