

One crop, slave-grown cotton, provided over half of all US export earnings. By 1840, the South grew 60 percent of the world's cotton and provided some 70 percent of the cotton consumed by the British textile industry. Thus slavery paid for a substantial share of the capital, iron, and manufactured goods that laid the basis for American economic growth. In addition, precisely because the South specialized in cotton production, the North developed a variety of businesses that provided services for the slave South, including textile factories, a meat processing industry, insurance companies, shippers, and cotton brokers.

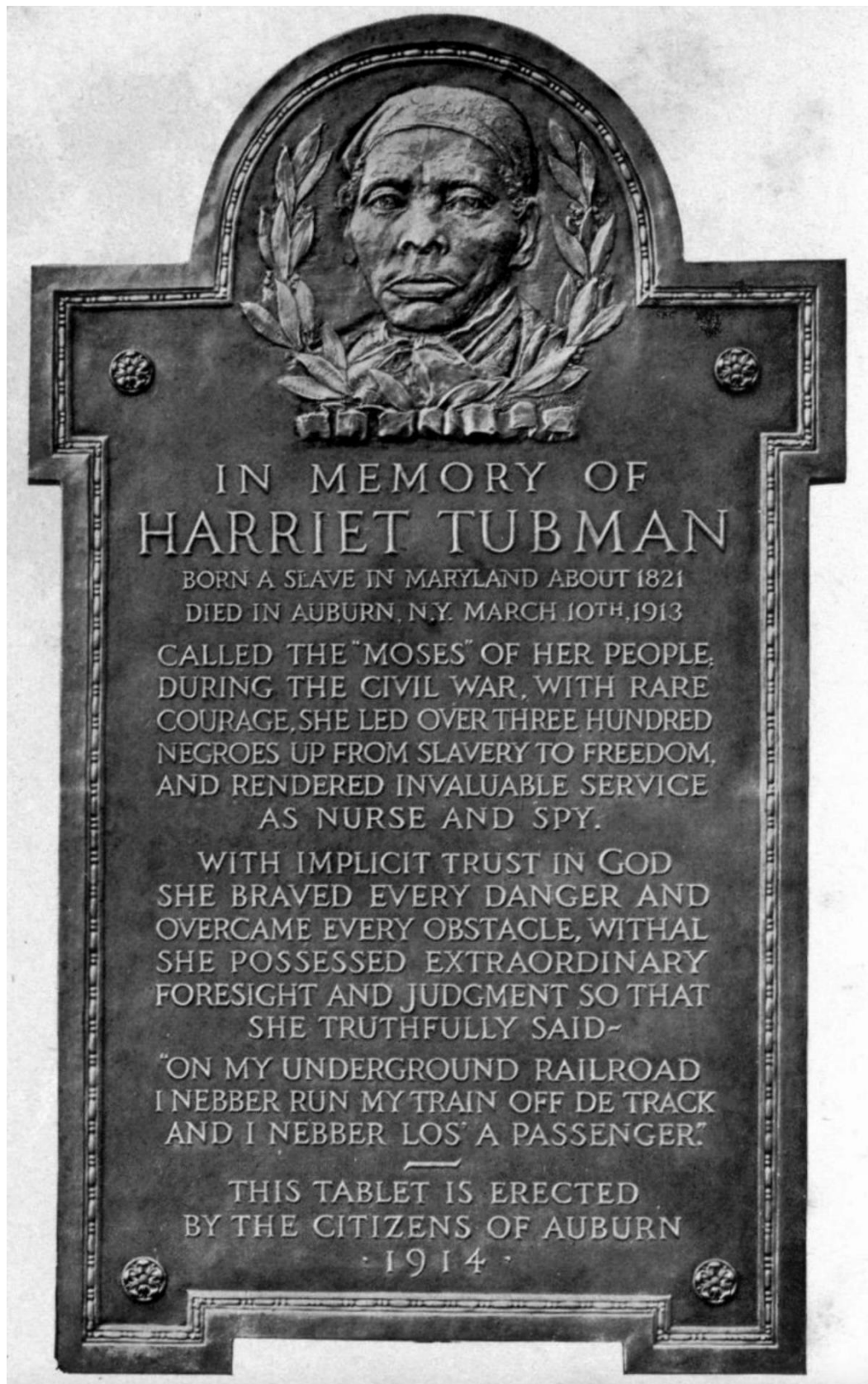
Extract from *Was Slavery the Engine of American Economic Growth?* by Steven Mintz

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“But I do most strictly forbid any Person to sell or claim Right over any NEGROE, the property of a Rebel, who may take Refuge with any part of this Army: And I do promise to every NEGROE who shall desert the Rebel Standard, full security to follow within these Lines, any Occupation which he shall think proper.

“Given under my Hand, at Head-Quarters, PHILIPSBURGH, the 30th day of June, 1779. “H. CLINTON.

General Henry Clinton was the Commander-in-Chief of the British forces. He hoped that by inviting all African Americans to come over to British lines, whether or not they agreed to join the army, he would weaken the rebels and their European allies.





