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The one-time motto of the US reminds us that, much like most of the larger nation states today, ancient Greece was a mosaic of very different components: That is, there were a thousand or so separate, often radically self-differentiated political entities, most of which went by the title of polis, or citizen-state. That was because the epics are set in a period before "Hellas" and "Hellenes" had become common currency – before, that is, the eighth century BC, when Greeks first started emigrating permanently from the Aegean basin and settling around the Mediterranean and Black Seas. Later, following the conquests of Alexander the Great, the pale of Hellenic settlement was extended even further eastwards, as far as Afghanistan and the Indus Valley of Pakistan. Everyone who was not a Hellene by birth, language or culture was labelled a barbaros. Originally an onomatopoeic description of anyone who spoke a non-Greek, unintelligible language, barbaros came to acquire the pejorative connotations of "barbarous" and "barbaric". The Romans took the same sort of view of all non-Romans – excepting only Hellenes – which is how those emotive terms entered our own language. The mighty Persian empire, the fastest growing and largest oriental empire yet, had threatened to swallow up mainland Greece as well as those Greeks who lived within the bounds of what the Persians considered their own sphere – Asia. Indeed, Alexander turned the tables by conquering the old Persian empire and starting to create a new Helleno-Persian successor: However, united though they were by religion and common social customs and by at least partly fictional self-images, these Greeks were very much not united by one of their major contributions to the sum of human achievement – politics. Much of our everyday political language is of ancient Greek derivation: Much of the rest is Latin-derived: That was partly because the fundamental ancient Greek political unit, the polis, was a strong community in a very exclusive sense: Even then, the ancient Greeks typically ruled themselves directly, in that they did not select rulers to rule over and for them. Theirs were direct, participatory self-governments, whereas ours are notionally "representative". But democracy, so far from being the ancient Greek norm, was at first a rare and rather fragile plant: And only in a few cases – in Athens, above all – was it both deeply rooted and conspicuously radical. At all times and in all places it remained more or less controversial. And there was a good linguistic reason for this. Demokratia was a compound of demos and kratos. By and large the Romans took the second view, which is why they went to great lengths to stamp it out within their empire – the eastern half of which was basically Greek – in the end with total success. It therefore took a great deal of effort and ingenuity in the 19th century to rehabilitate "democracy" as a viably positive term of political discourse – and even then only at the cost of draining it of the active, participatory, class-conscious dimension the Athenians had given it. Worship and sacrifice A popular proverb says that the ancient Greeks "had a word for it". A conspicuous example is that they had no word for our "religion", which is taken from Latin. Our manifold and multifarious legacy from the ancient Greeks does not include their polytheistic religion – which was superseded and suppressed by various forms of Judaeo-Christianity and then Islam. These latter faiths are all based on the presumption of a single deity, and on privileged hierarchies of vocational officials who interpret their sacred texts and dogmas. It is easy for us today to be over-impressed by the standing remains of monumental temples such as those on the Acropolis of Athens or of Greek Agrigento in Sicily, or by reports of now lost wonders such as the huge seated cult-statue of Zeus at Olympia, crafted by master sculptor Pheidias of Athens in the 5th BC. For most Greeks the object of their greatest devotion was an altar, whether domestic or public. The most characteristic act of religious worship was the performance of a sacrifice, such as a gift of olive oil, wine or grain, or the killing of a pig or chicken. These offerings symbolised both communion between the god or goddess and their mortal worshippers, as well as the unbridgeable gulf that separated the human from the super-human. In fact, they themselves were created only after a void state of chaos. But for the Greeks a myth was a traditional tale that could have a purely secular, mortal content. He not only fell down wells while contemplating the heavens as

