

1: Moral Majority - Wikipedia

The Emancipation Proclamation was a major document in American History. Slavery was an issue in the time of the Civil War. The Emancipation Proclamation was more of a rallying cry for the North than a document to free the slaves of the Confederacy.

In the history of emancipation, the ethical dimension is always prominent. Since the s emancipation has been influentially portrayed as a result of the gradual, halting, but growing triumph of universalist liberal and Christian principles, a key moment in a progressive national narrative of growing freedom. The abolitionists stand astride the story as prophetic and ultimately triumphant voices of principle. We have good reasons to accept that account; universalist ethical principles and abolitionist determination were essential to emancipation. Inspired by the civil rights movement and the ongoing struggle for racial equality, the recovery of the importance of universal principles of human rights in ending slavery in the United States is a major achievement of historiography over the last half century. But the history of emancipation and its implications are skewed if we ignore the complex ethical role of the nation in the process leading to emancipation. The nation can hardly be removed from the war to save the Union, and the war is always seen as a condition enabling emancipation and the Reconstruction amendments. But the nation has not been always or fully considered as an ethical factor in its own right. This essay is an effort to bring the nation back into the ethics of emancipation. Human rights were always weighed in a moving context, not only of interests and fears but also of other values, and the other value most prominently at work in the abolition of slavery in the United States was the nation. If we reconsider emancipation with that value in view, allegiance to the nation becomes a decisive ethical factor in the abolition of slavery and an ambiguous one, both blocking and advancing emancipation, expanding and limiting commitment to human rights. In that story, Abraham Lincoln stands as both an important actor and an exemplar of the conflicting ethical implications of American nationalism. This photograph of Abraham Lincoln was taken on October 1, , after he had delivered a campaign speech in Pittsfield, Illinois, in his unsuccessful bid for the U. X Close This photograph of Abraham Lincoln was taken on October 1, , after he had delivered a campaign speech in Pittsfield, Illinois, in his unsuccessful bid for the U. His shrewd but defensive gaze and correct dress reveal him as a cautious, astute, and determined politician. Photograph by Calvin Jackson. In the Anglo-American world, the Protestant and Enlightenment shift toward humanistic values endowed human nature with new dignity, with new capacity for reason, benevolence, and moral choice, and with inherent rights. Liberal and evangelical Christianity called individuals to action, fueling the rise of abolition. As all historians have recognized, the argument for human rights faced formidable obstacles. Moreover, as Davis emphasized, Christian and Enlightenment principles left ample room for qualifying judgments. The continuing hierarchical understanding of the Christian cosmos, of natural qualities, and of social organization allowed the abridgment of common humanity. Many Americans north as well as south rejected the argument against slavery altogether on moral grounds, relying instead on biblical authority and racial science. Many argued that liberal rights applied only to persons who demanded and were capable of exercising them and that Africans lacked the capacity for freedom. In the democratizing antebellum decades, the more powerful the language of equal rights became, the more racial differences were amplified. Given those barriers to the recognition of universal human rights, it is not surprising that historians have put their ultimate triumph in the Civil War and Reconstruction at the ethical center of emancipation history. Although some popular traditions, particularly those of African Americans, had long regarded Lincoln as the Great Emancipator, early twentieth-century historians had placed his greatness elsewhereâ€”in saving the Union, elevating the common man, or moderating the fanaticism of radicals and secessionists alike. Lincoln claimed a long-standing revulsion from the inhumanity of slavery, and during the s he outspokenly declared it morally wrong. In an speech in Peoria, Illinois, that laid out the basic position he was to take on slavery until , he grounded his ethical stance in classical liberal doctrine: During the s Lincoln had made clear that for all their equal humanity, he could not imagine blacks as equal citizens of the Republic: My own feelings will not admit of this; and if they would, we well know that those of the great mass of white people will not. Lincoln

believed that the only long-term solution to slavery was voluntary colonization, and he clung to the last shreds of that idea even as he issued the wartime Emancipation Proclamation. My purpose is not to weigh his moral principles against his political calculations as most recent studies have done, for he was adept at combining them, but to clarify the ethical consequences of his adherence to two values—the American nation and universal liberty—to which he was sincerely but unequally devoted. The universal principles generated by reason are what command allegiance and determine obligation; they are what moral argument is about. In contrast, particularist ethical theories, which center obligation on social relationships, carry less weight. Yet during the nineteenth century, a still-powerful republican heritage and newer currents of romantic nationalism made the American nation into a high moral good. The nation in nineteenth-century America, as in Europe, was understood as a group of people who constituted a political, cultural, and territorial community. First and foremost, Americans understood themselves as a political community, created by the historical event of the Revolution and the political institutions of Republic and Constitution. Their efforts bore fruit in the patriotic rhetoric of literature, schoolbooks, political speech, and public ritual. National government in the antebellum United States was notoriously weak, but nationalist ideology was strong. The story joined elite interests to those of the expanding white male electorate and grounded both in libertarian and egalitarian values. Universal liberty was said to be specially seated in the United States. Repudiating the political and social oppression of Europe—the American story went—the Revolution and Constitution made America the first modern republic, governed by the free consent of the people, specially constructed and favored by nature to escape the fatal tendency of all previous republics to decline into corruption, class conflict, and tyranny. Historians have often called this ethically constitutive story American exceptionalism because America, more than any other country, was said to exemplify the universal ideals ordained by world history. For most nineteenth-century Americans, Providence or an active personal God guided history, and nationalist ideology regularly attributed the American narrative to those divine sources. Where it held sway, however, America was at once the actual nation and the ideal one decreed by God, nature, and history. Yet the nation carried its own moral value and historical particularities. Linking universal principle to national identity is in any case problematic. The nation and its principles can energize each other, but they are also made hostage to each other. The alliance not only joins obligations that are in theory incommensurable; it requires that the actual nation enact the universal ideals it claims. Despite the rise of antislavery sentiment during the Revolution, the Founders had placed crucial supports for slavery in the Constitution and omitted the natural law language of the Declaration of Independence, for the inalienable rights useful in starting a revolution were deemed disruptive in framing a stable social order, especially one that included slavery. Even as northern states gradually abolished slavery and white men gained new kinds of freedom, slavery deepened its hold in the South and northern jurists retreated from the human rights claims of natural law for the limits imposed by positive law. The Union was understood north and south to be a compact between free and slave societies, a hybrid slaveholding republic. To call that duality into question was to threaten the existence of the nation. From the formation of the Constitution on, allegiance to the actual nation was thus an obstacle to emancipation. As the historiography of emancipation has emphasized, nationalist ideology exposed the contradiction of slavery and propagated human rights principles in the United States as elsewhere in the Western world. Abolitionists unreservedly adopted the universalist logic of American nationalism and reshaped their particularist allegiance to fit. Few pushed universalism as far as William Lloyd Garrison, who denied any moral weight to nationality if it abridged universal benevolence. For African American spokesmen, as for most abolitionists, the nationalist language of liberty remained throughout the antebellum decades a major resource for universal principle. In the popular ethnoracial strain of nationalism, the Anglo-Saxon or, more broadly, the Caucasian race that founded the nation was considered uniquely capable of republican liberty both in America and the world and thus an essential basis of national identity. As the expansionist senator William H. In Seward as in many antebellum Americans, nationalist ideology may have aroused universalist antislavery ideals, but the ideals did not lead them to reconstitute the nation on universalist principle. One function of nationalist ideology is to cover over the contradictions between ideals and practice, to bathe the darker shades of national reality in the glow of the ideal. Slavery could be considered a domestic institution under control of the states, virtually

