

Public Discussion Draft — Federal Data Accuracy for Black America

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Status

This proposal is published for public review and coalition-building. It has not been introduced in Congress and should not be read as endorsed, accepted, or reviewed by any office, agency, organization, political party, or elected official unless expressly stated.

Problem

The broad category "Black or African American" can group communities with distinct histories and migration patterns into one umbrella category. Less precise data can produce less precise policy.

Guardrails

Not citizenship. Not benefits eligibility. Not ancestry proof. Not a racial-purity test. Not a claim of office, agency, party, or elected-official endorsement.

Proposal

Collect voluntary, self-reported, privacy-protected, disaggregated Black ancestry and lineage data in federal systems where race and ethnicity data is already collected.

How to help

Review the language, test the definitions, flag privacy or implementation risks, suggest expert reviewers, and join the voluntary coalition intake path if you want follow-up.

Proposed detailed response options

- Black American / American Freedmen / Descendant of persons enslaved in the United States
- African-origin Black; Caribbean-origin Black; Afro-Latino Black
- Another Black ancestry, lineage, ethnic, national-origin, or community identity: write in
- Instructional design: select all that apply; no documentation, genetic test, or genealogical proof required

Public review question

How can the proposal improve federal data accuracy while protecting privacy, self-identification, and solidarity across Black communities?

Full public review packet and discussion draft: KelvinForGeorgia.org