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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: 2024 NEW YORK REPARATIONS POLL

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REPARATIONS



ABOUT THIS REPORT

New York is among the first states to legislatively advance efforts for Black reparations. In 2023, legislators including Sen. James Sanders introduced S.1163-A/A.7691, which would establish the New York State Community Commission on Reparations Remedies. After passing the Senate 41-21, Governor Kathy Hochul signed the bill in December 2023. The Commission is tasked with “examining the legacy of slavery, subsequent discrimination against people of African descent, and the impact these forces continue to have in the present day”.

High-quality public opinion polling is an important input to the state’s ability to implement this work. Such polling can provide a clear understanding of public sentiment, counter misinformation, and offer clarity on what communities want from reparations. To achieve these goals, polling efforts must be rigorous, representative, and reflective of the comprehensive nature of Black reparations.

SURVEY SAMPLE

- Survey sample size = 2008
- December 10th, 2024 – December 19th, 2024
- Non-probability sampling of New York adult population from Centiment (web-based), with the sample aligning with New York adult demographic benchmarks for age, race, and gender (+/- 5%)

Contact Liberation Ventures (info@liberationventures.org) with questions or to access the detailed crosstab results

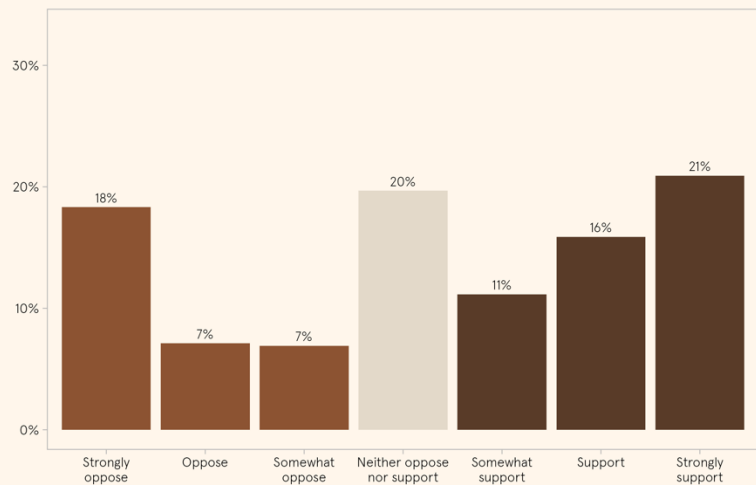
KEY FINDINGS

- **More people support than oppose comprehensive reparations in New York.** 48% of New Yorkers express support for a comprehensive New York state reparations that include direct payments, in addition to an apology, healing services, and other investments in Black communities. Another 20% are neutral, while just 32% of people express some degree of opposition.
- **Most New Yorkers support key elements of comprehensive reparations:** More than 50% of New Yorkers express support for investments in education, healthcare, land restitution, and economic development for Black communities.
- **There is a significant hope gap:** 48% of people express some support for reparations but only 21% of people believe that New York reparations will ever be implemented. And while 77% of Black New Yorkers express some support for reparations, only 24% currently believe that New York reparations will ever be implemented.
- **Many New Yorkers want political candidates to back reparations.** 39% of New Yorkers report that a political candidate's support for reparations would increase their support for the candidate, and another 31% report that a candidate's support for reparations would have no impact on their support of the candidate (a total of 70%)
- **New Yorkers are willing to take action in support of reparations:** 61% of New Yorkers indicating willingness to take at least one action in support of reparations, including voting for a pro-reparations candidate, talking to a friend or family member, or sharing a post on social media.

