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own society*

The Origins of Slavery

I. Did Slavery Cause Prejudice or Did Prejudice Cause Slavery

1600's

A. Ramifications

II. Winthrop Jordan, White over Black (1968)

A. Limited Early Evidence

1. 1619 first Africans arrive
2. 1640 first evidence of slavery and discrimination
3. 1660 first slave laws
4. 1705 first comprehensive slave code

III. Oscar Handlin, "The Origins of the Southern Slavery System" (1950)

A. Negroes were indentured servants until 1660 and a fluid system until then

1. stresses closeness of whites and blacks — shorter indenture
2. development of new economic factors lead to improvements for whites

IV. How Were Blacks Treated between 1619 and 1660?

A. Carl Degler, "Slavery and The Genesis of American Racial Prejudice" (1959)

V. Evidence Differing with Jordan

- A. Evidence about free blacks — before 1700 large proportion blacks in So. — indentured servant
- B. Evidence about social disorders and uprisings, 1660-1683
- C. Evidence about miscegenation — no white/black — 1690's show legal rights against ppl.

VI. Other Explanations

A. Edmund Morgan, American Slavery, American Freedom (1975)

1. rebellions led to preference for black laborer
2. in fact little preference for recently arrived blacks

B. Use of slaves led to a drop in the number of whites

1. problem with timing

C. Profitability of blacks versus whites

1. problem of lack of reproduction until 1720s

D. English Demographic Factors

1. slower growth in English population late 17th Century
2. growth of London -- Christopher Wren's reconstruction
3. new colonial targets for immigration for whites

a. Pennsylvania: 8000 Englishmen went there 1681-85

4. end of Royal African Company slave trade monopoly, 1698

5. impact of these factors on Southern society

a. growing necessity for large amounts of capital to purchase slaves

b. Byrds and Carters

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Economic

economic transition in 1650's

prejudice

*law for
blacks*

before 1670 - blacks could hold white indentured servant

1690's show legal rights against ppl. 1723 - by. deparian master forced her to the mg of the child want to be free.

*white's hard to
fact*

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cent.*

1698