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Black Farmer Mega-Settlement Clears Way for Discrimination Claims by Women, Hispanics

by [Publius](#)

While we certainly hope the possibility of multi-billion dollar fraud was enough to pique your outrage, what may be the most frightening revelation from our research is that Pigford may be the proverbial tip of the farmer scam iceberg. Fox News published [this report](#) suggesting as much:



The congressional approval of a whopping \$4.6 billion settlement for black and Native American farmers who claimed they were discriminated against has cleared the way for a similar pair of costly lawsuits — drawing complaints that the government may be buckling to pressure and rewarding dubious claims.

The so-called “Pigford” case involving black farmers who allege the Agriculture Department cheated them for decades drew to a close Tuesday when the House joined the Senate in approving the second settlement in the case to date. But the lawsuits don’t end there. Though Pigford has attracted the most attention, a separate set of cases filed by Hispanic and female farmers has been working its way through the courts since shortly after Pigford was filed more than a decade ago.

Those cases are set for a hearing in federal District Court in the nation’s capital on Friday, and once again a large pot of taxpayer money is on the line. The farmers were offered a \$1.3 billion settlement back in May, but the plaintiffs have since then pushed for more. Some Democratic lawmakers argue they deserve it.

But the same lawmakers who fought Pigford warn that this week’s congressional vote could lower the bar for the other discrimination claims. Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, declining to comment on the specifics of the claims by Hispanic and female farmers, said he remains concerned that the farmers won’t have to prove much in order to win a payout from Uncle Sam. He suggested anyone who’s not a white male could have a shot.

“I’ve always looked at Pigford as the issue that opens the door for the others,” King told FoxNews.com. “They will point continually at the Pigford precedent.”

He said that precedent will probably “embolden” the remaining plaintiffs.

Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., who has called on Congress to investigate the Pigford claims, told FoxNews.com last week that the upcoming cases represent the “next generation” of discrimination suits. She suggested the government was handing out “reparations” for the sake of political correctness.

The Hispanic farmers’ suit, called *Garcia v. Vilsack*, was originally filed in 2000 and claimed Hispanic farmers lost out on credit and disaster benefits because of USDA discrimination. They also alleged the USDA systematically refused to investigate prior discrimination complaints.

Similarly, female farmers claimed discrimination based on gender in a case called *Love v. Vilsack*.

A lawyer for the plaintiffs could not be reached for comment, but they have provided reams of testimony to back up their claims. In one filing, a 53-year-old Hispanic woman said her family had been farming in Santa Cruz County, Calif., since the ’60s but struggled in obtaining government loans when the family

went through a period of low yields. She said the government gave them an “unworkable” plan with high payments that they had to accept. In a separate encounter, she claimed the government subsequently denied her family an emergency loan in 1995, qualified the family for separate assistance and then demanded that money back years later.

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This slippery slope is exactly why government must operate within Constitutional boundaries. If it actually did so, none of this would be happening in the first place.

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I guess a lot of people will be making a living off lawsuits, with the rest of us picking up the tab.

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What about Asian, Native American, and Transgender farmers?

The ones who get the most money are probably the blind left-handed black asian dwarf transgender farmers with multiple prosthetics and a single kidney.

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it's almost getting tiring hearing of new abuses day in and day out while not being able to do anything to stop them.
this is probably not just the tip of the iceberg for the USDA, it's probably the tip of the iceberg for the past two years of this administration. it probably goes so deep it'd cost millions to research.

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why exactly should the fedgov be involved in subsidizing farmers in the first place. these subsidies usually have rather devastating effects elsewhere in the food markets, and we can see a recent example of this with ethanol, which is not only raising the prices for us, but literally causing poor countries to starve bc they can't afford corn anymore.

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My wife tried having some real house plants about 10 years ago... but they all died from lack of water, sunlight, or something. Does she qualify for a government check?