outside the domain of national power and identity. Lincoln shared in this antebellum history of the nation and its uneasy complicity in slavery. He is a prime example of how universal principle and particular nation worked together—and against each other—toward emancipation. In classical republican discourse, time is the enemy of the life of the republic, the bearer of decay and usurpation. Lincoln feared that historical circumstances now made maintenance of the American republic more difficult for the heirs than founding had been for the fathers. Notably, the examples of violence he chose to mention were caused by abolitionist agitation or by slavery. Against this threat Lincoln urged: For a poor, ambitious young man who distanced himself from his own father as he became a successful lawyer and Whig politician, the nation stood for the principles of liberal individualism, democratic equality, and national development that fueled his own rise in life and gave him a grander set of fathers. But he was not alone in this attachment. His generation had been educated in a language of nationalism that stressed familial ties, reverence for the Constitution, the exceptionalist mission of the American republic in world history, and the danger of republican decline. If he was aware of a conflict between nation and principle as he began his career, he accepted the exceptionalist claim of the slaveholding republic to be a bastion of liberty. By 1847, when he delivered his lyceum speech, abolitionists were beginning to loosen the ideological glue that held nation and principle together, but Lincoln inveighed against the violence that threatened the nation, set off by abolition and slavery both, rather than against slavery itself. What began to change the balance of forces was the prospect of the extension of slavery into the trans-Mississippi territories in the mid-1840s. New free States are the places for poor people to go to and better their condition. Slavery in the South and free labor in the North were defended as moral goods necessary to the free identity of the white republic and its exceptionalist promise. Many free-soil advocates expressed as much dislike of blacks as of slavery. Certainly that appears to be true of Lincoln. In a free-soil statement of that year he urged the northern states to leave slavery alone where it already existed, Lincoln first registered a recognition that slavery could put American nationality and universal liberty at odds: As theorists have shown, the incommensurability between universal moral principles and the obligations arising from particular social relations is one of the most vexing of liberal politics. In the free-soil debate, allegiance to the exceptionalist nation allowed escape from the obligation to universal freedom even as it awakened universalist moral principles against slavery. Whether Lincoln ever looked into that premise is doubtful; as Don E. Fehrenbacher has shown, the logic had plausibility, although slavery was proving increasingly adaptable in the old southeastern states and some southern writers were mounting credible arguments that slavery could flourish even as the South developed a more complex economy. The belief that slavery required new land was convenient both for southerners interested in expansion and for northerners hopeful that slavery would eventually disappear. When he eulogized his Whig hero Henry Clay in 1852, he still argued that the threat to the nation came from abolitionist extremists who would fragment the Union in the name of immediate emancipation. When an increasing number of southern spokesmen, in an effort to defend slavery as a positive good, began to attack the Declaration of Independence, Lincoln was truly alarmed. Only a firm moral position against slavery, Lincoln argued, not the popular sovereignty doctrine of his political rival, Stephen A. Douglas, could offer the human rights that Lincoln offered were thus limited. He often followed up his declaration that blacks could not be the political and social equals of whites with a ringing affirmation of equal labor rights: During his speech Lincoln himself admitted that the two were linked in principle. Equal political and social rights would bestow on blacks and whites together full citizenship rights and a common fraternal identity; it would make Africans into African Americans, members of the nation as well as the human race. In addition to narrowing the definition of human rights, allegiance to the nation continued to present a basic structural obstacle to universal liberty. Lincoln wanted to restore both prongs of the original compromise: If American slavery were only a matter of necessity, then the slaveholding republic would remain in principle free, and American exceptionalism would be vindicated. They meant simply to declare the right, so that the enforcement of it might follow as fast as circumstances should permit. They meant to set up a standard maxim for free society. Here he differed sharply from the radical advocates of free soil who believed there were constitutionally valid ways to undermine southern slavery and who planned to avail themselves of them. Lincoln, in contrast, in order to maintain the Union, declared allegiance to both the slaveholding republic of the past and the liberal republic of the future.

2: Lincoln issues Emancipation Proclamation - HISTORY

The Emancipation Proclamation was the greatest event in that conflict. Its significance and shortcomings cannot be understood except in the context of the Civil War and the divergent interest and aims of the social forces on the winning side.

The poet William Cullen Bryant, after attending a corn shucking in in South Carolina, told of slave dances turned into a pretended military parade, "a sort of burlesque of our militia trainings. During the Civil War, slaves began to make up new spirituals with bolder messages: Levine refers to slave resistance as "pre-political," expressed in countless ways in daily life and culture. Music, magic, art, religion, were all ways, he says, for slaves to hold on to their humanity. While southern slaves held on, free blacks in the North there were about , in , about , in agitated for the abolition of slavery. In , David Walker, son of a slave, but born free in North Carolina, moved to Boston, where he sold old clothes. It is not hard to understand why when you read his Appeal. There was no slavery in history, even that of the Israelites in Egypt, worse than the slavery of the black man in America, Walker said. Let our enemies go on with their butcheries, and at once fill up their cup. Never make an attempt to gain our freedom or natural right from under our cruel oppressors and murderers, until you see your way clear-when that hour arrives and you move, be not afraid or dismayed. God has been pleased to give us two eyes, two hands, two feet, and some sense in our heads as well as they. They have no more right to hold us in slavery than we have to hold them Our sufferings will come to an end, in spite of all the Americans this side of eternity. Then we will want all the learning and talents among ourselves, and perhaps more, to govern ourselves. One summer day in , David Walker was found dead near the doorway of his shop in Boston. Some born in slavery acted out the unfulfilled desire of millions. Frederick Douglass, a slave, sent to Baltimore to work as a servant and as a laborer in the shipyard, somehow learned to read and write, and at twenty-one, in the year , escaped to the North, where he became the most famous black man of his time, as lecturer, newspaper editor, writer. In his autobiography, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, he recalled his first childhood thoughts about his condition: Why am I a slave? Why are some people slaves, and others masters? Was there ever a time when this was not so? How did the relation commence? Once, however, engaged in the inquiry, I was not very long in finding out the true solution of the matter. It was not color, but crime, not God, but man, that afforded the true explanation of the existence of slavery; nor was I long in finding out another important truth, viz: I distinctly remember being, even then, most strongly impressed with the idea of being a free man some day. This cheering assurance was an inborn dream of my human nature-a constant menace to slavery-and one which all the powers of slavery were unable to silence or extinguish. The Fugitive Slave Act passed in was a concession to the southern states in return for the admission of the Mexican war territories California, especially into the Union as nonslave states. The Act made it easy for slaveowners to recapture ex-slaves or simply to pick up blacks they claimed had run away. Northern blacks organized resistance to the Fugitive Slave Act, denouncing President Fillmore, who signed it, and Senator Daniel Webster, who supported it. One of these was J. Loguen, son of a slave mother and her white owner. He spoke to a meeting in that city in The time has come to change the tones of submission into tones of defiance-and to tell Mr. Webster, if they propose to execute this measure upon us, to send on their blood-hounds. I received my freedom from Heaven, and with it came the command to defend my title to it. It outlaws me, and I outlaw it I will not live a slave, and if force is employed to re-enslave me, I shall make preparations to meet the crisis as becomes a man. Your decision tonight in favor of resistance will give vent to the spirit of liberty, and it will break the bands of party, and shout for joy all over the North. Heaven knows that this act of noble daring will break out somewhere-and may God grant that Syracuse be the honored spot, whence it shall send an earthquake voice through the land! The following year, Syracuse had its chance. A runaway slave named Jerry was captured and put on trial. A crowd used crowbars and a battering ram to break into the courthouse, defying marshals with drawn guns, and set Jerry free. Loguen made his home in Syracuse a major station on the Underground Railroad. It was said that he helped 1, slaves on their way to Canada. Did you raise them for the whipping post? Did you raise them to be driven off, bound to a coffle in chains? But

