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Did the Civil War end Slavery?

One hundred fifty years ago the Civil War in America was started and fought with the express primary purpose to abolish chattel slavery in the Antebellum South, Territories, and in all States. Chattel slavery was said to have been abolished with the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution (1865): "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, EXCEPT AS A PUNISHMENT FOR CRIME WHEREOF THE PARTY SHALL HAVE BEEN DULY CONVICTED, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction." (caps added to emphasize the exception for slavery as a punishment for crime) So, while chattel slavery was prohibited, "...slavery...as a punishment for crime..." expanded throughout all states and territories

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Jana Baker

answered 4 years ago

slavery was only technically abolished but there are so many forms of slavery nowadays its sick...it gets around "laws" to the big money makers ...money is power. human trafficking, child labor, sweatshops in a way....slavery will always be around as long as people see money more worthy than human life


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answered 4 years ago

I would like to see some evidence of slavery continuing in any of the states and territories. As far as I know, there exists very little evidence that supports slavery continuing in the west during the Reconstruction period. Reconstruction was mostly a regimented program in the South. That still doesn't mater since every single state and territory had to willingly oblige following the Emanicpation Proclamation.

@ Ted N: Charles Bukowski is not a historian or political scientist. It's not likely that a poet will have any value to a discussion about the legal peramaters of slavery

@ Wally Woogie: This is about slaves, not prisoners. I'm very skeptical when people stray away from facts especially with a topic that has alot of constraints

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The Great Nateholio

answered 4 years ago

No, the War Between the States did not end slavery. Nor did the Emancipation Proclamation (Lincoln had no Constitutional Authority to free slaves)

Slavery, of the kind practiced before and during the War Between the States, was ended with Constitutional Amendments. However, this did not end slavery - it still exists due to things like wealth redistribution (enslaving those who pay taxes and get less back than they paid in to

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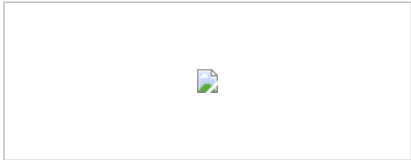
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BTW: That's not exactly what the Civil War was fought for, but we'll keep your under-informed opinion alive for this debate.

Prisoners paying back to society by working in prison isn't exactly barbaric slavery, and today, such requirements have ended in all states. Prisoners are not required to work while incarcerated. However...the chain gangs were marvels of engineering achievement throughout the south.

That clause was put into the amendment, as then most states required hard labor as a form of punishment, even Northern states.

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Joseph L answered 4 years ago

The Emancipation Proclamation ended slavery based on race. Prisoners could be used as laborers without pay. So, what's the problem? Maybe you should unionize criminals and demand higher wages and pension plans.

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Chupate esa! answered 4 years ago

No, that's ridiculous it changed definitions and perception but it wasn't until the early 1900's when the lack of money became the whip and the excess of money the privilege of freedom but at least they still have lotteries to make you free...

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? answered 4 years ago

According to Charles Bukowski, slavery was never abolished, it was just extended to include other races.

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