Sojourner Truth 1870



SCENES IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, DURING THE RIOT—SHOOTING DOWN NEGROES ON THE MORNING OF MAY 2, 1866.—[SKETCHED BY A. R. W.]

Illustration in Harper's Weekly of the Memphis Riots of 1866



Men and boys pose beneath the body of Lige Daniels, a Black man, shortly after he was lynched on August 3, 1920, in Center, Texas. (James Allen, ed., et al., *Without Sanctuary: Lynching Photography in America* (Santa Fe, NM: Twin Palms Publishers, 2000), 117-118.)



In World War I, more than 350,000 black Americans served in segregated units, mostly as support troops. The myth that African American troops were unsuitable for combat was shattered by the 369th infantry Regiment, an all-black unit. They supported the French army for 191 days on the front lines and received the French Croix de Guerre for bravery in combat.

The Tuskegee airmen stationed in Italy in World War 2, the first African American military aviators



Tuskegee Airmen stationed in Italy during World War II.



Department Store Mobile Alabama 1956



Martin Luther King leads the march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, 21 March 1965.
Photograph: AP

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As the world grapples with uprooting systemic racism—a conversation catapulted into collective consciousness by the death of George Floyd—it is imperative that Black economists become household names. Their work will move us through the current moment to enable a long-lasting future that upends the oppression in the Black community that subsequently harms the economic system at large.

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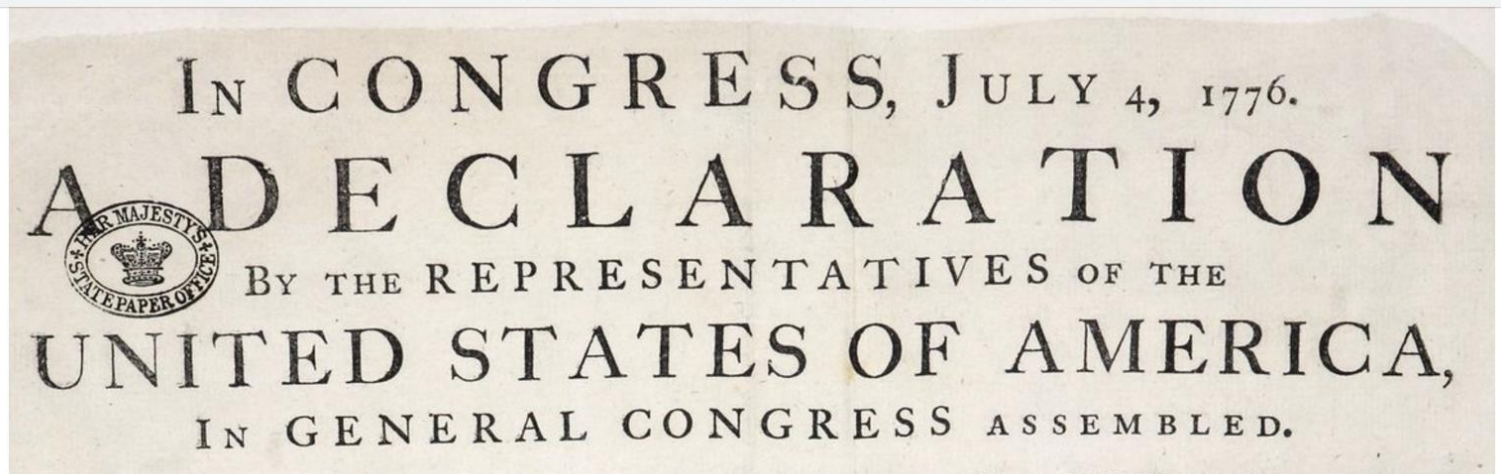
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'The First Thanksgiving' was painted by Jean Leon Gerome Ferris around 1912-15. He was best known for his series of 78 scenes from American history entitled *'The Pageant of a Nation'*.



‘We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of happiness - That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed...’

John Gast, 1872



This painting shows Manifest Destiny, the belief in westward expansion of the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. It was widely distributed as an engraving called "Spirit of the Frontier". Settlers are moving west, guided and protected by Columbia, aided by modern technology like railroads, and driving Native Americans and bison into obscurity. Columbia represents America, dressed in a Roman toga to represent classical republicanism, and brings the enlightened east to the darkened west.

1903 Bronze plaque
at the foot of the
Statue of Liberty

THE NEW COLOSSUS.

AS IF LIKE THE BRAZEN GIANT OF GREEK FAME,
WITH CONQUERING LIMBS ASTRIDE FROM LAND TO LAND;
HERE AT OUR SEA-WASHED, SUNSET GATES SHALL STAND
A MIGHTY WOMAN WITH A TORCH, WHOSE FLAME
IS THE IMPRISONED LIGHTNING, AND HER NAME
MOTHER OF EXILES. FROM HER BEACON-HAND
GLOWS WORLD-WIDE WELCOME; HER MILD EYES COMMAND
THE AIR-BRIDGED HARBOR THAT TWIN CITIES FRAME.
"KEEP ANCIENT LANDS, YOUR STORIED POMP!"

