

DID YOU KNOW:

“As of 1807, four out of every five people who came from the Old World to the New had come from Africa, not Europe; chained in the belly of a ship, not free on its deck. Huddled.”

— Baptist, Edward E. *The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism*. New York: Basic Books. 2014.

“Africa, often referred to as a country by many Westerners, is the continent from which millions of Africans of different tribes, languages, and ethnicities were kidnapped and dispersed throughout the Americas to expand and enrich European empires. Among indigenous Africans, there is more genetic diversity than the rest of the world combined. In America over the centuries, slaves from different countries intermingled through the buying, breeding, and selling of human flesh. Through the crucible of slavery Americans turned Africans into slaves, but it was God who made us into a people.”

— Lakita Wright, author, speaker,
VP Urban Outreach Foundation

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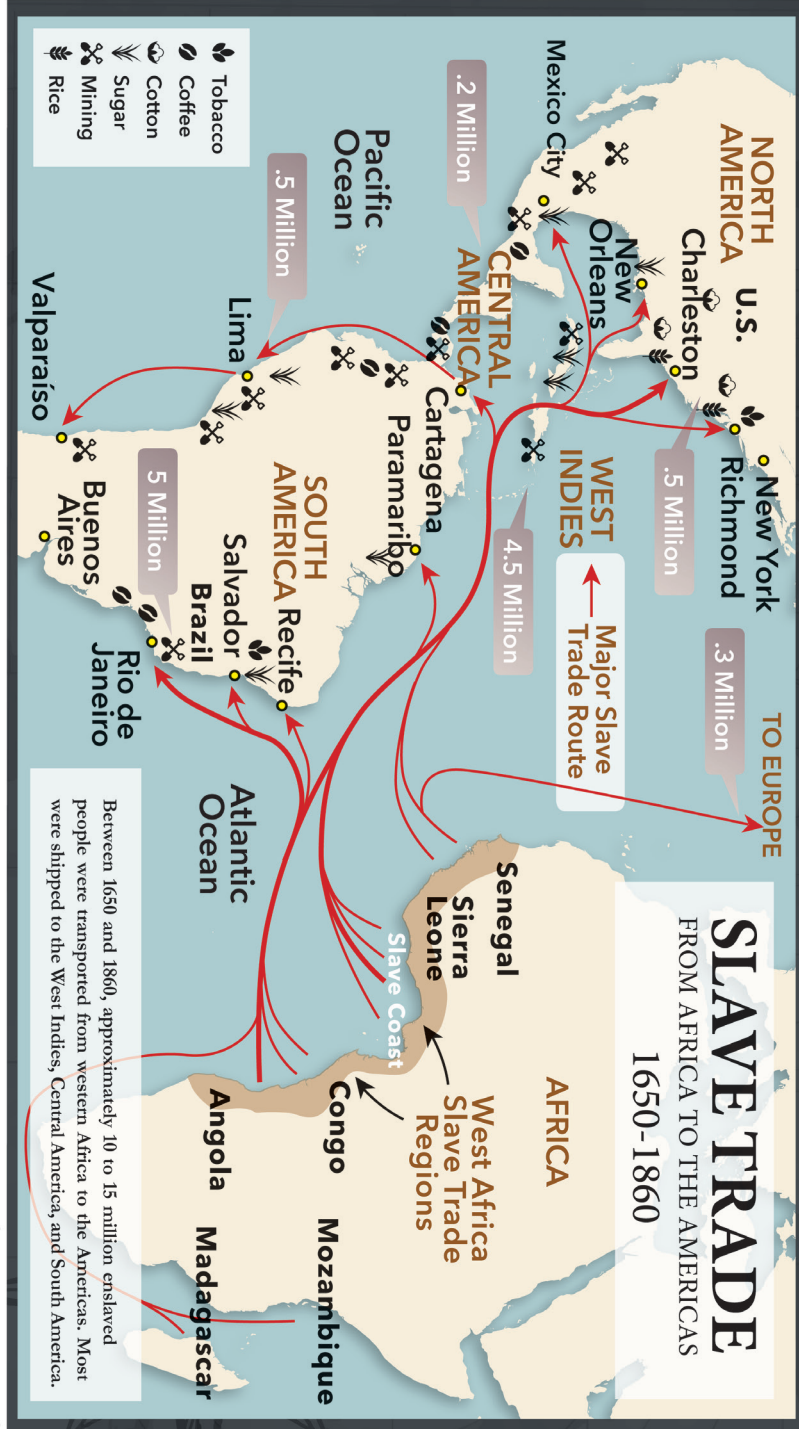
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TRANS ATLANTIC SLAVE TRADE

“The largest forced migration in the history of the world.”