you say I am a thief, because I took the old mare along with me. Have you got to learn that I had a better right to the old mare, as you call her, than Manasseth Logue had to me? Have you got to learn that human rights are mutual and reciprocal, and if you take my liberty and life, you forfeit your own liberty and life? Before God and high heaven, is there a law for one man which is not a law for every other man? If you or any other speculator on my body and rights, wish to know how I regard my rights, they need but come here, and lay their hands on me to enslave me.. On the Fourth of July, , he gave an Independence Day address: Pardon me, and allow me to ask, why am I called upon to speak here today? What have I or those I represent to do with your national independence? Are the great principles of political freedom and of natural justice, embodied in that Declaration of Independence, extended to us? And am I, therefore, called upon to bring our humble offering to the national altar, and to confess the benefits, and express devout gratitude for the blessings resulting from your independence to us?.. What to the American slave is your Fourth of July? I answer, a day that reveals to him more than all other days of the year, the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is the constant victim. There is not a nation of the earth guilty of practices more shocking and bloody than are the people of these United States at this very hour. Go where you may, search where you will, roam through all the monarchies and despotisms of the Old World, travel through South America, search out every abuse and when you have found the last, lay your facts by the side of the everyday practices of this nation, and you will say with me that, for revolting barbarity and shameless hypocrisy, America reigns without a rival But that year, , one incident took place which kept alive the idea of rebellion. Slaves being transported on a ship, the Creole, overpowered the crew, killed one of them, and sailed into the British West Indies where slavery had been abolished in England refused to return the slaves there was much agitation in England against American slavery , and this led to angry talk in Congress of war with England, encouraged by Secretary of State Daniel Webster. If war be declared. Will we fight in defense of a government which denies us the most precious right of citizenship? The States in which we dwell have twice availed themselves of our voluntary services, and have repaid us with chains and slavery. Shall we a third time kiss the foot that crushes us? If so, we deserve our chains. As the tension grew, North and South, blacks became more militant. Frederick Douglass spoke in Let me give you a word of the philosophy of reforms. The whole history of the progress of human liberty shows that all concessions yet made to her august claims have been born of struggle. If there is no struggle there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom and yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters. The struggle may be a moral one; or it may be a physical one; or it may be both moral and physical, but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will There were tactical differences between Douglass and William Lloyd Garrison, white abolitionist and editor of The Liberator-differences between black and white abolitionists in general. Blacks were more willing to engage in armed insurrection, but also more ready to use existing political devices-the ballot box, the Constitution-anything to further their cause. They were not as morally absolute in their tactics as the Garrisonians. Moral pressure would not do it alone, the blacks knew; it would take all sorts of tactics, from elections to rebellion. How ever-present in the minds of northern Negroes was the question of slavery is shown by black children in a Cincinnati school, a private school financed by Negroes. The children were responding to the question "What do you think most about? A seven-year-old child wrote: Dear schoolmates, we are going next summer to buy a farm and to work part of the day and to study the other part if we live to see it and come home part of the day to see our mothers and sisters and cousins if we are got any and see our kind folks and to be good boys and when we get a man to get the poor slaves from bondage. And I am sorrow to hear that the boat Oh how sorrow I am to hear that, it grieves my heart so drat I could faint in one minute. White abolitionists did courageous and pioneering work, on the lecture platform, in newspapers, in the Underground Railroad. Black abolitionists, less publicized, were the backbone of the antislavery movement. Blacks had to struggle constantly with the unconscious racism of white abolitionists. They also had to insist on their own independent voice. Douglass wrote for The Liberator, but in started his own newspaper in Rochester, North Star, which led to a break with Garrison. In , a conference of Negroes declared: Our relations to the Anti-Slavery movement must be and are changed. Instead of depending upon it we must lead it. There

was a hostile mob in the hall shouting, jeering, threatening. Perhaps only an outsider could hope to launch a rebellion.

Fact #5: The Emancipation Proclamation was a firm demonstration of the President's executive war powers. The Southern states used slaves to support their armies on the field and to manage the home front so more men could go off to fight.

Even one full year into the Civil War, the elimination of slavery was not a key objective of the North. Despite a vocal Abolitionist movement in the North, many people and many soldiers, in particular, opposed slavery, but did not favor emancipation. They expected slavery to die on its own over time. [Click here](#) for the full text of the Emancipation Proclamation African Americans across the nation celebrated the Emancipation Proclamation. This image shows a Union soldier reading the Proclamation to a slave household. By mid Lincoln had come to believe in the need to end slavery. Besides his disdain for the institution, he simply felt that the South could not come back into the Union after trying to destroy it. The opposition Democratic Party threatened to turn itself into an antiwar party. Many Republicans who backed policies that forbid black settlement in their states were against granting blacks additional rights. When Lincoln indicated he wanted to issue a proclamation of freedom to his cabinet in mid, they convinced him he had to wait until the Union achieved a significant military success. Slaves in the border states that remained in the Union, shown in dark brown, were excluded from the Emancipation Proclamation, as were slaves in the Confederate areas already held by Union forces shown in yellow. That victory came in September at Antietam. No foreign country wants to ally with a potential losing power. By achieving victory, the Union demonstrated to the British that the South may lose. Five days after the battle, Lincoln decided to issue the Emancipation Proclamation, effective January 1, Unless the Confederate States returned to the Union by that day, he proclaimed their slaves "shall be then, thenceforward and forever free. In a way, this is true. The proclamation would only apply to the Confederate States, as an act to seize enemy resources. By freeing slaves in the Confederacy, Lincoln was actually freeing people he did not directly control. The way he explained the Proclamation made it acceptable to much of the Union army. He emphasized emancipation as a way to shorten the war by taking Southern resources and hence reducing Confederate strength. Even McClellan supported the policy as a soldier. Lincoln made no such offer of freedom to the border states. The Emancipation Proclamation created a climate where the doom of slavery was seen as one of the major objectives of the war. Overseas, the North now seemed to have the greatest moral cause. Even if a foreign government wanted to intervene on behalf of the South, its population might object. The Proclamation itself freed very few slaves, but it was the death knell for slavery in the United States. Eventually, the Emancipation Proclamation led to the proposal and ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which formally abolished slavery throughout the land. This webpage from the Library of Congress gives the details. There are pictures and a timeline with good links to follow, too. What sort of day was Lincoln having when he signed it? How was news of the Proclamation received in different parts of the country? How was it celebrated then and now?

4: The Emancipation Proclamation [www.enganchecubano.com]

The Moral Majority was a prominent American political organization associated with the Christian right and Republican www.enganchecubano.com was founded in by Baptist minister Jerry Falwell and associates, and dissolved in the late 's.

However, from it came many other effects. Before the Emancipation Proclamation declared in , the Confiscation Acts of and slowly made efforts toward the abolition of slavery and emancipation. The Confiscation Acts allowed captured or runaway slaves of the Confederates to support the Union effort. After the Union success at Antietam, President Lincoln sought immediate action to abolish slavery, thus he declared the Emancipation Proclamation. What were the other effects of the proclamation? Besides the fact that it freed the slaves of the Confederate states, the Emancipation Proclamation gave a sense of hope to the slaves. Because of the proclamation they knew that freedom, real freedom, existed for them. They sought to flee from the South to the North in order to attain this long hoped for freedom. Because slaves sought their ideal freedom from the North, they too joined the Union effort. The proclamation allowed all runaway slaves to join the Union army and fight against the Confederacy. This of course caused a dampening effect on the Confederacy. Not only were they losing their slave labor which dwindled their economy, the Union army was growing in numbers and in strength. With the hatred and anger toward the Confederates that had kept them as slaves for hundreds of years, the slaves had an even greater incentive to fight for the Union army. Almost , runaway or former slaves joined the Union effort. But perhaps the greatest effect of the Emancipation Proclamation was the ideological one. The proclamation refined the original purpose of the war. When President Abraham Lincoln first set out to fight this war, he sought solely to reunite a broken nation. With the Confederacy already forming when he took office, Lincoln declared that the Union fight the Civil War in order to gain back the succeeded states. However, a couple years into the war, when the proclamation was declared, the purpose of the war changed. Lincoln knew that the emancipation of slaves was a key in the Union winning the war. The Emancipation Proclamation changed the war from a battle to reunite the nation to an ethical and moral battle over the issue of slavery in the United States. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt,

5: Some Thoughts On The Emancipation Proclamation

Without the Emancipation Proclamation, it is doubtful the 13th Amendment could have passed. It also ended all hope of Britain intervening on the side of the Confederacy. Economically, it attracted slaves to the North, increasing the labor available to the Union, and decreasing that available to the Confederacy.

