

Causes of the American Civil War

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Introduction

This paper examines the three leading causes of the American Civil War. Many other dynamics contributed to the Civil War, but history reveals it that human slavery was the primary cause of the war together with complex Political and Economic issues (Holden Reid 88-94). Slavery, as the oldest and provocative issue separating the North and the South, functioned as the main promoter of the civil war with Political and Economic factors stemming from slavery. The North sided with slaves, and this led to an uprising of the slaves against the south. More populations settled in the North due to its technical factors and its stand against slavery. It robbed the South of its power even in the Congress which ultimately led to a political conflict. Slavery as a cause of Civil war had a significant impact in America leading to the formation of the Republican Party that saw to the rooting out of slavery from the southerners. The Southerners formed a party called the Democrats party which was for the whites in the South by then. These two parties make the today's U.S political parties.

Slavery as A Cause of the Civil War

Since the Civil war best benefited the African Slaves in the South, the American civil war is many times studied as much caused by a fight against slavery. The Northerners had already abolished slavery by 1787 though all through the revolution the Southerners treasured slavery since they felt it was essential for their economy. Through the constitution of the entire Union, principles of liberty and freedom stated that all men were created equal. Though the American revolutionaries had championed for independence while advocating for those values of freedom and democracy as stated in the constitution, they had significantly failed in addressing the cause of slavery in the South. Though America was boasting of freedom, this sent a negative message to the slaves since it contradicted how Americans were better humans than the slaves. Americans

never showed concern for the African slaves who had awaited freedom for a long time even after serving as slaves under the British. Questions on slavery arose during the making of the constitution, and the debate only resulted in upholding this evil activity of human slavery. Due to this conflicting message of freedom by the Americans yet they enslaved Africans in the South, war broke out (Trueman). Slavery became a significant issue for civil war since it was an old issue which the American government looked down upon even when it actively advocated for freedom and liberty for all at all cost. A great hatred for the whites also heated slavery by the black community. The hatred intensified after the 1776 revolution when America had gained independence from the British. Since the revolutionaries paid no ear to the cause of the slaves, this sparked great hatred towards the whites and the Union.

Political Cause

State rights played the second most crucial role in the civil war even though the primary cause of the war was slavery. A union was formed with 13 colonies being joined up to create a central government. It was believed that the 13 provinces would get equal representation in the Congress. The colonies were also independently seeking self-rule to settle issues that were internally affecting them. Though the decision for the colonies to be granted autonomy to control its internal decisions, the central government remained superior and therefore it would be allowed to interfere even with the civil matters of the colonies without question (conradofontanilla). Such laws handed much power to the central government with the colonies being granted limited powers, and thus this created a rift between the states and the central government. The powers given to the colonies proved ineffective and this spark up revolt by the colonies against the central government.

Economic Cause

By the year 1800, more population moved from the South to the North because the North had better work opportunities. Other European citizens left their country and came to the North of America to seek better jobs since the Northern part was in its industrial stage. Since agriculture was the least sought in those days, many immigrants settled in the Northern unlike in the South. With increased population in the North, more representation powers were gained by the North over the South. Due to its low representation in the Congress, the South lost its importance. North had a better economy than the South and South was left behind both in populations and powers by the North. Since the power had now shifted to the North, which was against slavery, the North then fueled the rebellion of the Slaves against the South which led to a civil war. The Northerners sided with the slaves in their fight for freedom and war became inevitable.

Impact of the Causes of Civil war

Slavery as a cause of conflict had the most significant impact in America. It resulted in the formation of the Republican Party by the anti-slavery protestors and immigrants from other civil parties to combat the iron of grip of the Southern Democrats. The party advocated that the republic's rights should come before the states'. Many populations joined the Party and elected Abraham Lincoln as their first president in 1860. The Republicans, with their new president, marched against the Southern Democrats and had the evil institution of slavery withdrawn. It led to the today's the United States dominating political parties- the Democratic and Republican party.

Conclusion

From the study of the three leading roots of the American Civil War, slavery was the supreme factor that separated and caused the all-time significant conflicts between the North and the South. The Political and Economic causes for the War arose from this one major cause of Slavery. Slavery could not be abolished without war since all other amicable attempts to eliminate the enslavement of Africans had significantly failed even after heated debates when the constitution for the North-South Union was being drafted. The war turned out to be extremely violent thus claiming the lives of hundreds of people in America. But they died not in vain since their fight against the evil institution of slavery was rooted out of the American society.

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