

Slavery did not end with the 13th amendment because it didn't outlaw slavery as punishment. Many people today still don't consider slavery of criminals as being "true" slavery. Many believe that it's justifiable to take away the human rights of felons, and that since they have lost those rights, it's okay to do whatever people want with them. Many prisons today are privately owned and thus seek a profit, lobbying for laws that will get more people imprisoned. There are still many laws today that are unfairly targeted at black people, and police officers are likely to racially profile or discriminate against black people, dooming them to slavery while white people who did far worse walk free. I think convict leasing isn't present in history books because people don't consider it a continuation of slavery, just as a fact of life. People think that slavery is only wrong when the person enslaved is innocent; otherwise they can abuse human beings for profit however they'd like.