George Novak Internet Archive ; This work is completely free. In any reproduction, we ask that you cite this Internet address and the publishing information above. The freedom heralded by that decree is far from won; slavery was buried but Jim Crow is very much alive. However, the vast discrepancy between the promise held out by the pronouncement and the performance of the possessors of power in the hundred years since presents problems for historians as well as for the political defenders of the existing order. What caused this failure and where should the responsibility for the perpetuation of Negro inequality be placed? This was the most momentous event in the entire nineteenth century for out of it came the capitalist colossus of our own day. The Emancipation Proclamation was the greatest event in that conflict. Its significance and shortcomings cannot be understood except in the context of the Civil War and the divergent interest and aims of the social forces on the winning side. The Civil War erupted as the climax to a prolonged contest for command over the country between the Northern businessmen and the Southern planters. Ever since the Missouri Compromise of 1820, the moving force in American history and the pivot of its political affairs had been the now muffled, now acute struggle for supremacy between the beneficiaries of slave labor and the upholders of free soil and free labor. Just as the rule of Big Business is central to the problems of our generation, so throughout the first half of the nineteenth century the major social issue before the American people was: In the decades before the Civil War the cotton nobility became dominant not only in the South but over the nation. Its representatives and accomplices controlled the White House, the Senate, the Supreme Court, the armed forces and charted the main lines of foreign and domestic policy. This sovereignty of the slaveholders was first seriously challenged by the Republican party organized in 1854. This was a coalition composed of the rising industrialists, the small farmers of the Northwest, the urban middle classes and part of the wage-workers. All these elements opposed to the slave power rallied around the young party. When Lincoln was elected President in 1860, the long-established balance of power in national politics was profoundly upset. Until that point the slaveholders could count on a pliant and even servile administration to do their bidding at Washington. The Republican assumption of command meant that the authority and resources of the federal government had slipped from their grasp and were being taken over by their foremost rivals, the Northern manufacturers and their associates. Because of the grave difficulties besetting their antiquated system of production, the Southern planters and slave-dealers could ill-afford to lose possession of the heights of power they had so long and profitably occupied. Like other ruling classes on the skids, they placed defense of their privileges before the democratic decision of the electorate. Now they swallowed the desperate remedy of secession, formed the Confederacy and fired on Fort Sumter. The immediate cause of the Civil War was therefore political: But these covered up a far deeper issue. Behind the embattled governments and armies were two antagonistic forms of property and wealth production. The Confederacy was conceived in chattel slavery, property in human beings; the Union rested upon wage-labor and freehold farming. The fate of the slave system hung on the outcome of the Civil War. The founders of the Confederacy were far more cognizant of this fundamental feature of the conflict than were their Northern adversaries. This was the immediate cause of the late rupture and the present revolution. The prevailing ideas entertained by him and most of the leading statesmen at the time of the formation of the Old Constitution were, that the enslavement of the African was in violation of the laws of nature; that it was wrong in principle, socially, morally, and politically. These ideas, however, were fundamentally wrong. They rested upon the assumption of the equality of races. This was an error. This, our new Government, is the first in the history of the world, based upon this great physical, philosophical, and moral truth. Actually, secession had given crucial importance and extreme urgency to the issue. In the immense upheaval convulsing the country they believed it possible and desirable to leave standing the underlying cause of it all! They had held this position from the birth of the Republican

organization which was not designed to be a party of social revolution but of political reform. The manufacturing and business interests at its head sought protective tariffs, transcontinental rail lines, lucrative government contracts, favorable immigration and banking policies; the representatives of the small farmers and middle classes in its ranks wanted homesteads, better transportation facilities, educational grants, etc. The Republican leaders were resolved to wrest political predominance from the planters, bridle the aggressive ambitions of the slave power on the foreign field, and fence in their domain. But they were willing to leave slavery alone if the Southern cotton magnates would accommodate themselves to the changed relationship of forces. Again and again they declared: Seward, Lincoln and others approved the hanging of John Brown. It took the bourgeois heads of the North several more years to come abreast of the requirements of their revolution than it did their slaveholding counterparts in the South to recognize and act upon the imperatives of their counter-revolution. The Republican leadership followed this course of conciliation with slavery for over a year after the Civil War broke out. In his Inaugural address Lincoln reassured the slaveholders in these words: Since the slaveholders would not accept second-rank in a Northern-dominated Union, and the Republican coalition would not forfeit its legally acquired supremacy, decision could only be rendered by an armed fight to the death—and this portended the death of slavery. The Abolitionists and other consistent opponents of the slave power saw this clearly and urged Lincoln to conduct the war in a revolutionary manner by manumitting the slaves. The struggle has broken out because the two systems can no longer live peacefully side by side on the North American continent. It can only be ended by the victory of one system or the other. For the Republican directorate the question of slavery was subordinate to the preservation of the Union under their own hegemony and so they started to wage a hesitating, purely military campaign against the rebels, which was highly ineffective. Even after losing hope of compromise with the secessionists, they feared to antagonize the upper classes in the border slave states by tampering with their accumulated wealth and labor supply. The government feared to arm the free Negroes and enroll them in the Union forces. It was even more indisposed to encourage the slaves to rise up against their masters, sabotage production, and escape from the plantations. Almost from the day that armed conflict began, the Republican regime was subjected to a tremendous tug of war between the conservative faction led by Secretary of State Seward, which wanted to maintain the status quo, and the Radicals headed by Secretary of the Treasury Chase, Senator Sumner and Rep. Thaddeus Stevens, who pressed for political and military action aimed at crushing the Confederacy and demolishing the slave power. As a private person, he detested slavery. As a moderate Republican, he proposed to solve the problem by gradual and compensated emancipation followed by colonization abroad of the former chattels. He offered this scheme to the border states whose officials rejected it. The Radical and Abolitionist leaders deeply distrusted the President for his caution and compromise on this all-important issue. The emancipationists were not all of one breed. The big bourgeois Radicals in high posts like Chase, Stanton and Wade insisted on ruthless measures to combat the slavocracy in order to clear the field for the unhampered expansion of industrial capitalism. Their upper class motivation was to emerge more clearly during Reconstruction. The Abolitionist agitators like Douglass and Phillips were bent on destroying the slave power in order to get justice and equality for the Negroes and fulfill the democratic ideals of the Republic. During the first half of the anti-slavery forces conducted a relentless campaign to compel the President to change his course. The difficulties in handling the large numbers of slaves who ran away and sought refuge behind the Union lines and in the army camps, the need for more men and money to carry on the war, the desire to placate European liberal opinion made the old conciliatory policy less and less tenable. The mounting impatience of the most energetic supporters of the Administration with its temporizing attitude toward the rebels was expressed in the open letter that the editor of the New York Tribune, Horace Greeley, known as the Tom Paine of the Radicals, addressed to Lincoln on August 20, To this Lincoln replied: If I could save the Union without freeing any slave, I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing all the slaves I would do it; and if I could save it by freeing some and leaving others alone, I would also do that. He was losing popularity in the North and risking leadership of his own party. The powerful Congressional Committee on the Conduct of the War controlled by the Radicals was insisting that the military deadlock could not be broken without the suppression of slavery. Lincoln had made up his mind to take action by June 13, , when he informed Seward

