

## For black Americans, DNA ancestry tests contain troubling reminder of treatment of slaves

There's now hundreds of ancestry reveal videos on YouTube and Facebook, featuring people looking for answers about the past in their genes.

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For many people, this is the only way to explore their ancestral history...This is especially true when ancestors were forcefully uprooted. So it may not surprise you that most of the DNA ancestry reveal videos on YouTube are being made by young black Americans.

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....for African Americans...on average, showed that the majority of the European DNA contributions were made prior to 1860, by male ancestors.

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