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by Joe Escobar - Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 11:07 PM

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Cause of the Civil War

by Hannah Cartwright - Thursday, January 18, 2018, 2:54 PM

Until I read the provided article about the debate over John Kelly and Ken Burns, I had never heard about this argument over the Civil War. I find that Kelly stating that the reason for the Civil War, the bloodiest war in history, was because of the states "lack of ability to compromise" is not a good or fair way to explain the upbringing of the war, for the war was not that simple. As said in the video slip "Was The Civil War About Slavery?" the war did not seem to be about the states "fighting for their rights" because if you take it just one step further, the

only rights the southern states wanted was to keep their slaves. The civil war seems to be far too complex to state that it was purely based on lack of compromise among the states, for it was a much bigger reason than that, which is slavery.

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Political Argument and the cause of the Civil War

by Sydney Hall - Friday, January 19, 2018, 2:09 PM

Prior to reading the article, I had no knowledge about the recent political argument between the media and John F. Kelly.

To me personally, it feels like it is just another political argument focusing it's attention on one out of context sentence from a single script when there are numerous texts on the civil war. The fact that they are blaming Ken Burns for John F. Kelly's remarks is obnoxious and unfair, as that was Kelly's own opinion that he stated on national television. In the video included in the Washington Post article which was written by Alyssa Rosenberg, Kelly stated, "...the lack of an ability to compromise led to the civil war." Compromise was not the factor. Slavery was the largest factor contributing to the war and Abraham Lincoln wanted to reunite the union together so the states would no longer be divided. This meant that he had to either make slavery legal in all states or take it away completely.

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by Leah Livesay - Friday, January 19, 2018, 7:48 PM

After reading the article and watching the videos, it left me wondering, what do people think the cause of the Civil War was, so many years ago? Colonel Ty Seidule made some great points in the video, slavery was the main cause of the war. It baffles me that even to this day, people do not think that was a huge reason for the war. It concerns me that people think a country would go to war with itself over insignificant reasons, although it also concerns me that people then were willing to die in war to protect slavery. There very may well have been other issues that helped lead to the war, but slavery was such a huge issue, it seems obvious the large impact that it would have in causing a war. People are entitled to their own opinions of course, but it is usually those who are not bothered by a serious issue that are the ones to beat around the bush when confronted about it.

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constantly reexamine history

by Miles Arnold - Saturday, January 20, 2018, 7:32 PM

My biggest problem before and after reading the Washington Post article is the still society's seeming refusal to accept, acknowledge and analyze ALL facts that are presented in front of them. In an age where we have so many different information and media outlets available to us, it more important than ever to take the time to form an educated opinion.

Now that we are indeed 150 years from the Civil War it might be worth every ones while to take time to take a look at what we know now and what has changed now that time has passed and more has come to light.

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Re: constantly reexamine history

by Sydney Hall - Sunday, January 21, 2018, 10:41 PM

Miles, that was exactly what I was thinking after I read the article. We really are in a day and age where there is so much media and so much online content to learn and analyze things, yet it seems like a good amount of society doesn't abide by that. Having an educated mind/opinion really helps with discussions and being able to communicate with others with actual facts, not just playing things by ears. That, in my opinion, is really important when it comes to talking about history.

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No doubt, slavery was the cause

by Turner Elmore - Sunday, January 21, 2018, 8:03 PM

I have always been confident about the cause of the civil war. The southern states or anyone could always say that owning slaves is a 'state's right' but then you are just calling it another name. As for what Kelly said about compromise, I think Lincoln made it clear that we will either become one or the other. No middle ground, no compromise.

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