



THE UNPAID LABOR™ MANIFESTO

PREAMBLE

Inasmuch as the understanding of the historic record of slavery (UNPAID LABOR) in colonial America and the United States of America (1607-1865) has been better informed by historical scholarship over the course of the last several decades, and

Inasmuch as the contribution of the first 12 generations of Americans of African descent (1607-1865) was indispensable to establishing the political, economic, military, and social foundations of the nation, and

Inasmuch as the prevailing historic account regarding slaves and the institution of slavery has been incomplete in that it has failed to acknowledge the monumental impact of African slaves on the nation during that 258 year period, and

Inasmuch as I understand that Unpaid Labor LLC has been formed for the sole purpose of

1. Honoring the first 12 generations of Americans of African descent for their indispensable contribution to the United States of America becoming the most successful nation in modern history,
2. Establishing a new perspective from which to view the history of Americans of African descent,
3. Disseminating the Untold Story of "UNPAID LABOR" so broadly that the contribution of Americans of African descent to the success of America is permanently embedded in American history, and
4. Expanding the moral and ethical basis for all Americans to acknowledge the claim of current and future generations of Americans of African descent to their rightful place in American history,

I hereby affix my signature below in agreement with the conclusion of Unpaid Labor LLC and the representative statements of historical principle supporting that conclusion pursuant to the following, and I agree further to the public use of this document by Unpaid Labor LLC for the purpose stated.

CONCLUSION

Americans of African descent have been vital to the American story since the beginning—and the contribution of the first 12 generations of Americans of African descent between 1607 and 1865 is the indispensable factor in the United States of America becoming the most successful nation in modern history.



STATEMENTS OF HISTORICAL PRINCIPLE

1. During the colonial period (1607-1776), Americans of African descent labored without pay in the 13 original colonies in America, and contributed largely to their remarkable prosperity. All of the colonies were tied to the unpaid labor system (slavery) either through their own plantations or by trade relations.
2. The primary purpose of the unpaid labor system (slavery) in America was *profit*.
3. According to General George Washington the American Revolution could not have been won without the participation of Americans of African descent.
4. The unpaid labor system loomed so large in the national life of the 13 original colonies that they could not form the United States of America under a new constitution without addressing and ultimately enshrining that institution in our founding document.
5. Our nation's capital is located where it is—between two former slave states—because of the unpaid labor system.
6. The addition of states to the United States was directly tied to the expansion of the unpaid labor system.
7. Ten of the first twelve Presidents of the United States owned slaves.
8. Cotton produced by the unpaid labor of Americans of African descent before the Civil War constituted the United States' largest export and the world's most profitable crop.
9. The cotton produced by Americans of African descent satisfied the worldwide demand for cotton textiles, launched the "Industrial Revolution" and contributed to the overall economic prosperity of the United States.
10. The American Civil War, the deadliest conflict in our history, was fought over the unpaid labor system, and the enlistment of more than 180,000 Americans of African descent made possible a U. S. victory.
11. By 1860, the only asset in the United States worth more than unpaid laborers was land, and unpaid laborers created much of the value of the land.
12. The United States unpaid labor system became the largest in the world.

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