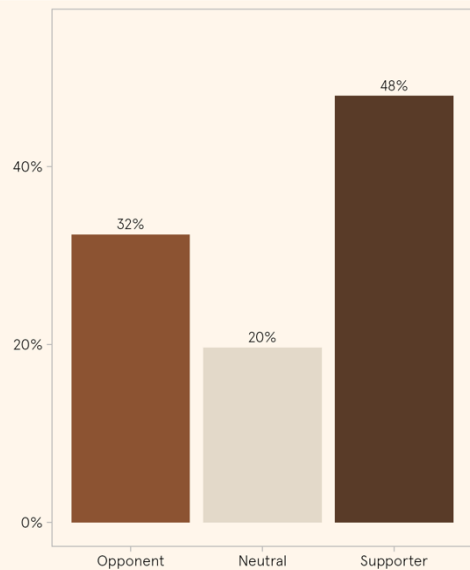
OVERALL SUPPORT FOR REPARATIONS

Question: “To what extent do you support a New York State reparations program? A reparations program would provide an apology, financial payments, healing services, and other resources, as well as rewrite discriminatory laws, in order to compensate Black New Yorkers for the harms of slavery and its legacies and create a more equal future.”

48% of New Yorkers support Black reparations; another 20% are neutral



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Results*

- 48% indicate some degree of support for reparations
- 20% indicate neither support nor opposition
- 32% indicate some degree of opposition for reparations

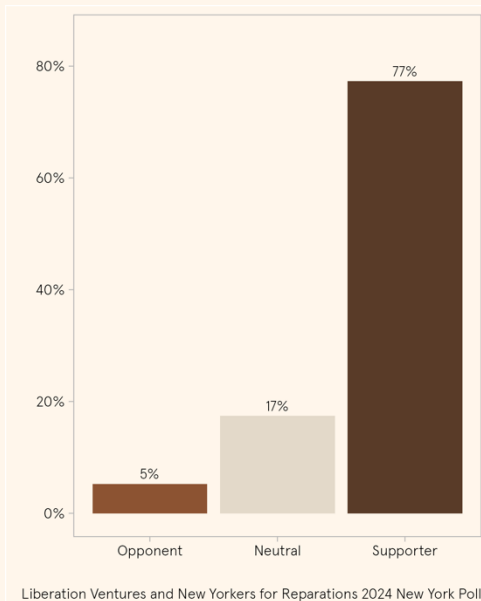
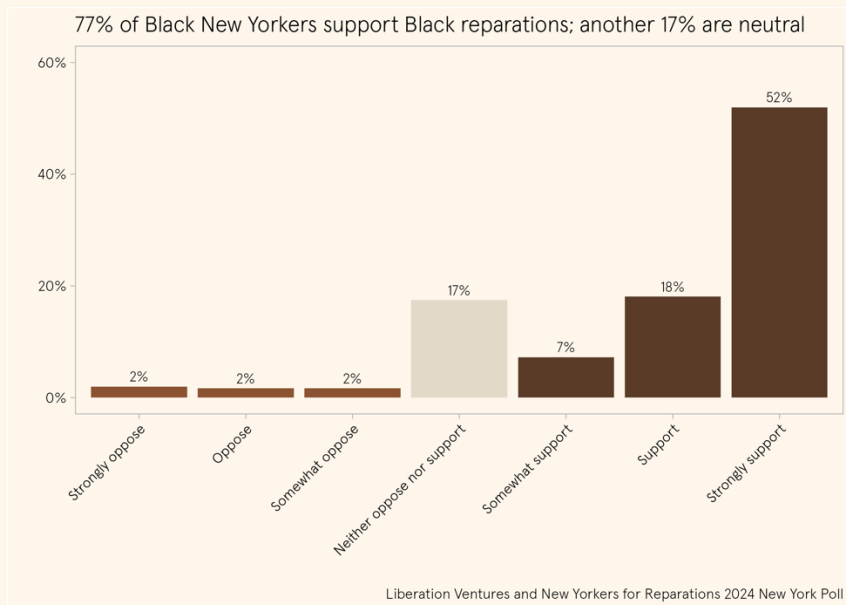
Methodology Notes

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BLACK SUPPORT FOR REPARATIONS

