

# Slavery

Slavery has always been a global problem.

Americans sometimes refer to it as their country's "original sin".

Europeans look back in horror at the way their ancestors plundered entire continents for riches.

But implicit in both cases is the false idea that slavery is a legacy of the past.

In fact, not only are the effects of historical slavery still felt today, there are also more people living in slavery now than at any time in history.

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