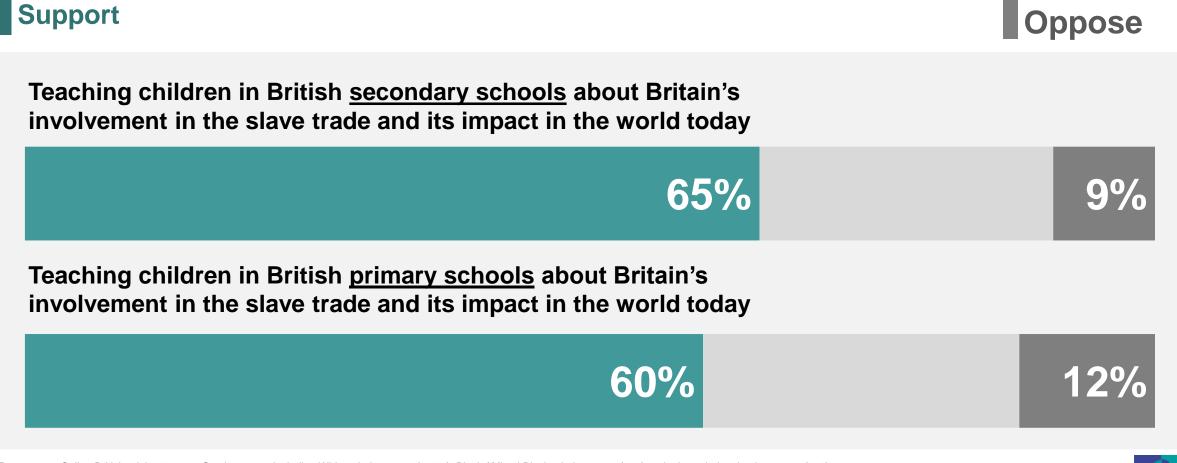
Ipsos MORI Black History Month Polling: Britain's involvement in the Slave Trade

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Six in ten Britons want schools to teach children about Britain's involvement in the slave trade and its impact in the world today

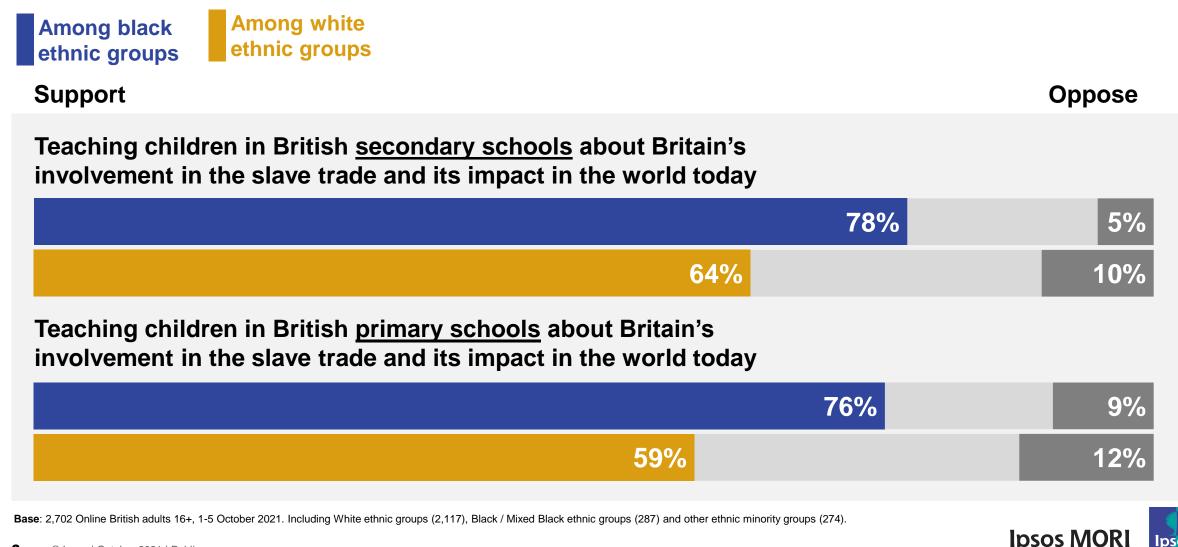
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Britons from Black ethnic groups are more likely to support teaching school pupils about Britain's involvement in the slave trade

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One in five are ashamed of Britain's involvement in the slave trade but another fifth are proud Britain was among the first countries to abolish it

More ashamed of involvement in the slave trade Both proud and ashamed More proud of
abolishing the
slave tradeToo long ago
to be proud
or ashamed

None of these/ don't know

Generally speaking, are <u>you</u> more ashamed of Britain's historic involvement in the slave trade or more proud that Britain was one of the first countries to abolish it, or do you think these things happened so long ago that you feel neither proud nor ashamed?