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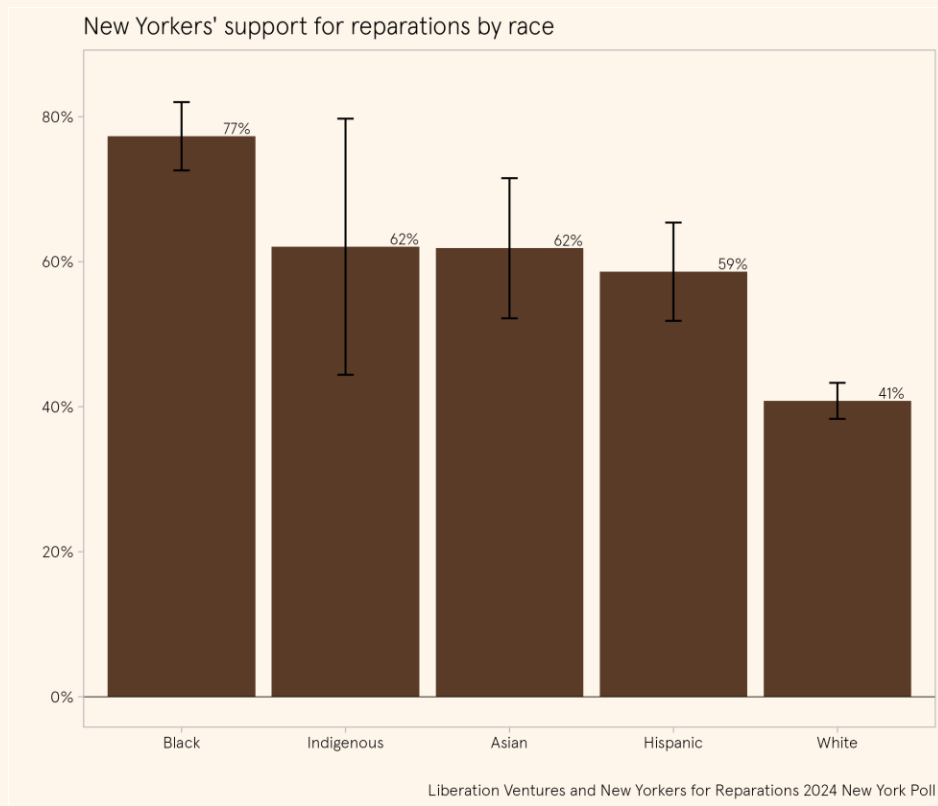
- 77% of Black respondents indicate some degree of support for reparations
- 17% of Black respondents indicate neither support nor opposition
- 6% of Black respondents indicate some degree of opposition to reparations

Methodology Notes

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DISAGGREGATED SUPPORT (RACE)



Results

- 77% of Black New Yorkers express support for reparations
- Asian and Hispanic New Yorkers express significantly higher rates of support for reparations than White New Yorkers
- 41% of White New Yorkers express support for reparations
- *Note: While data for Indigenous New Yorkers is included, the sample size is insufficient to offer an assessment of support.*

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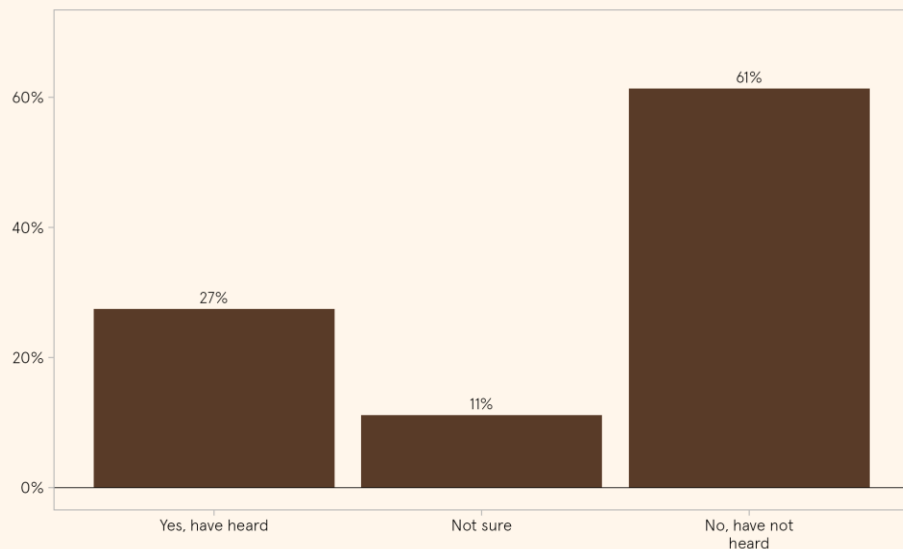
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FAMILIARITY WITH NEW YORK'S REPARATIONS COMMISSION

Question: "Have you seen, read, or heard about the New York State Commission on Reparations Remedies?"