DID YOU KNOW:

“From 1783 at the end of the American Revolution to 1861, the number of slaves in the United States increased five times over, and all this expansion produced a powerful nation.”

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“No one thinks of Mexico and Peru as black. But Mexico and Peru together got 700,000 Africans in the slave trade. The coast of Acapulco was a black city in the 1870s. And the Veracruz Coast on the gulf of Mexico and the Costa Chica, south of Acapulco are traditional black lands.”

— Henry Louis Gates Jr., Harvard Professor of History

Only about six percent of all Africans shipped across the Atlantic were taken to North America. The largest numbers went to Brazil and to the Caribbean.

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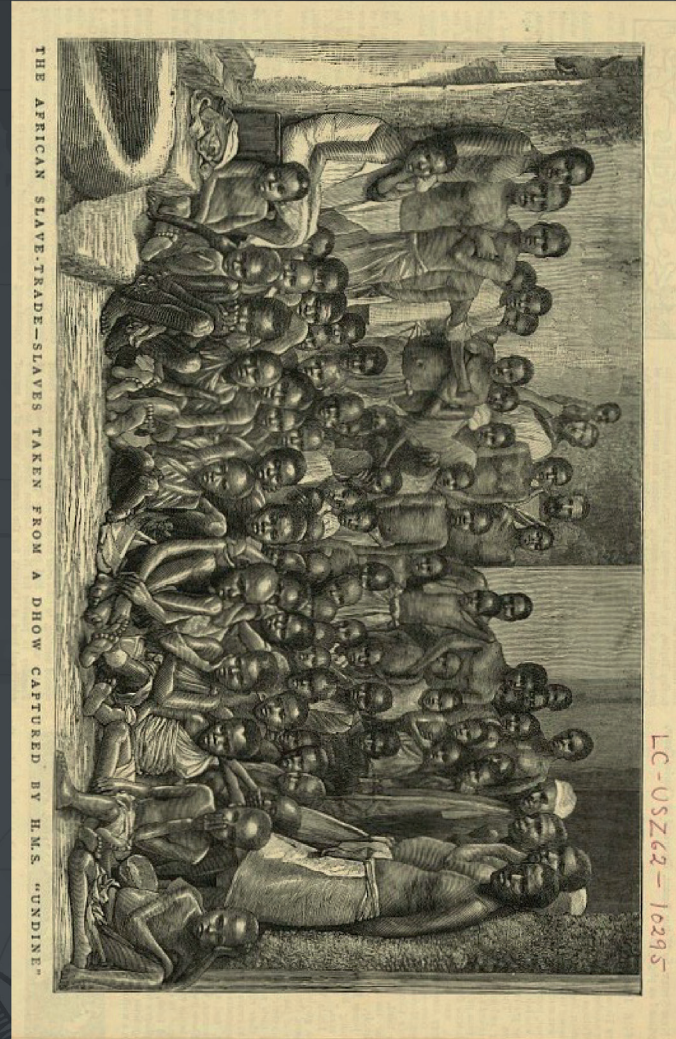
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“A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots.” — Marcus Garvey



DID YOU KNOW:

“More than half of all American exports between 1815-1869 was cotton ... Slave labor supplied the world with half the world’s cotton supply.”

Southern planters gleefully announced, they “held the lever that decided the destiny of modern civilization.”

Modern labor cost accounting, factors all originated from slave trading.

— Beckert, Sven. *Empire of Cotton: A Global History*. New York: Vintage Books.

THE “NEGRO MART”

TO BE SOLD on board the
Ship *Bance-Island*, on tuesday the 6th
of *May* next, at *Afbley-Ferry*; a choice
cargo of about 250 fine healthy



NEGROES,



just arrived from the
Windward & Rice Coast.