20% 18% 20% 29% 13%

Generally speaking, should <u>the British nation</u> be more ashamed of its historic involvement in the slave trade or more proud that Britain was one of the first countries to abolish it, or do you think these things happened so long ago that Britain should feel neither proud nor ashamed?

20%	21%	20%	27%	12%
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Britons from Black ethnic groups are twice as likely as those from White ethnic groups to feel personally ashamed of Britain's involvement in the slave trade

Generally speaking, are you more ashamed of Britain's historic involvement in the slave trade or more proud that Britain was one of the first countries to abolish it, or do you think these things happened so long ago that you feel neither proud nor ashamed?

More ashamed of involvement in the slave trade Both proud and ashame			ng the to	o long ago be proud ashamed	None of these/ don't know	
Among all	20%	18%	20%		29%	13%
White ethnic groups	18%	18%	21%		31%	12%
Black ethnic groups	38%	38%		16%	15%	17%
Other ethnic groups	32%		17%	15%	18%	18%



Similarly, twice the proportion of Britons from Black ethnic groups think Britain should be ashamed of the slave trade compared to White ethnic groups

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White ethnic groups	18%	21%		21%		29%		
Black ethnic groups	39	%		20%	15%	13%	13%	
Other ethnic groups	29%		21%	14%	. 1	7%	19%	



The public largely oppose the British Government or businesses making reparations to Britons whose ancestors were slaves

To what extent do you support or oppose each of the following?	Support	Oppose
The UK govt apologising for things which past UK govts did wrong, even if they happened long before anybody who is alive today was born	32%	34%
The UK govt paying compensation to people living in Britain whose ancestors were slaves	23%	50%
Businesses + institutions in Britain which directly profited from slavery in the past being made to pay compensation to people whose ancestors were slaves	23%	48%
The UK govt paying compensation to governments of the countries where people were kept as slaves under British rule	21%	51%
The UK govt paying compensation to governments of the countries where people were seized as slaves when Britain was still involved in the slave trade	20%	53%
The UK govt paying compensation to people living in other countries whose ancestors were slaves	17%	54%
All people living in Britain whose ancestors directly profited from slavery in the past being made to pay compensation to people whose ancestors were slaves	17%	54%
The UK govt paying compensation to all black people living in Britain because of the way past UK govts treated black people	15%	60%



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Base: 2,702 Online British adults 16+, 1-5 October 2021. Including White ethnic groups (2,117), Black / Mixed Black ethnic groups (287) and other ethnic minority groups (274).

Britons from Black ethnic groups are significantly more likely to support reparations compared to White ethnic groups Among black Among white

To what extent do you support or oppose each of the following?

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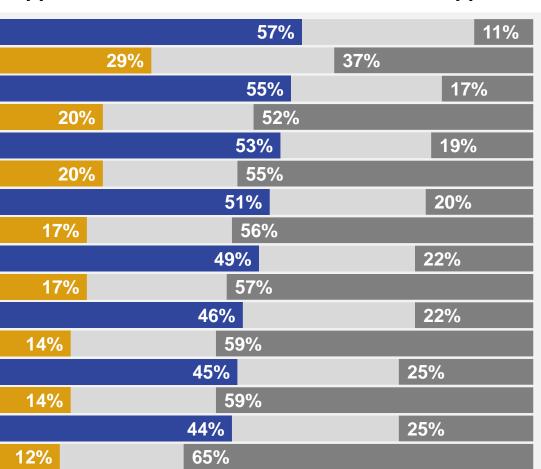
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Support

ethnic groups



ethnic groups



Oppose

Britons support more investment in housing, education, health + employment for ethnic minorities rather than paying compensation for the past

Generally speaking, do you think that it is more important for the UK Government to pay compensation to all people living in Britain whose ancestors were slaves or dedicate investment in housing, education, health and employment for all ethnic minorities in Britain?

More important to pay compensation to all people living in Britain whose ancestors were slaves			investme health an	More important to dedicate investment in housing, education, health and employment for all ethnic minorities in Britain			Neither are important		
Among all	8%	13'	%		51%		20	%	8%
White ethnic groups	7%	12%		51%			22%		8%
Black ethnic groups	15	5%	289	%	419	%		8%	8%
Other ethnic groups	12%	6	19%		51%			8%	10%



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