all proper intellectuals should, but also predicted a total solar eclipse here he was fortunate to be heir to the discoveries and records of Babylonians and Egyptians before him, thus robbing it of potential divine mystique, and once made a substantial profit by successfully predicting a bumper olive harvest. Thales and his followers had a particular interest in the kosmos: The way to study it was through historia: Science The results they came up with were hardly what we would call scientific. That was left for the doctors of the school of medicine, founded by Hippocrates in the fifth century BC on the east Aegean island of Kos; and the astronomers attached to the museum and library of Alexandria in Egypt in the third century BC. Despite these giant steps, it is important to remember that most ordinary Greeks were not persuaded to adopt a rationalist, non-theistic world outlook, nor were they always tolerant of the eccentric intellectuals they harboured in their midst – especially not at times of great societal crisis such as the Peloponnesian War – BC. Both charges carried particular weight in the fraught circumstances of BC: That its oligarchic junta had done to death many hundreds of ordinary Athenians was still fresh in the memory. The trial of Socrates and its outcome should remind us that democratic Athens, despite being a relatively open society, was no liberal paradise of principled religious tolerance. Economics Socrates is the main participant in a fictional dialogue composed by the versatile Athenian historian Xenophon cBC, entitled in Latin transliteration Oeconomicus. Yet "economics" in our sense is not what the discourse is about, but rather the management of an oikos or "household". The Greeks "did" economics, practically speaking, but they did not theorise it as we do. This was partly because they did not develop a suitable macro-economic technical vocabulary but also because, like their politics and religion, their economic realities were very different from those of a capitalist, let alone a globalised, economy. This is not to deny that local, regional and international trading networks could be crucially important, not least when the commodity being traded was a life-giving staple such as grain. British Musuem Women, whose public valuation by men was often distressingly low, were economically crucial within the household, where they processed food, produced children and clothing, and managed the free or unfree workforce. The modern Greek term for housewife, noikokyra "lady of the household" had its ancient counterpart, especially in Sparta, where women vied not just to control but to own more than one household property. Ordinary Greeks, of course, might not have had the luxury of owning even a single slave, greatly desirable though that was thought to be. Most slaves were individually and privately owned, having been bought on the market as commodities. But some slaves – such as the gaolers of Socrates – were public servants. At Athens, there was an exceptional concentration of slave worker personnel in the state-owned silver mines, who were economically vital: In Sparta they managed their servile system very differently. Although there were some chattel-type privately owned slaves, the dominant form of servitude here was a kind of collective serfdom, known as helotage. And whereas most chattel slaves were dispossessed, non-Greek foreigners, the Helots were born into inherited bondage:

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The monks on an isolated peninsula in Greece have followed the same way of life for more than 1, years, but an Athens vs. Moscow diplomatic spat and a tourism onslaught are unsettling its habits.

Greece Greece - Working conditions The occupational structure of Greece has changed in the 20th century because of increased industrialization and urbanization. Since the s, the number of rural workers has dropped considerably. Generally, more men work in the industry sector while women dominate the service and agriculture industries. Greek women tend to have higher unemployment rates than men and are on average paid less. For additional income many Greeks work in seasonal or nonpermanent agricultural or service industry positions. For example, a craftsman may also work at a tourist site during the summer. Public-sector employees may often take a second job in the evening. Second jobs often complicate the way employment and unemployment figures are measured within the various sectors of the Greek economy. In the Greek workforce, labor unions have been active throughout the 20th century. But unions have been subject to legal restrictions by successive Greek governments who considered unions a threat to domestic economic stability. Organization is centered on a particular trade or craft within a community. Local chapters are generally affiliated with national federations, which in turn are organized under the umbrella of the General Confederation of Greek Workers GSEE. The GSEE was founded in and is one of the oldest trade unions. Public hostility is also aimed toward the white-collar Association of Greek Industrialists, although they improved their public image considerably in the s. While not popular with the Greek people or government, trade unions can yield considerable political power. For example, when the New Democracy administration was in office in , labor unions staged strikes following the privatization of the Urban Transportation Company, putting the government on the defensive. However, the GSEE has been instrumental in establishing pay increases and other labor benefits, which have benefited the country as a whole. One of the by-products of industrialization in Greece was the development of an underground economy , which includes unreported economic activities that are not subject to taxation. Estimates of the Greek underground economy are at 50 to 60 percent of the officially reported economy, meaning that income and employment figures in Greece are actually significantly higher than the official estimates. Comment about this article, ask questions, or add new information about this topic:

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In return, Greece, which has long objected to its neighbor using "Macedonia" as a name that dates back to the ancient Greek kingdom of Alexander the Great has promised to lift its veto on the small country joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and, eventually, the EU.

