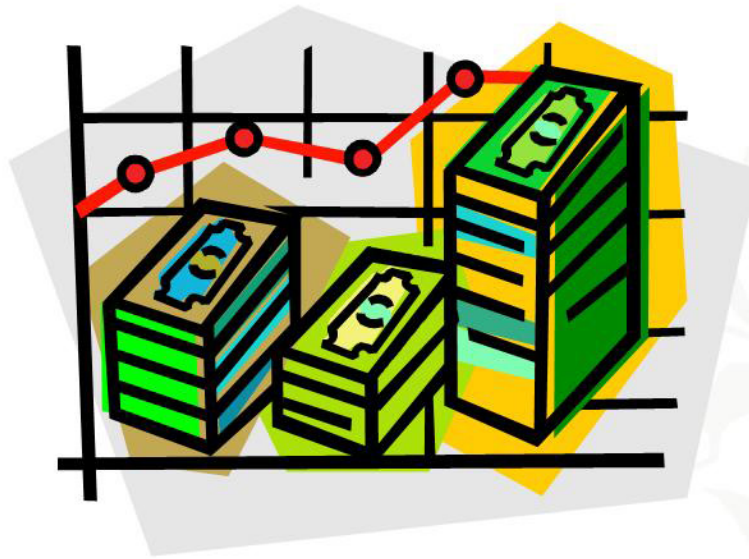


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THE ECONOMICS OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY



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In this class we will:

- Travel back in history to the time when Blacks were forcibly and abruptly brought here from Africa as slaves. We will **analyze the economic factors behind the Atlantic slave trade** and will evaluate the contribution of Blacks to this country's economy during that time.
- Walk through the emancipation era with its sharecropping system, by showing that, with the government support, the **former slave owners continued to exploit Blacks** and kept them from accumulating capital (a precursor to any economic development)
- Turn our attention to analyzing actions undertaken by Black communities to better themselves:
 - What is the role of the church in the economic betterment of Blacks?**
 - Do Black athletes and other celebrities reinvest in their communities?**
 - What is the role of Black-owned businesses in the development of Black communities?**

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