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Man, as a white person, I am startin to feel discriminated against. I'm jus sayin...

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My jalapeño crop was dismal this year.

Actually it wasn't it was delicious.

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Do you suppose I have a case if I say "I'm not a farmer, but I play one of Facebook?" Eventually, I suppose the FCC will discriminate against me with their regulatory regime.

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If congress goes ahead with all this bull \$hit there will be a revolt, and thats what they are pushing for. God help us, God help these United States.

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I tried going into a ladies rest room once, by mistake, and they wouldnt let me. I was discriminated against, can I get a check?

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When the going gets tough, the tough get...Oh never mind, it's pointless anyhow.

- The true meaning behind the slang term "Obama's Stash" is becoming more and more apparent. It's code for "you all's"

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Damn SOBs at the USDA never gave me a loan

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Pure insanity!

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A transgender minority farmer would be wealthier than rich Uncle Pennypbags with this administration.

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There is great potential to turn every Democrat core identity voting constituency against one another here. Black Reparations have passed...so where are our Gay Reparations...where are our Jewish Liberal Reparations...where are our Hispanic Reparations...etc?

THAT would be interesting...to educate the various Democrat constituencies as to what sort of "Obama Money" has been given to blacks with Pigford and then gin them up to demand Democrats push for their free "Obama Money" too.

The Democrat Party will implode in a spectacular huff of in-fighting over these Pigford Black Reparations.

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Anybody who says there was racial discrimination against "black farmers" is a left-wing fascist liar, just like Obama; that deeply stupid affirmative-action parasite. For the past 50 years, the only racial discrimination in this country has been on the part of the government against White people. This Pigford business is just another in a long, long line of scams from beginning to end. It's based on lies and false assumptions and the evil, unconstitutional left-wing laws that have been passed based on those lies and assumptions. Not a single penny should be paid out to any "black farmer" or any other third-world savage or parasite whether they claim to be a farmer or not.

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And the funny thing is the very same people getting pay outs pay for the pay outs in taxes. So blacks are paying so some blacks can get some pay out.

"Gee why did my taxes go up?"

Unless this money came out of Obama's "stash".

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There will be new sheriff in town come January. Congress controls the money, "Cut The Funds Off!"

All you Washington politicians looking in, it'll be your ass in 2012!

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Redistribution by any and all means possible while maximizing debt.

November 2nd was only a small skirmish. It will take a long series of battles to put these amoral statists down for good.

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Pigford?

It can be reduced down to one essential element: fraud.

Those perpetrating this fraud, the farmers, have co-conspirators, who have aided and abetted them. CONgress is the co-conspirator. Further, as it relates to simple business practices, as the Pigford Plaintiffs Co-CONspirator, this particular CONgress has embezzled in excess of 4.6 billion dollars from US, the American Public.

Pigford is criminal.

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Leaked memo of Reverend Jeremiah Wright applying for Pigford money, read it here...

<http://beautifulletters-bls.blogspot.com/2010/12/...>

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People should go to prison for this fraud. Democrat politicians can share a cell with those [the vast majority] that filed false claims.

This nation has become a banana republic; the democrat politicians have completely sold out this nation to special interests and unions. They're letting the leftwing vultures raid the coffers before they're thrown out of power.

If I were in charge people would be hanged for this.

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"If you see something, say something."

Here is a thought <http://www.infowars.com/big-sis-invades-wal-mart-...>. Granted, it has nothing to do with Pigford, but JNap is encouraging folks to get involved and drop a dime on their fellow citizens.

Wouldn't it be a hoot, if everyone here called the CONgressional swithcboard, and the Department of Justice, and reported a bankrobbery?

Pigford.

/sarc off

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Through Pigford the UNITED STATES of AMERICA will eventually become South Africa, a broken country of chaos, once the breadbasket of Africa, now unable to feed itself.

That is our future. Be sure to learn the names of the CONgressmen who voted to fund this payout.

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