See all What caused the crisis in Greece? This is not a humanitarian crisis, but a political one. The European Union was founded on a commitment to international law and human rights that has driven policies for 60 years. For instance, since the March agreement restricting border crossings, some 16, refugees—the majority from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan—remain stuck on the Greek islands of Lesbos, Chios, Kos, Samos and Leros. Many are forced to live in overcrowded and dangerous conditions as they wait months for their asylum cases to be heard. An additional 38, refugees are living on the Greek mainland, the majority in urban settings. Most have been traumatized by war and require psychosocial support and counseling, medical aid and other humanitarian assistance. Greece and Italy cannot be expected to bear this responsibility on their own. For instance, since the March agreement restricting border crossings, some 16, refugees—the majority from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan—remain stuck on the Greek islands of Lesbos, Chios, Kos, Samos and Leros. What are the main humanitarian challenges in Greece? Most refugees living in urban settings are unable to find work to support their families as Greece continues to struggle economically in the aftermath of the financial crisis. High unemployment rates have taken a toll on the local population as well. As of January, over 43 percent of Greek youth are unemployed. The overall unemployment rate is above 20 percent. A robust integration program is needed to ensure that local residents as well as asylum seekers benefit from assistance. Solutions and interventions must be coordinated with local and national efforts, emphasizing the important role host communities and governments play. Refugees also need reliable information about their prospects for asylum and available services. Women, many traveling alone with children, need protection from sexual violence and trafficking. Children need support to heal from trauma. Unaccompanied children, many waiting to reunite with families relocated in other countries in Europe, fall victim to exploitation. How does the IRC help in Greece? Economic recovery and development Refugees are people with potential. They want to lead self-sufficient lives and contribute to their new communities. In Greece, we are focused on livelihoods programming to support integration, and we are working with local partners to implement self-employment and employment readiness programs for both refugees and local residents. Information, protection and psychological support The IRC provides refugees in Greece—whether they are on the move, in camps, or living in urban settings—with credible, up-to-date information about available services, legal rights, and options for asylum, relocation and family reunification. One way we do this is through Refugee Info, a mobile-friendly website available in Arabic, Farsi, French and English. Info content is also available on Facebook. These safe zones provide children with a safe alternative to police detention until they are reunified with family or placed in shelters or foster care. We also provide a variety of support services to vulnerable children in three other camps. These services, which include counseling and outreach, are provided in Athens, Thessaloniki and four camps on the mainland. The IRC is also responding to the mental health needs of asylum seekers in overcrowded reception centers on the islands of Lesbos and Chios. Environmental health The IRC provides much-needed water, sanitation and hygiene at two refugee sites in Greece: Eleonas, just outside of Athens, and Kara Tepe on Lesbos. Here, we provide access to drinking water, toilets, hot showers, laundry facilities and supplies like soap, shampoo and toothpaste. We also teach basic hygiene techniques that help prevent the spread of disease, and we ensure that trash and recyclable items are collected regularly. What still needs to be done? As more and more refugees are transferred from camps to apartments in towns and cities, the IRC is adapting our response to meet their basic needs, protect them from exploitation and violence, and assist them to build a better future for their families. As the majority of refugees in Greece will likely settle in the country, we will continue to work with local partners to ensure that refugees are integrated into their new communities. The ongoing violence in Syria and other countries in crisis has pushed over 1 million desperate people to seek safety and a new start in Europe. Each year, millions of people—particularly women

and childrenâ€™are subject to violence and abuse, and struggle to feel safe in their homes and communities. Fifteen-year-old Shaimah, from Syria, has found a special place where she can heal from the pain of war with help from her teachers and friends.

4: Englishman's Greek, Chapter 7, The Conditional Sentence

Greek Crisis began somewhere in ,during this period income of Greeks got reduced, the political situation changed radically, Unemployment increased, extreme plainness bills were approved by Greek parliament, the protests and riots were very frequent.

