

Influence of Slavery on contemporary voting in the United States

Racism continues to haunt America. Anyone who doesn't recognize this fact is being disingenuous. [Here](#) is an article written by several scholars from Harvard who show that the deeper the prevalence of institutional slavery in the 19th century, the more likely white voters in those same areas today oppose affirmative action and other programs to assist the poor, largely former slave, population. This "scarring", common in the socio-economic literature of immigrants who arrive in times of economic downturn, has not been adopted by sociologists on this issue: the legacy of slavery is prevalent and persistent. As many others have noted: the North won the War but the South won the Reconstruction. As an aside, the War Nerd earlier argued [here](#) that the North made a strategic error by not hanging the leaders of the South, a Morgenthau Plan for the Mason-Dixon.

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