and Welles, that the Union would be subdued if he did not free the slaves. The legal basis for his exercise of executive power had been laid by the Confiscation Act passed by Congress on July 6, , for the unshackling of slaves belonging to the secessionists. On September 23, after Lee had been driven back at Antietam, Lincoln made a preliminary public announcement of emancipation. One hundred days later his definitive proclamation was issued. January 1, , was the great Day of Jubilee for all friends of freedom. Few nowadays have read the Emancipation Proclamation. Compared to the fiery Declaration of Independence, it is a pallid document. It applied only to areas over which the Federal government exercised no control and specifically exempted all regions under Federal military occupation. In the scornful words of British Lord Russell: The further course of the conflict was powered by the irresistible dynamism of its attack upon the structure of slavery. From that time on every advance of the Union troops into the South became a step toward full emancipation. The sentence of death which the Emancipation Proclamation in effect passed upon the slave power was carried out in the subsequent stages of the Second American Revolution. Referring to the problem of slavery, Lincoln truthfully remarked that circumstances controlled him more than he controlled circumstances. The Republican switch from the path of reform to the highroad of revolution, from the expectation of negotiating a deal with the deposed slaveholders to their extirpation, from the shielding of slavery to its suppression is a remarkable example from our history of how the exigencies of a life-and-death struggle can transform people, policies and parties. The necessities of waging a war to the hilt against the Confederacy compelled the Republicans to depart from the restricted perspectives of their original platform and enforce the most far-reaching anti-slavery measures which they previously opposed. The ascending revolution propelled the people of the North to ideas and positions advocated until then only by a tiny, isolated minority. In retrospect, it can be seen how emancipation advanced step by step as the Civil War developed, overcoming one obstacle after another. The Republicans abolished slavery in the District of Columbia in April, ; they fulfilled their campaign pledge to forbid slavery forever in the territories the following June; Lincoln opened the flood gates with his Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, . When the Radical machine went into high gear, it put over the most revolutionary solution of confiscating slave property without compensation and enacting the 13th Amendment. So a mighty revolutionary shakeup revolutionizes the mentality and politics of its participants and leaders. Today Kennedy occupies the White House tenanted by Lincoln a century ago. The President has condemned the Fidelistas because they did not confine their actions to the pronouncements of the original national-democratic, humanistic platform, but went on to take socialist measures. He refuses to see that, in order to realize their democratic objectives and carry out their pledges to the poor, the honest and courageous Cuban revolutionaries had to go far beyond their initial intentions. The leaders of the Cuban Revolution had good precedent for this in American history. They acted no differently than the heads of the Second American Revolution who discovered that they could not preserve the Union, defend democracy, and clear the way for national progress without dispossessing the counterrevolutionary slaveholders. The Republicans who started out as reformers became converted by force of circumstances and much to their surprise into bourgeois-democratic revolutionists. The Fidelistas, who began as bourgeois-democratic rebels, have ended up as socialist revolutionists. After all, the Castro regime which Kennedy is so intent on destroying has uprooted racial discrimination in Cuba. This is well worth noting on the centenary of the Emancipation Proclamation.

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The Emancipation Proclamation changed the war from a battle to reunite the nation to an ethical and moral battle over the issue of slavery in the United States. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. "Did Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation Actually Free Any Slaves?"

August 15, Abortion Viewed in Moral Terms: By contrast, the public is much less likely to see other issues involving human embryos – such as stem cell research or in vitro fertilization – as a matter of morality. Asked whether abortion is morally acceptable, morally wrong or not a moral issue, only about a quarter of U. Asked about the morality of medical research that uses embryonic stem cells, more than a third of U. The percentage of U. By comparison, about a third of U. The margin of error for the survey is plus or minus 2. Morality of Abortion Roughly half of U. Opinions on the morality of abortion differ widely among religious groups. Relatively small percentages of people in all religious groups consider it morally acceptable to have an abortion. This pattern holds for nearly all major religious groups. However, Hispanic Catholics who attend Mass at least once a week do not differ significantly from those who attend less often in their views about the moral acceptability of abortion. There are sizable differences in opinions about the moral acceptability of abortion by partisanship, political ideology and education, but few differences when it comes to gender and age. Those with fewer years of formal schooling also are more inclined to consider abortion morally wrong. By comparison, men and women are about equally likely to say having an abortion is morally wrong. And those ages 50 and older tend to hold similar viewpoints about the moral acceptability of abortion as those ages 18 to 49. Morality of Medical Research Using Stem Cells More Americans consider embryonic stem cell research to be morally acceptable than say the same about having an abortion. As with abortion, men and women are about equally likely to say embryonic stem cell research is morally acceptable. Similarly, adults ages 50 and older are about equally likely as younger adults 18 to 49 years to say that conducting embryonic stem cell research is morally acceptable. However, college graduates are somewhat more inclined than those with less education to consider this practice morally acceptable. There also are differences when it comes to partisanship and ideology. About three-quarters of Democrats and independents who lean toward the Democratic Party consider embryonic stem cell research either morally acceptable or not a moral issue. Republicans and Republican-leaning independents are more inclined than their Democratic counterparts to consider such research morally wrong. Similarly, self-described conservatives tend to see embryonic stem cell research as morally wrong more than either moderates or liberals do. Among the major religious groups, white evangelical Protestants are most likely to say embryonic stem cell research is morally wrong. However, in comparison to attitudes toward abortion, differences among religious groups are relatively modest. A separate question on the survey asked about the moral acceptability of medical research using stem cells that do not derive from human embryos. There are only modest differences in opinion among social and demographic groups on this issue. For example, there are no significant differences in opinion on non-embryonic stem cell research by political party and only modest differences by ideology. However, moderates and liberals are somewhat more inclined than conservatives to say non-embryonic research is not a moral issue. And those with a college degree are more likely than those with fewer years of formal education to say that non-embryonic stem cell research is morally acceptable. As with non-embryonic stem cell research, there are only modest differences in opinion among social and demographic groups – including religious groups – about the moral acceptability of IVF. Those with at least a college degree are more inclined to say that using IVF is morally acceptable. But there are no significant differences on this issue by political party, and only modest differences by ideology; more liberals and moderates than conservatives say IVF is not a moral issue.

About the Survey This report is based on telephone interviews conducted March April 8, , among a national sample of 4, adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U. Interviews were completed in English and Spanish by live, professionally trained interviewing staff under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. A combination of landline and cell random digit dial RDD samples were used to reach a representative sample of all adults in the United States who have access to either a landline or a

cellphone. Both samples were disproportionately stratified to increase the incidence of African-American and Hispanic respondents. Within each stratum, phone numbers were drawn with equal probabilities. The landline samples were list-assisted and drawn from active blocks containing three or more residential listings, while the cell samples were not list-assisted but were drawn through a systematic sampling from dedicated wireless blocks and shared service blocks with no directory-listed landline numbers. Both the landline and cell RDD samples were disproportionately stratified by county based on estimated incidences of African-American and Hispanic respondents. Several stages of statistical adjustment or weighting are used to account for the complex nature of the sample design. The weights account for numerous factors, including 1 the different, disproportionate probabilities of selection in each stratum, 2 the overlap of the landline and cell RDD sample frames, and 3 the differential non-response associated with sample demographics. Statistical results are weighted to correct known demographic discrepancies, including disproportionate stratification of the sample. This means that in 95 out of every samples drawn using the same methodology, estimated proportions based on the entire sample will be no more than 2. Sampling errors and statistical tests of significance used in this report take into account the effect of weighting. In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

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Abraham Lincoln has gotten bad press on the topics of emancipation and civil rights for blacks. Much revered as the "Great Emancipator" in the earlier part of this century, Lincoln in the post-World War II era became the "Reluctant Emancipator," Among historians, it became fashionable in the s and s to dissociate Lincoln from his Radical Republican colleagues because of his seeming.

Abraham Lincoln has gotten bad press on the topics of emancipation and civil rights for blacks. Much revered as the "Great Emancipator" in the earlier part of this century, Lincoln in the post-World War II era became the "Reluctant Emancipator," Among historians, it became fashionable in the s and s to dissociate Lincoln from his Radical Republican colleagues because of his seeming reluctance to interfere with slavery. According to these critics, the president took his time abolishing slavery; he appeared to like the idea of black suffrage even less. They note, for example, his comment to a Cincinnati audience in This is a compromising picture of Lincoln the president, showing him sharply changed from Lincoln the aspiring politician of the s. Nothing could be further from the truth. Even as late as his ethical views were unqualified. I can not remember when I did not so think, and feel. Beyond that, Lincoln had always to measure his words. As president, he was in fact responsible to the diversity of public opinion on abolition, and he had, as a political reality, to please all factions whatever his personal view. Were he to speak forth in too liberal a tone, he might well alienate those Americans supporting the war but opposed to abolition; anything too conservative, in turn, could produce criticism from the Radicals. Lincoln was committed to a free society and amenable to some limited form of black suffrage. And he moved with more conviction and even haste than he has been given credit for doing. In Missouri, Confederate and Union forces were battling for control in ; Kentucky had declared its neutrality, and Lincoln dared take no overt action lest the state be driven into the Confederacy. His judicious care in handling these states brought him into open conflict with General John C. Coupled with an awareness that the pro-Union Kentucky legislature was demanding his intercession, the president hesitated no longer and rescinded the order. Kentucky gone we could not hold Missouri; nor, as I think Maryland. As early as he was formulating plans for emancipation, while doubts about the loyalty of Missouri and Kentucky lingered into early Only in that year did the battles of Pea Ridge and Mill Springs finally guarantee these states for the Union. I believe I have no lawful right to do so Despite his reservations, Lincoln did move forward on emancipation. Evidence indicates that he was beginning to devise emancipation schemes as early as November â€” a mere eight months after his inauguration. On November 18 he informed George Bancroft, the historian, of his interest in emancipation â€” a problem to be handled with "all due caution, and with the best judgment I can bring it. This approach he believed most viable, as it solved his constitutional dilemma. There could be no question about the constitutional legitimacy of state action. If the individual states were empowered to legalize slavery, they might just as legally abolish it. It is proposed as a matter of perfectly free choice with" the border slave states themselves. Delaware as a choice was no surprise: Slavery in the state was correspondingly weak: At any rate, in December Lincoln worked out a legislative act with George P. Fisher, a Union-Republican representative from Delaware in Congress; it was Fisher who, according to plan, should get the bill introduced and passed by the state legislature. Unfortunately, the plan died there. First, in March â€” after he had been in office only one year â€” he asked for and secured from Congress a resolution favoring the idea. Next, he held conferences with representatives from the border slave states over a five month period â€” from March to July â€” and tried to persuade them to support his government-financed scheme: Arguing that the Union could not be restored with slavery intact, Lincoln presented his plan as a means by which these states might abolish slavery at no cost to themselves. In a variety of appeals Lincoln continued his efforts until late summer. But the scheme pleased very few. In his annual message of December , he proposed a constitutional amendment authorizing Congress to compensate slaveowners in those states that passed legislation freeing their slaves. Charles Sumner early took up the charge: Either that, or he was unwilling to undertake emancipation by military decree while working to secure abolition in the border states. Once it became apparent, however, that the border states would reject gradual emancipation, Lincoln moved with resolution on his military edict. On

