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Abraham Lincoln affected much of the politics in the time of the civil war, and long after. How these changes have been reflected on since then, will now be stated. Generally more positive, was the reaction of people more accustomed to not entirely depending upon slaves. To them the abolition of slavery did not seem as horrible. It would surely affect their lives, but it would not so much affect them negatively as it would positively affect the lives of the enslaved. It had long been believed in this place and time, that those of non caucasian descent (especially African American) were dirty or less than caucasians. It had previously (and still at the time throughout many) been believed that African American people were of a different species. Through this, taking advantage of them would be no different than using horses to farm. However, at this time it was more thought that they were people, and that even if they were less than caucasians, it was not right to use other humans so. This was the belief shared with the majority of the United States (in comparison to the Confederate states). Abraham Lincoln did what no other had done before, and took power over all of the individual states' ruling by freeing slaves through the Emancipation Proclamation. Those who were in favour of freedom for slaves thought this a most amazing, brave, and right act. This has lead to many passed laws such as gay marriage, which prevails over the individual states' ruling. However, not everyone was pleased with Lincoln's actions.

At the time of Lincoln's presidency, and that of the American Civil War, there can be no confusion to there being a dispute about the issue. The entire economy (especially in the southern, Confederate States), was based and entirely reliant upon slaves. This could be easily related to the economy's dependence upon electricity, and internet today. One could easily imagine the fear, panick, and possible anger derived from taking away from such a necessary source. It would be incredibly difficult to perceive a way to keep the economy afloat after changing it so much so drastically. It is no wonder that there was war over it, freedom for all? Or freedom and lives for those believed to be more intelligible and important. This dispute has long passed, as the civil war long won by the Northern States, but racist anti African American beliefs are not foreign to most places, as can be seen by glimpsing at the news. There are many other reasons for thinking Lincoln wrong, one significant reason prevailing till today, is for overstepping the boundaries that was the power of federation, in relation to individual state ruling. Lincoln gave more power to the federation than had been originally thought of as idealistic, and this power still persists to overthrow all else. Whether one is partial, or impartial to the laws passed in particular, is debated the importance of, and in many minds not relevant. Greatly believed, is that the original ideals for true democracy has been obstructed by Lincoln's overstepping of boundaries. Believers of this would also want true state freedom, and true democracy back, bringing up many controversial topics and disputes. No matter particular individual belief on the prevalence of rights, or freedom, all sides can be equally argued. Each side is believed with nearly equal determination, that it is no wonder that the US is so divided today. All that most everyone could agree on is the hope that such arguments and disputes be made up without another war.