—The utmost care has
already been taken, and
shall be continued, to keep them free from
the least danger of being infected with the
SMALL-POX, no boat having been on
board, and all other communication with
people from *Charles-Town* prevented.

Austin, Laurens, & Appleby.

A. B. Full one Half of the above Negroes have had the
SMALL-POX in their own Country.

*“The only thing of greater value than the slaves
was the North American Continent.”*

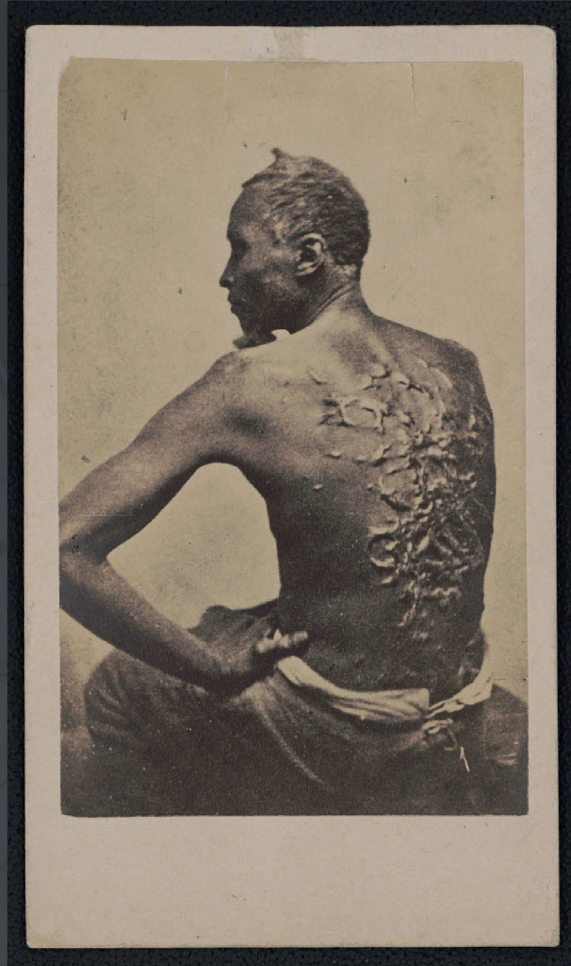
Beckert, Sven. *Empire of Cotton: A Global
History*, pg. 119. New York: Vintage Books.

DID YOU KNOW:

“The plantations of the Mississippi Delta in the 1850s, when you go through the plantation records there, the scale of brutality, even the way that those plantations were designed with no particular interests in having women or children around, procreation of slaves isn’t part of the business and the conditions are so harsh. There are these calculations in the ledgers: that if we can get 5 years out of slaves before they die in the fields, that’s a sufficient return on investment.”

— Blackmon, Douglas. *Slavery by Another Name: The Re-Enslavement of Black Americans From the Civil War to World War II*, pg. 119. New York: First Anchor Books, 2009.

CHATTEL SLAVERY



“The most effective way to destroy people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history.”

— George Orwell

DID YOU KNOW:

“Three billions of property in slaves was held by perhaps 600,000 slave holders who were denounced as a “slave-o-cracy” but the North has converted these 3 billion of slave property into United States bonds, and by now 100,000 people. Its production gave us more than 2/3 of the revenue of the country. It produced more than 2/3 of the export wealth, employed more than 2/3 of the capital of the North. It employed 3/4 the laborers of the North. It gave higher wages to labor, made living cheap, it poured a tide plenty over the land.”

— The Old Guard, October, 1865,
Pro-Confederate New Yorker

It was a widely held assumption that emancipating America’s enslaved workers would “inflict utter ruin and universal desolation on the further territories of the American South ... [and] also on the merchants of Boston and N.Y. ... Their prosperity has always been derived from slave labor.”

— Economist Journal, 1861

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“COTTON IS KING”

— Senator James Henry Hammond in a speech to the US Senate, March 4, 1858



“It was on the back of cotton, and thus on the backs of slaves, that the U.S. economy ascended in the world.”

— Becker, Sven. *Empire of Cotton: A Global History*. New York: Vintage Books, 2014. 119