July 13, , the day after his final meeting with border state representatives, the president broached military emancipation with Gideon Welles and William Seward, entrusted members of his cabinet. Gaining a favorable response, Lincoln then presented the terms of the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation to his entire cabinet on July 22 and indicated his eagerness to issue the document immediately. "What I do about salvery and the colored race, I do because I believe it helps to save the Union; and what I forbear, I forbear because I do not believe it would help save the Union. However, when the letter is given proper chronological context, showing that Lincoln had already formulated the Emancipation Proclamation and was merely awaiting the propitious moment for its announcement, the statement takes on a different tone. In a sense, he was preparing the public for what he knew was to come. By stressing the Union as his primary concern, Lincoln hoped to make emancipation more palatable for those opposing it. And, of course, the best way to reach as wide an audience as possible was through the New York Tribune, the largest newspaper in the nation. Even as he issued the final document to the nation in , Lincoln continued to stress the theme of military necessity for emancipation. It did not free any slaves on the day it was promulgated; slavery was left undisturbed in the border states and in those portions of the Confederacy in Union hands; only the slaves in areas of rebellion were declared to be free. The Emancipation Proclamation itself he regarded as a legitimate weapon of war "an act of confiscation "warranted by the Constitution upon military necessity," and an act that could apply only to areas still engaging in insurrection. But the Confiscation Act was far more limiting than the Emancipation Proclamation. Loyal slaveholders were exempted from its provisions, and it did not set up legal procedures to be followed. As some constitutional historians have maintained, the act would have necessitated freeing slaves in case by case litigation in the federal courts. Despite his defense of the proclamation as a military measure, Lincoln retained lingering doubt about its constitutionality. While he felt the courts would sustain it as a war measure, he questioned its force once peace were proclaimed. It might be urged that it only aided those that came into our lines, and that is was inoperative as to those who did not give themselves up. No clear program had been devised. The border states had refused to consider gradual emancipation. He was looking for greater guarantees. Therefore, it was only natural that he support a constitutional amendment abolishing slavery throughout the nation when such a measure was introduced in Congress late in the year. Lincoln now became more aggressive. At his request Republicans incorporated a call for an abolition amendment into their national platform. In his annual address in , the president encouraged Congress to consider the amendment once again. With both conservative Republicans and opposition Democrats, Lincoln argued the necessity for the amendment; to wavering Congressmen he made patronage promises. When passage seemed doubtful, he went so far as to release from military prisons certain rebels who were related to Democratic members of Congress. It achieved total abolition and there could be no question about its constitutionality. "It winds the whole thing up," he told an audience shortly after its passage. Savoring his accomplishment further, Lincoln added: Although he openly declared his opposition to equal suffrage in , he became more receptive to the idea during the war. On the eve of his assassination he publicly advocated voting rights for some blacks. The road he took toward equal suffrage was similar to that which led him to emancipation. Failing that he alluded to the topic in private conversation and in one public address. Finally, he indicated his willingness to secure the reform by federal legislation. The topic was still to inflammatory, and the president doubted his authority to demand it because the states were responsible for establishing their own voting requirements. But he was certainly aware of equal suffrage as a burning issue. Ashley called outright for black suffrage in the seceded states. Charles Sumner made the issue more compelling: But the next day he wrote to loyalist Governor Michael Hahn of Louisiana, saying: I barely suggest for your private consideration, whether some of the colored people might not be let in "as, for instance, the very intelligent and especially those who have fought gallantly in our ranks. Its constitutional convention failed to enfranchise any blacks but instead referred the question to the state legislature, meaning that suffrage never would be granted in Louisiana. During the fall of Lincoln raised the black suffrage issue to various dignitaries visiting the White House. He also indicated his willingness to consider approval of a reconstruction measure then being discussed in Congress. In actuality a revision of the Wade-Davis bill which he vetoed the previous August, this new measure was more palatable. It omitted clauses Lincoln had opposed and gave specific recognition to his reconstructed government in Louisiana. Of

greater significance, the bill extended the ballot to black servicemen and secured their right to participate in the reconstruction process. Still the advance was unacceptable to certain Radicals, and they amended the bill, granting suffrage to all black men. Even as he was promoting the Thirteenth Amendment, he was reaching the conclusion that Congress could impose limited, black suffrage. Hugh McCulloch, recently sworn in as secretary of the treasury, ventured that Lincoln might even favor a suffrage amendment. Conway, Wendell Phillips, and Salmon P. Chase "each in turn believed that Lincoln had come to accept black suffrage. And this sentiment applied to other southern states as well, he assured his listeners; soon it might become necessary to make some new announcement to the people of the South, "when satisfied that action will be proper. The change had come earlier. If he had used his letter to Greeley to prepare conservatives for emancipation, he now seemed intent on readying the public for black suffrage. During his presidency, Lincoln took a reasoned course which helped the federal government both destroy slavery and advance the cause of black suffrage. He was both open-minded and perceptive to the needs of his nation in a postwar era. Once committed to a principle, Lincoln moved toward it with steady, determined progress. As Maria Lydia Child remarked: With all his deficiencies, it must be admitted that he has grown continually.

8: The Immediate Effects of the Emancipation Proclamation | Historical Society of Pennsylvania

Lincoln Issues the Emancipation Proclamation. One month later, after the qualified Union victory in the Battle of Antietam, Lincoln issued a preliminary proclamation warning that in all states.

