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Slavery and Its Effects on Social Units

The United States is currently facing the controversial issue of slavery. From this we are presented with the simple question: should slavery be allowed to continue, or should it be banned? If it is allowed to be continued, people will begin to either accept or reject slavery. With these people, comprising mainly of citizens, societies, and families, creating their own ideologies about slavery, an apparent separation would be result thus creating a division in these groups. The institution of slavery should be banned because it causes a division among united groups.

At a national level, the usage of slave labor will create a division in the national government. This division will occur because, if slave labor continues, states will begin having a majority of their citizens either favoring or not favoring slavery. With the state’s general public beginning to do this, a division among the citizens will begin to occur. This process of states forming their own opinion of slavery and it causing a separation has already been observed, more commonly known as The South vs. The North, and will only continue to occur unless something changes. The current situation, if unchanged, will lead to a divided government. Members of Congress are voted to their position by gaining a majority of the votes in their districts. The division will reflect in Congress because the Congressmen will either represent their constituents’ ideologies or the Congressmen will be replaced by the voters with a new member of whom they expect to represent their ideologies. At this point Congress will have reflected the division that has occurred by slavery thus causing a divided government in ideologies. In short, slavery caused a division among the once united citizens; then the government, particularly the Congress, will reflect this division among the states thus the result will be a divided government. Just as the citizens of the nation began developing their own opinions about slavery, so will the people of the societies.

Society members will begin to form their personal opinions about whether slavery should be allowed to continue or not after the division among the states has occurred. The society members will begin to express their opinions with their fellow society members. Often times, there will be contradicting opinions among the citizens in the society. Groups of people with similar opinions will begin to be formed and these groups will begin mock and scorn the smaller, more vulnerable groups because they have a contrasting opinion. The mocking will divide the society because they can no longer live peacefully together. This division happened because the society members expressed their views of slavery and because of the scorning that occurred. Thus, once again, slavery has divided a once united group. The family, the most united group, can be divided because of slavery as well.

After the division in the national citizens and societies, family members will begin conclude their own judgments of slavery if it is allowed to continue. What will occur is that some members of the family will embrace slavery while other members will loathe it. With these two extremes, embracing and loathing, other members of the family who would have been neutral in the matter now feel obligated to affiliate with one side or the other. If a member does not feel obligated, than the other members of the family will try and convince them to join their cause thus creating more contention in the family than before. These things, the first members choosing their sides and then the later convincing of the other members, will divide the family. Not only will a division occur, but their personal beliefs will become very personal and important for each individual of the family. Since it has become personal, the individual will be very passionate for their cause and will feel resentment toward their contrasting family members. Resulting is a family who once was unified, but is now divided cohesively accompanied with each member passionate for the things which have divided them to begin with, which is and was the acceptance or denial of the institution of slavery.

By the continuation and acceptance of slave labor, united groups, such as citizens, societies, and families, will be divided thus causing a division in the county. If we are to continue to allow this division to happen among our unification with these groups, than our county will pay a grieve price that will be remembered always.