Familiarity with New York State Commission on Reparations Remedies
As of December 2024



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Results

- 27% of respondents indicate familiarity with the New York State Commission on Reparations Remedies
- 61% of respondents indicate that they are not familiar with the New York State Commission on Reparations Remedies

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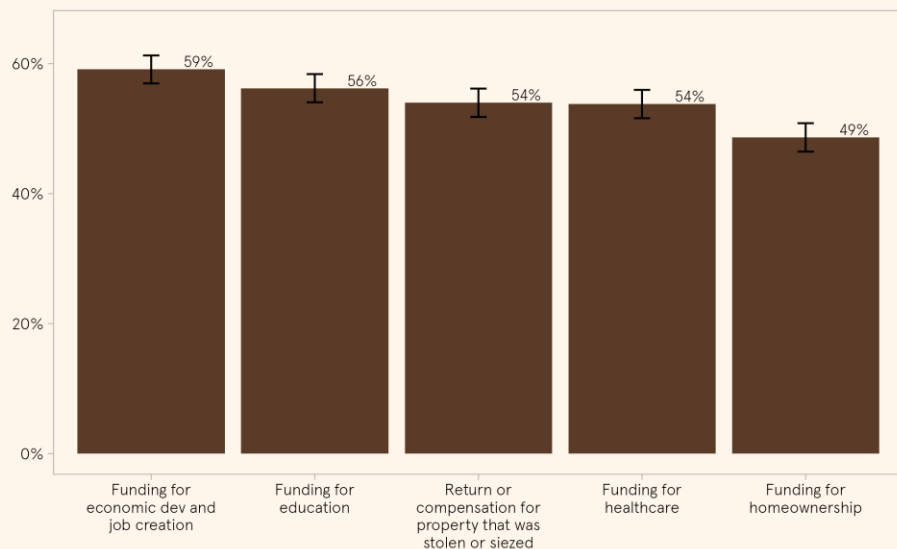
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All respondents answered this question

SUPPORT FOR NON-CASH FINANCIAL REPARATIONS POLICIES

Question: “How much do you support each of the following as part of a reparations program for eligible Black people?”

More than 50% of New Yorkers support funding for Black communities across domains



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Results

- More than 50% of respondents support investments in a range of programs for Black communities in New York, including in education, economic development, and healthcare.

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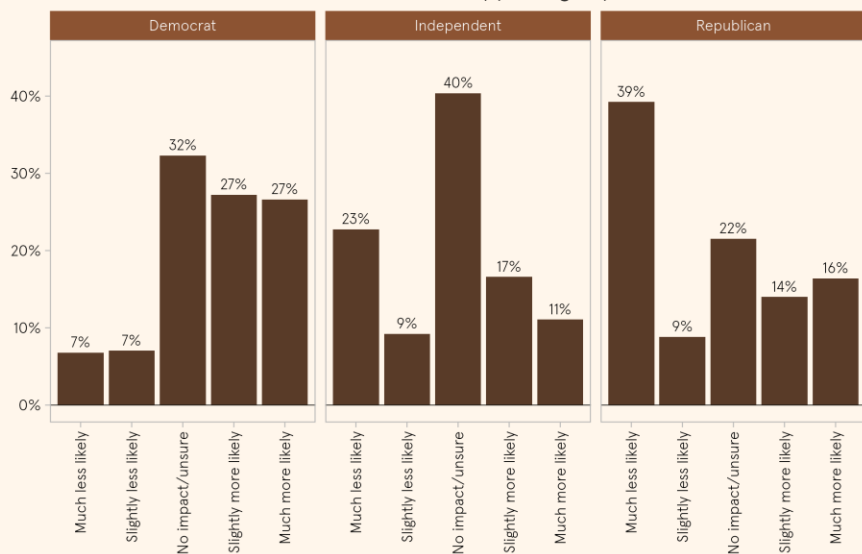
Answer options for each element: “Strongly support”, “Support”, “Neither oppose nor support”, “Oppose”, “Strongly oppose”

