

Response to article: The Great Civil War Lie By MARC-WILLIAM PALEN

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The fact that cotton was the petroleum of the 19th century appears to be news to those who prefer history told as a morality tale. Go here to get the unvarnished truth:

<http://www.cottontimes.co.uk/>

Karl Marx slyly analyzed the North American Civil War contemporaneously (writing in German newspapers) as Northern industrial capitalists foreclosing on Southern agrarian feudalists. Northern banks financed the acquisition of land and slaves and consequently held the mortgages on Southern plantations because the output of Southern plantations balanced the North's trade deficit with Europe due to the industrializing North's importation of machine tools. That's the real reason the North could not afford to let the South withdraw from the union. What's morality got to do with it, it's just business, but the bible-beating abolitionists' fervor provided a good cover story for taking control of some of the most valuable exportable-crop land in the world. Afterwards, with 750,000 dead, the imported labor headed North to work in factories (much to the dismay of European immigrants because the newly freed entrants were willing to work for less) and the Southern locals were converted to wage slaves by the conquering Northern capitalists. As for the subsequent culture that developed in the South, as the **Roman historian Tacitus observed two thousand years ago,**

**"It is only natural to hate those whom you have wronged."**

<http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/06/05/the-great-civil-war-lie/?src=recg>