

**What was the image of slavery before 1500?**

Enslaved people were considered to be slaves because of their lack of civilization therefore the image was that if they could learn from more civilized people, they could rise above the conditions that made them slaves.

**What factors contributed to a new construction of the image of slavery?**

The first factor that contributed was the gradual rise of the slave trade. People saw them as the key to plantation agriculture. The 2nd factor was that their rulers didn't see them in their cultural frame. This made it easy for them to live with treating them so terribly. In fact, it was so bad, they often died and as a result, more slaves would be imported.

**Why & how were American slave populations dehumanized?**

Because they were excluded from cultural frames by their rulers, slaves were treated as if they didn't matter. They were treated poorly because they were not even people to their masters.

**Define the new racial construct which emerged, especially in colonial southern society & the Caribbean, and the justification behind it.**

In the Caribbean and some southern states the slave percentage was so high. In fact, it was less about a cultural frame and more about a social frame. They belittled people who were of a lower socioeconomic group so with 90% of the population being slaves, they not only had african slaves but other slaves of a low income area. The elite did not want there to be a power shift with such a high percentage of slaves being ruled by a small elite group.

**Do you see remnants of this in 21st century America? Explain.**

Unfortunately, I still see remnants of this in the current century. It actually breaks my heart. I have personally witnessed racial profiling. I have had conversations with people who truly believe that black people are not as smart as white people. There have been recent racially motivated shootings. Black people were often kept out of certain neighborhoods as discussed amongst realtors in certain areas of town. People are still dehumanized and seen as a lower socioeconomic class and as a result, we have witnessed some horrible remnants..