

Lincoln's War?

Was the American Civil War, which ended slavery in the US, originally about something completely different? **Alan Forrester** knocks that theory on the head. Hard.

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Ridiculous

Slavery was definitely part of the reason, but federalism was also an issue. The outcome was possibly the biggest loss of liberty in history.

by a reader on Fri, 05/16/2003 - 04:52 | [reply](#)

Hyperbolic Steroids?

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Greg Swann, [presenceofmind.net](#)

by [gswann](#) on Fri, 05/16/2003 - 13:50 | [reply](#)

Speaking of Hyperbole

Greg,

The "reader" was obviously talking about a loss of liberty in American history caused by the changes brought about by the Civil War. And he's correct that these changes brought about dramatic anti-liberty effects (and some pro-liberty effects too).

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I can measure it. Zero.

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Pot. Kettle.

by **Gil** on Fri, 05/16/2003 - 20:35 | [reply](#)

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