Respondents who indicated “Strongly support” or “Support” for the given element were considered supporters for that element

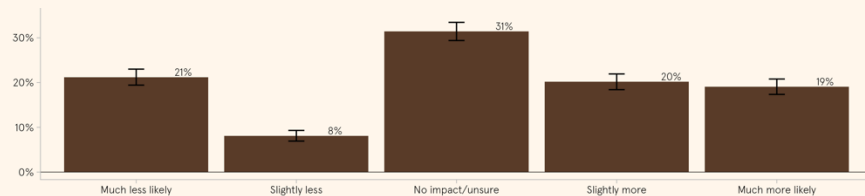
IMPACT OF POLITICAL CANDIDATE SUPPORTING REPARATIONS

Question: “If a candidate running for elected office supported reparations for Black New Yorkers, would you be more or less likely to vote for them?”

New Yorker's View of Political Candidate Supporting Reparations



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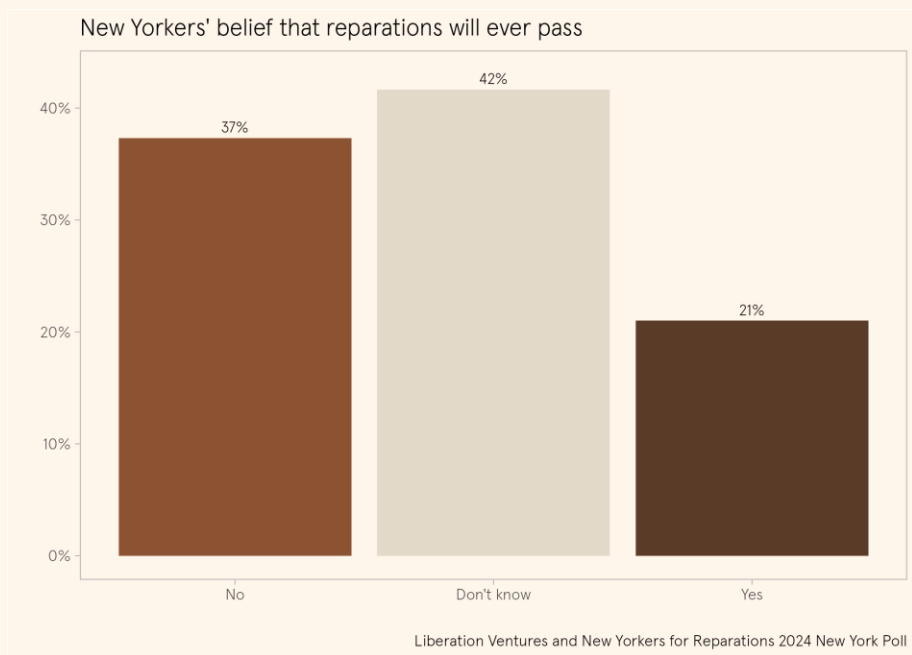
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Results

- 39% of respondents indicate that a candidate's support for reparations would positively impact their view of the candidate
- 31% of respondents indicate that a candidate's support for reparations would not impact their view of the candidate
- 86% of Democrats that a candidate's support for reparations would either positively impact or have no impact on their view of the candidate
- For Republicans, a plurality indicate that support for reparations would negatively influence their view of a candidate

BELIEF THAT REPARATIONS WILL EVER PASS

Question: Do you think that New York will ever implement a reparations program for Black New Yorkers?



Results

- The plurality of respondents (42%) do not know whether New York will ever pass reparations policy for Black New Yorkers
- 37% of respondents do not think New York will ever pass reparations policy
- 21% of respondents do think New York will pass reparations policy, as compared to 48% of respondents who express support for comprehensive reparations

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