In the s several liberal ministers and professors were subjected to church trials on charges of heresy and apostasy ; the most famous such trial involved Charles A. Briggs , a minister of the Presbyterian Church who had denounced the idea of verbal inspiration in an address at the Union Theological Seminary in New York City in . Briggs was convicted of heresy and suspended from the ministry in . In response, the seminary dropped its official connection to the Presbyterian Church, and Briggs became an Episcopalian. McGiffert suffered similar experiences, prompting them to join Congregationalist churches see Congregationalism. Continuing conservative militancy led to the founding of the American Bible League in and the subsequent publication of *The Fundamentals: A Testimony to the Truth* , a series of 12 booklets comprising articles by conservative leaders from across the country. The series, which would eventually give the conservatives their name, attacked modernist theories of biblical criticism and reasserted the authority of the Bible, affirming all the theological principles that conservatives felt were being denied by modernist spokespersons. Financed by two wealthy Presbyterian laymen and published by the Bible Institute of Los Angeles now Biola University , *The Fundamentals* was freely distributed to millions of pastors throughout the world. After a hiatus during World War I , conflict between conservatives and modernists was renewed in . The conference placed planks in a platform on which the fundamentalist movement would stand for years to come. Conservative-fundamentalist leaders reiterated the creedal basis of the movement and called for the rejection of modernism and related trends, especially the teaching of the theory of evolution. They turned away from the universities almost totally controlled by administrations and faculties hostile to the fundamentalist position and placed their faith in the more recently founded Bible institutes. Finally, they denounced the unitive and cooperative spirit exemplified in the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and threatened schism if this type of spiritual decline persisted. By this time, the modernist position had gained a foothold in Episcopal , Congregational , Methodist Episcopal , American Baptist , and Presbyterian denominations in the North. The stage was set for major confrontations during the s, and it remained to be seen only whether the modernists could be forced out of their denominations. Not every Protestant denomination was affected by intellectual controversy during the s, of course. In contrast, modernists were firmly in control of the Methodist Episcopal and Episcopal churches by the s, because a large block of theological conservatives had left those churches in the late 19th century to form the Holiness churches and the Reformed Episcopal Church, respectively. Other denominations, such as the Congregationalists, were so loosely organized that decisions on theological controversies were difficult to legislate. Discord among northern Baptists was focused at their annual conventions. In a group of Baptists calling themselves the National Federation of Fundamentalists began holding annual preconvention conferences on Baptist fundamentals. When their attempts to carry their views into the convention failed to make immediate progress, the more militant among them founded the Baptist Bible Union. Eventually the militants left the denomination to form several small fundamentalist churches, while the remainder stayed to constitute a permanent conservative voice within the American Baptist Convention now the American Baptist Churches in the U. The most serious phase of the conservative-modernist controversy erupted among the Presbyterians. He was soon reestablished in the independent Riverside Church. In the midst of these debates, an event in the Deep South made visible the intense division that had entered American religious life. The state of Tennessee passed such a statute, which was challenged in the courts in at the instigation of the American Civil Liberties Union. Scopes , a science teacher in the small town of Dayton, offered to serve as the defendant against the charge of having taught evolution. Two of the foremost figures of that decade, William Jennings Bryan , a Presbyterian fundamentalist and three-time Democratic presidential candidate, and Clarence Darrow , a defense counsel in notable criminal trials, served as the assistant prosecuting attorney and the lead defense attorney, respectively see Scopes Trial. Scopes was found guilty and fined, though his conviction was later overturned

on the technicality that the fine had been excessive. The law forbidding the teaching of evolution in Tennessee was upheld in and repealed in . By the end of the s, fundamentalists had lost control of the major denominations and had given up hope of recapturing them, at least in the foreseeable future. Although most remained in their denominations, some broke away to form their own churches. Gresham Machen " headed a group of fundamentalists that created the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Other fundamentalists joined one of the smaller churches that preached biblical literalism and premillennialism"such as the Christian and Missionary Alliance , the Plymouth Brethren, and the Evangelical Free Church "or one of the many independent Bible churches that arose during that period. Having also lost control of the denominational seminaries, the fundamentalists regrouped around a set of independent Bible institutes and Bible colleges. Many of these schools, such as the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago founded in and the Bible Institute of Los Angeles founded in , not only provided instruction to their students but assumed many of the duties formerly performed by denominational institutions. They published periodicals, broadcast from their own radio stations, held conferences, and maintained a staff of extension speakers. Indeed, they operated much like a denominational headquarters, providing a bond between otherwise isolated congregations. The establishment of new fundamentalist denominations in the s brought to the fore long-standing divisions within the fundamentalist movement that had been held in check while they concentrated on a common enemy. One of the most divisive issues for Presbyterians was the question of premillennialism and postmillennialism. While Machen defended the more conventional postmillennialism of the Princeton theology, the opposite view was taken by New Jersey minister Carl McIntire, who later founded the rival Bible Presbyterian Church. McIntire was the focus of a second divisive issue: He argued that fundamentalists must not only denounce modernist deviations from traditional Christian beliefs but also separate themselves from all heresy and apostasy. This position entailed the condemnation of conservatives who chose to remain in fellowship with more liberal members of their denominations. By the end of the s, the largest segment of the fundamentalist movement, believing that a conservative restatement of faith, representing the best of conservative scholarship, was compatible with contemporary intellectual culture, distanced itself from the separatists. Christianity Today was founded as their major periodical. Their new intellectual centre, Fuller Theological Seminary, was opened in Pasadena, California; many of the schools formerly identified with fundamentalism, such as the Moody Bible Institute, also moved into the Evangelical camp. A new ecumenical organization, the National Association of Evangelicals , was organized in . The mid-20th century to the present Although fundamentalism was pushed to the fringe of the Christian community by the new Evangelical movement, it continued to grow as new champions arose. Television, which provided direct access to the public, assisted the careers of a number of fundamentalist religious leaders; in addition to Falwell, they included Tim LaHaye , head of a pastorate in San Diego and coauthor of a popular series of novels based on the Revelation to John. Liberty University Photography Department In the s, religious conservatives and fundamentalists became involved in a renewed controversy over the teaching of evolution in the public schools. Defending the doctrine of creationism "the view that the account of the Creation presented in Genesis is literally correct"they sought again to ban the teaching of evolution or to require the teaching of the Genesis account wherever evolutionary theory was taught. In the late 20th and early 21st centuries, creationists were elected to various local and state boards of education, some of which subsequently enacted measures requiring the teaching of intelligent design. In some cases the measures were blocked by the courts or were repealed, and some creationists lost their seats to emboldened defenders of evolution. It also lobbied for prayer in public schools, increased defense spending, a strong anticommunist foreign policy , and continued American support for the State of Israel. The Moral Majority led a new generation of fundamentalists beyond simply denouncing cultural trends and back into an engagement with contemporary life in the political arena. Falwell cooperated with nonfundamentalists on common secular causes but remained aloof from the major fundamentalist organizations. Meanwhile, the Evangelicals campaigned on many of the same issues, thus blurring the boundaries between the two movements. By the s fundamentalists had rebuilt all the institutional structures that had been lost when they separated from the older denominations. As early as , fundamentalist groups had come together in the American Council of Christian Churches, and in they joined with like-minded Christians

around the world to create the International Council of Christian Churches. In the late s the American Council attempted to move beyond the leadership of Carl McIntire, who had dominated it for more than a quarter of a century. In the late 20th century, some fundamentalists even began to engage in discussions with conservative members of the Roman Catholic Church , traditionally regarded by fundamentalists as a non-Christian cult. Protestant fundamentalists and conservative Catholics found common ground on a variety of issues, including abortion and school prayer. From the late s, fundamentalists sought to build on the success of the Moral Majority and like-minded groups. In Robertson ran unsuccessfully for president of the United States. Shortly afterward he founded the Christian Coalition , which succeeded the Moral Majority as the leading organization of the movement and became closely associated with the Republican Party. Fundamentalists were strong supporters of President George W. Bush and played an important role in the election of Republicans at all levels of government. They continued to promote conservative positions on various questions of social policy. At the start of the 21st century, fundamentalist teachings were not significantly different from what they were at the time of the Niagara Conference. Fundamentalists still believed in the inerrancy and infallibility of the Bible and rejected critical biblical scholarship and the many new translations of the Bible to which such scholarship gave rise. A significant percentage of the movement continued to use the King James Version of the Bible exclusively.

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The Moral Majority was a political organization that was intent on engaging the culture in the s and responding to a host of societal ills through legislation. Moral Majority leaders and members.

