

What is the lasting legacy of slavery in the U.S.?

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[Made in America](#) is a Scene on Radio podcast that examines how chattel slavery in the United States, with its distinctive – and strikingly cruel – laws and structures, took shape over many decades in colonial America. Sample questions:

- According to the podcast, why is it so important to understand the link between the “innovations that built slavery American style” and the construction of whiteness as we know it today?
- Before the forced enslavement and importation of people from West Africa, how did immigrants to this hemisphere identify and distinguish themselves from each other? Why did this change sometime after 1619?
- What is the significance of the story of John Punch? What effect did it have on laws and institutions in colonial America and later the United States of America?
- While the institution of slavery had long existed, how did the story of Elizabeth Key create a new and inhumane form of slavery in colonial America and later the United States of America?