War[edit] By the rules of war of the period, the victor possessed absolute rights over the vanquished, whether they were soldiers or not. Thucydides recalls that 7, inhabitants of Hyccara in Sicily were taken prisoner by Nicias and sold for talents in the neighbouring village of Catania. The enslavement of cities was also a controversial practice. Cassander , in BC, restored Thebes. Whenever ransom was not paid or not warranted, captives would be sold to a trafficker. Outside of Greece, this was also the case with Illyrians , Phoenicians , and Etruscans. During the Hellenistic period , Cilicians and the mountain peoples from the coasts of Anatolia could also be added to the list. Strabo explains the popularity of the practice among the Cilicians by its profitability; Delos , not far away, allowed for "moving myriad slaves daily". The fragmentary list of slaves confiscated from the property of the mutilators of the Hermai mentions 32 slaves whose origins have been ascertained: The principal centres of the slave trade appear to have been Ephesus , Byzantium , and even faraway Tanais at the mouth of the Don. Some "barbarian" slaves were victims of war or localised piracy, but others were sold by their parents. Firstly, certain nationalities are consistently and significantly represented in the slave population, such as the corps of Scythian archers employed by Athens as a police force—originally , but eventually nearly a thousand. The price of slaves varied in accordance with their ability. Xenophon valued a Laurion miner at drachmas ; [43] while a workman at major works was paid one drachma per day. A tax on sale revenues was levied by the market cities. For instance, a large helot market was organized during the festivities at the temple of Apollo at Actium. The Acarnanian League, which was in charge of the logistics, received half of the tax proceeds, the other half going to the city of Anactorion, of which Actium was a part. On the other hand, there were many female domestic slaves. The example of African slaves in the American South on the other hand demonstrates that slave populations can multiply. They were, for example, entrusted to take the children to school; they were " pedagogues " in the first sense of the term. There was a multitude of categories, ranging from free citizen to chattel slave, and including Penestae or helots , disenfranchised citizens, freedmen, bastards, and metics. Moses Finley proposed a set of criteria for different degrees of enslavement: He could give, sell, rent, or bequeath them. A slave could have a spouse and children, but the slave family was not recognized by the state, and the master could scatter the family members at any time. Despite torture in trials, the Athenian slave was protected in an indirect way: A newly-bought slave was welcomed with nuts and fruits, just like a newly-wed wife. The slaves shared the gods of their masters and could keep their own religious customs if any. Athens also had a law forbidding the striking of slaves: It astonished other Greeks that Athenians tolerated back-chat from slaves. For example, a slave could not engage free boys in pederastic relationships "A slave shall not be the lover of a free boy nor follow after him, or else he shall receive fifty blows of the public lash. Both laws are attributed to Solon. Their children belonged to the master. Conversely, an offence committed against a slave was much less expensive than an offence committed against a free person. As an example, the rape of a free woman by a slave was punishable by a fine of stater drachms , while the rape of a non-virgin slave by another slave brought a fine of only one obolus a sixth of a drachm. In theory, those so enslaved would be liberated when their original debts were repaid. The system was developed with variants throughout the Near East and is cited in the Bible. Informal emancipations are also confirmed in the classical period. It was sufficient to have witnesses, who would escort the citizen to a public emancipation of his slave, either at the theatre or before a public tribunal. They primarily date to the 2nd and 1st centuries BC, and the 1st century AD. Collective manumission was possible; an example is known from the 2nd century BC in the island of Thasos. The slave was often required to pay for himself an amount at least equivalent to his street value. The temple would receive a portion of the monetary transaction and would guarantee the contract. The manumission could also be entirely civil, in which case the magistrate played the role of the deity. The most restrictive contract was the paramone, a type of enslavement of limited duration

during which time the master retained practically absolute rights. He was liable to all types of obligations, as one can see from the proposals of Plato in *The Laws*: It is uncertain whether they had chattel slaves as well. There are mentions of people manumitted by Spartans, which was supposedly forbidden for helots, or sold outside of Lakonia: Plato in *Alcibiades I* cites "the ownership of slaves, and notably helots" among the Spartan riches, [] and Plutarch writes about "slaves and helots". Most historians thus concur that chattel slaves were indeed used in the Greek city-state of Sparta, at least after the Lacedemonian victory of BC against Athens, but not in great numbers and only among the upper classes.

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Greece's economic freedom score is , making its economy the th freest in the Index. Its overall score has increased by points, with dramatic increases in the scores for.

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6: The Ancient World | Greece | Culture | The Guardian

8, refugees from Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan are living in deplorable conditions in an overcrowded refugee camp in Moria, on the island of Lesbos, Greece. Most are in the process of making asylum claims after feeling danger in their countries, but shortages and high tension in the camp are making life unsafe in the camp.

7: How Greeceâ€™s Busiest Port Reveals the Perils of Privatization | The Nation

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of moods lead to different presentations of a conditional relationship in time and.

8: Greece Economy , CIA World Factbook

The economy of Greece is the 51st largest in the world with a nominal gross domestic product (GDP) of \$ billion per annum. It is also the 56th largest in the world by purchasing power parity, at \$ billion per annum.

9: Greek Conditional Sentences

Greece Economic Outlook. October 23, Incoming data suggests that sluggish growth continued in the third quarter, after Q2's deceleration. Industrial production growth waned in August and the manufacturing PMI edged down in September pointing to lackluster manufacturing activity.

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