Writings in the British Romantic period Book: Slavery, Abolition and Emancipation: Writings in the British Romantic period edited by: University of East London Citation: Writings in the British Romantic period, review no. Much of the preparatory work was carried out by Peter Kitson and his colleagues in the recent Romanticism and Colonialism. Writing and empire, - , which he also co-edited. The Romantic period, they rightly argue, was one punctuated by momentous events. The loss of the Americas, the French Revolution, the abolition of slavery, and the turn to the east signalled what many have seen as the transition from the first to the second British Empire. Under such circumstances, it comes as no surprise to discover that the work of most writers within or on the fringes of the Romantic canon displayed a concern to understand hitherto unfamiliar cultures. Thus figures from Blake to Burke, Coleridge to Clarkson sought to represent individuals and societies found in corners of the empire, most especially in the vital areas of India and the Caribbean. Furthermore, it was during the Romantic period that a fundamental shift occurred in the discourse of race. In the writings of people such as Edward Long, Charles White and Anthony Benezet, the idea of race was transformed from a system of arbitrary to natural signs, which were employed to arrange humanity into a hierarchical order at the foot of which stood the African. Even the great anti-slavery campaigner Thomas Clarkson could not avoid privileging the European in the perceived civilised order. Slavery, Abolition and Emancipation focuses these concerns by exploring the unprecedented output of literature in its various forms that appeared in this period on the subject of slavery. How, the editors ask, can we explain the coincidence of the rise of antislavery sentiment, the peak of the slave trade and the intensification of Romanticism? How was it that at a time when much of the literature recorded the destruction of the enslaved African, British poets and novelists valorised an expansive selfhood through national and personal liberty? Answers are sought in a series of texts organised thematically - but not consistently - by genre or topic in eight volumes, each of which is edited and introduced by a member, or members of a team. Volume 1 contains a general introduction to the anthology by Debbie Lee, and a collection edited by Sukdev Sandu and David Dabydeen of virtually the entire corpus of known black writings on slavery published in Britain during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century. Volume 2 edited by Kitson brings together extracts or complete texts from writings on the abolition debate, including amongst opponents James Ramsay, Thomas Clarkson and William Wilberforce, and supporters William Beckford and Bryan Edwards. The debate on emancipation is covered in Volume 3 edited by Lee, which comprises five extensive texts published over - The next three volumes are devoted to genre. Volume 4 edited by Alan Richardson includes a wide selection of verse representing the diverse, contradictory and complex response to slavery among well-known poets such as Blake, Cowper and Burns, and the lesser-known including Thomas Pringle and James Boswell. Drama is the subject of Volume 5. Edited by Jeffrey Cox it includes the work of playwrights such as Isaac Bickerstaff and John Fawcett in an attempt to challenge conventionally wisdom that drama was a genre that had no engagement with antislavery sentiment. To the contrary, the stage offered a highly suitable site for the depiction of the global scale of slavery. Volume 6, edited by Srivinas Aravamudan, covers fiction. Excerpts from the writings of Sterne, William Earle and others are used to demonstrate the significance of the form in projecting utopian visions of a future without slavery while simultaneously depicting the slave condition in stereotypical and sentimentalised ways. We return to themes with medicine edited by Alan Bewell in Volume 7, and theories of race edited by Kitson in the final volume. Here are represented the growing bodies of scientific, ethnological, geographical, epidemiological and anatomical research that sought to comprehend through classification the human condition, and so establish familiar racial hierarchies. Writers such as Thomas Clarkson, Edward Long, William Jones and James Prichard, it is argued, provided a ready source of ideas for the more imaginative appropriation of slaves and their experience. Few could fail to be impressed by the 3, pages of writings, all of which are reproduced in facsimile, whenever possible in their entirety. The collection makes available many

texts made familiar by frequent reference in secondary works, but much less frequent study of the originals. Each text has a brief and generally informative introduction, and is valuably annotated by extensive notes. I can only hope that these attractive volumes will encourage historians to recognise more fully the centrality of slavery to modern British experience rather than seeing it as a regrettable side issue, and so redress the damaging consequences of the longstanding historical amnesia on this question. Permit me, however, to sound one or two critical notes. I found the putative links between abolition and Romanticism unconvincing. Perhaps they felt it impossible to embrace the sheer variety of authors within such a framework. The problem is compounded by a failure to examine in detail the precise ways in which key Romantic figures engaged with slavery beyond their role as mere contributors to antislavery literature. To do so would have required more thought on the imaginative articulation of themes such as selfhood, progress, unity and redemption to the experience of slavery and its abolition. I remain sceptical, therefore, about the extent to which these writings can be framed by Romanticism, even in its widest sense. And although it may not be particularly original or startling, the precept is one that can and does open up some neglected lines of inquiry. In these terms the collection works well, sometimes exceptionally so. Take, for example, the volume devoted to fictional writings edited by Srinivas Aravamudan. Nor can a study of radicalised stereotypes seen out of context reveal adequately ways in which literature sought to represent the slave. Instead, he argues, it is necessary to examine the complex modes adopted by writers in their attempts to apprehend the condition and experience of slavery. The genre eventually declined as it lapsed into bathetic romance, to be replaced by didactic fiction which, although open to the charge of sociological inadequacy, did have imaginative potential, and presented opportunities for moulding opinion. In this light, the literature on slavery represented in this volume can be seen to possess all those ambivalent and contradictory powers characteristic of fictional interventions more generally. Similar misgivings about artistic potential are aired by Sukdev Sandhu and David Dabydeen in their fine introduction to the volume on black writers. While not denying the considerable achievements of black authors in publishing under difficult circumstances, Sandhu and Dabydeen thus provide a refreshing and necessary corrective to the well-intentioned but zealous radicalism that has hindered a better understanding of the historical significance of these works. The sad but telling conclusion is that none of these texts advanced the cause of antislavery. To say that such high levels of scholarship are not sustained throughout the anthology is not to be unduly critical for an enterprise of this nature is bound to be uneven. Some of the other volumes could not quite match this standard. Such plays, however, in tending to present slavery in the abstract as a universal condition masked its historical realities, and the role of England in its perpetuation. Many spoke rather more about the conventions of representing blacks than slavery itself. And yet we are told little about this tradition, or the constraints under which playwrights and managers operated. Most of the plays enjoyed only short runs. Finally, I was disappointed by the lack of historical awareness. The plays included cover a period from to - one that witnessed profound changes in both antislavery sentiment and the English stage. Did none of this impact on the dramatic forms themselves, or the ways in which they were received? Many of the texts selected for inclusion were influential in contemporary thinking about the nature of the human order and racial taxonomies. Drawing upon the notion of the great chain of being as evidenced in earlier work of the French enlightenment natural historian Buffon, Long employed a pseudo-scientific, polygenist approach to argue that Negroes were a separate species, occupying an intermediate position between humans and apes. This particularly vicious fantasy was to be taken up in future decades by Charles White and Josiah Knott, so laying the foundation for the scientific racism of the nineteenth century. Johann Blumenbach was also indebted to Buffon, but in contrast to Long maintained that humans were part of a single species. This did not prevent differentiation, however. Relying on detailed measurements of physical characteristics, most notably those of the skull, Blumenbach was able to separate humans into five racial varieties, at the apex of which stood the Caucasian, thereby establishing a typology that is still commonly in use. Although he continued to argue for the full humanity of other groups, the notion of a nexus between race and anatomy was open to abuse by racial theorists, the logic of which came to be realised with horrific consequences in the twentieth century. Sir William Jones is a more surprising inclusion, but given his influential work on relationships between race and language entirely defensible. For Jones also classified the human race, identifying the

common origin of Indo-Europeans. James Prichard later combined the physical anthropology of Blumenbach with linguistic work of Jones to produce a cultural anthropology, on the basis of which the tradition of British ethnography was built. And yet the critical questions on its relationship to slavery and Romanticism are not addressed. If anything, the thrust of the argument is that any relationship is difficult to detect. Furthermore, racial theorists such as White and William Lawrence rejected slavery. The links with Romanticism are even more tenuous. While it is evident that writers such as Coleridge and Blake knew these works, in no sense were they used to construct racial hierarchies. If natural philosophy and a nascent cultural anthropology were not the principal sources of racial imagery in this period, then what were? Christian cosmology and travel writings must figure prominently. The accounts published, fantastic though they might have been, were informed by older discourses subordinating the heathen, the savage, and the black to the white, the Christian, and the civilised. Evangelical and travel writings on Africa, India and the Caribbean, which were much more widely read, cannot be fully understood unless as part of this paradigm. To have included some in the anthology would therefore have strengthened it as a whole, and made some of the arguments more telling. These reservations aside, the eight volumes in this collection represent an ambitious and enterprising project to make available key texts from one of the most significant episodes in British history. Indeed, our thanks are due to everyone involved, including the publishers whose reputation for such bold ventures will be enhanced.

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