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The Meaning of African-American Slavery Today

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African American slavery as an institution in the South died 145 years ago, but as idea and symbol slavery remains very much alive and strong today. Slavery, an anachronistic, outmoded, and pre-modern labor system, still has meaning to Americans. It appears repeatedly in today's news, often within the context of America's ongoing and diverse conversations about discrimination, human rights, law, social justice, and, most importantly, „race.“ The lecture suggests how through debates over reparations, black agency, "Africanisms," and other subjects. slavery provides a useful means of discussing the contentious meaning of „race“ and race relations today.