

# The Question of Slavery

Slavery is an evil that has persisted throughout history and across various cultures. However, its impact, particularly in the United States, continues to reverberate in daily life and politics. Let us delve into the historical evolution of this institution of slavery to better understand it.

## I. Slavery during the pre-independence era

### A. First colonies and British subjugation

- 1640 Slaves are brought to Jamestown.
- 1660 Ban on interracial marriage

### B. During the War of Independence and the Declaration of Independence

- 1776 The Declaration of Independence did not mention slavery at all

## II. The North-South divide

### A. A civil war brewing on the issue of slavery

- in 1804 legislation to criminalize the importation of slaves from abroad.
- The Missouri compromise of 1820

### B. American civil war and emancipation

- On January 1, 1863, President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation
- Thirteenth Amendment in 1865 that officially abolishing slavery nationwide.

