

Topic: Slavery in the Constitution

Questions based on Philadelphia Constitutional Convention of 1787, and Historian Interpretations #1, #2, #3

What justification did some of the participants at the Constitutional Convention propose for their support of the protection of slavery in the U.S. Constitution? (address two participants)

Answer:

The justification that some participants at the Constitutional Convention propose for their support of the protection of slavery was if they did not oppose to the increase of slavery then their commodities will increase said by Mr. Rutledge another participant by the name of Mr. Ellsworth justified their protection of slaves by explaining how every states should do what it wants and basically saying that if the state wants slaves and they benefit them then they benefit them all as a whole.

What arguments did the three historians propose? Which one do you agree with the most and, why?

Answer: Historian #1 proposed that the delegates never wanted to eliminate slavery and wanted a society where private property and slaves were secure. Historian #2 believed that abolishing slavery was too costly, Thomas Jefferson believed that free blacks and free whites can not live harmoniously for too long. Historian #3 proposed that abolishing slavery would divide the north and south because the north did not really care about having slaves but that south had an enormouse amount of slaves to just let loose.

Questions based on David Waldstreicher's article "How the Constitution Was Indeed Pro-Slavery:"

What is the article's central argument? What evidence does the author David Waldstreicher present to support his argument? (address at least two pieces of evidence)

Answer: In the article "How the Constitution was Indeed Pro-Slavery", David Waldstreicher argues that the constitution was pro-slavery. The author mentions the three-fifths clause and how "all other persons" are included. The word "Slave" was avoided in the constitution, the people who wrote the constitution didn't want to include the word slave so they used other