CRIES SHE
WITH SILENT LIPS. "GIVE ME YOUR TIRED, YOUR
POOR,

YOUR RUDDLED MASSES YEARNING TO BREATHE FREE.
THE WRETCHED REFUSE OF YOUR TEEMING SHORE.
SEND THESE, THE HOMELESS, TEMPEST-TOST TO ME.
I LIFT MY LAMP BESIDE THE GOLDEN DOOR!"

THIS TABLET, WITH HER SONNET TO THE BARTHOLOMI STATUE
OF LIBERTY ENGRAVED UPON IT, IS PLACED UPON THESE WALLS
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

EMMA LAZARUS

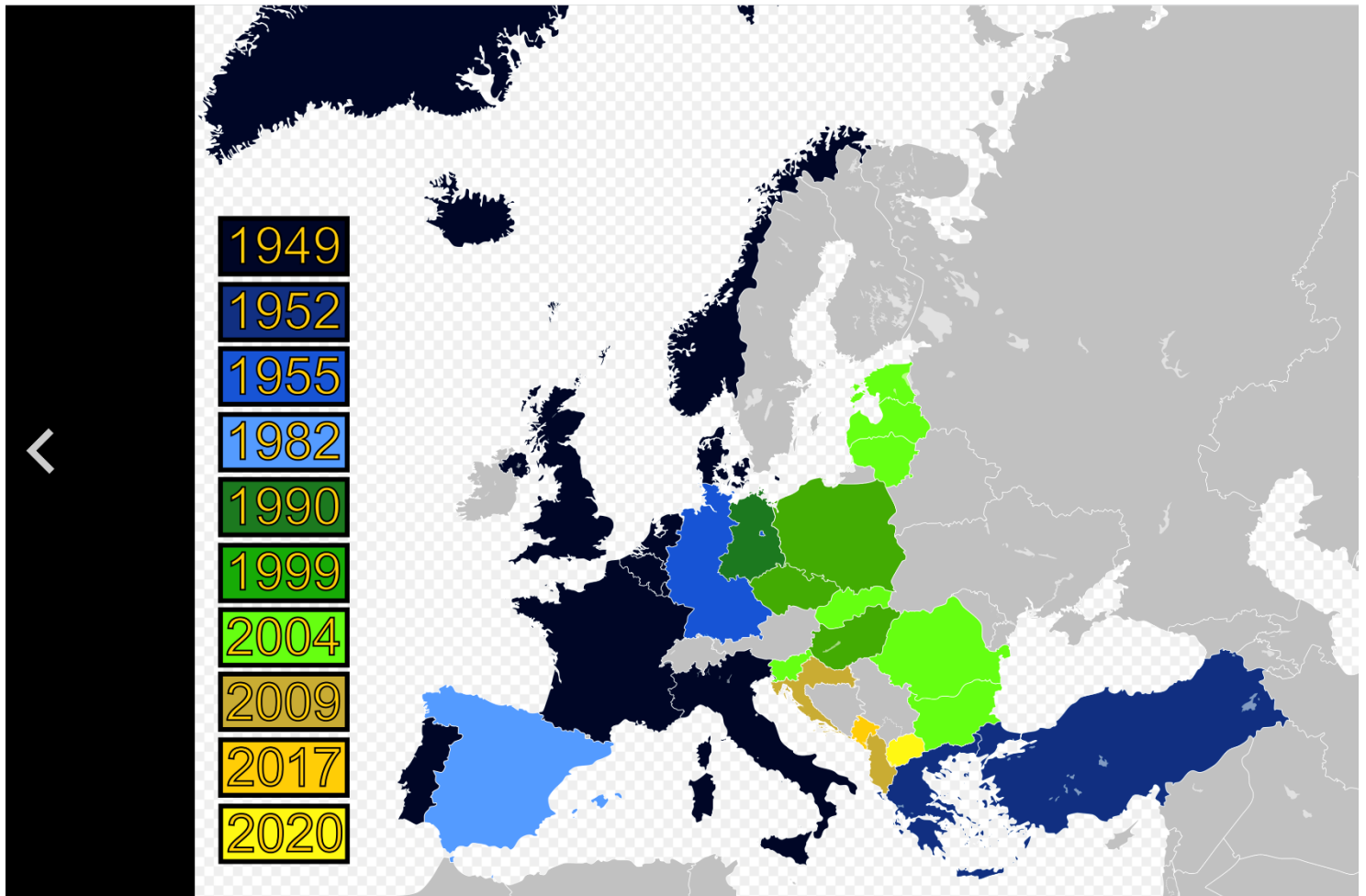
BORN IN NEW YORK CITY, JULY 22^d 1849
DIED NOVEMBER 19th. 1887.



Burt Randolph
Thomas, *The
Detroit News*
June 1919



*Smiling Irish women and children greeting American troops upon arrival in Belfast, Northern Ireland on January 26, 1942.
Photo from The Allison Collection, MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History.*

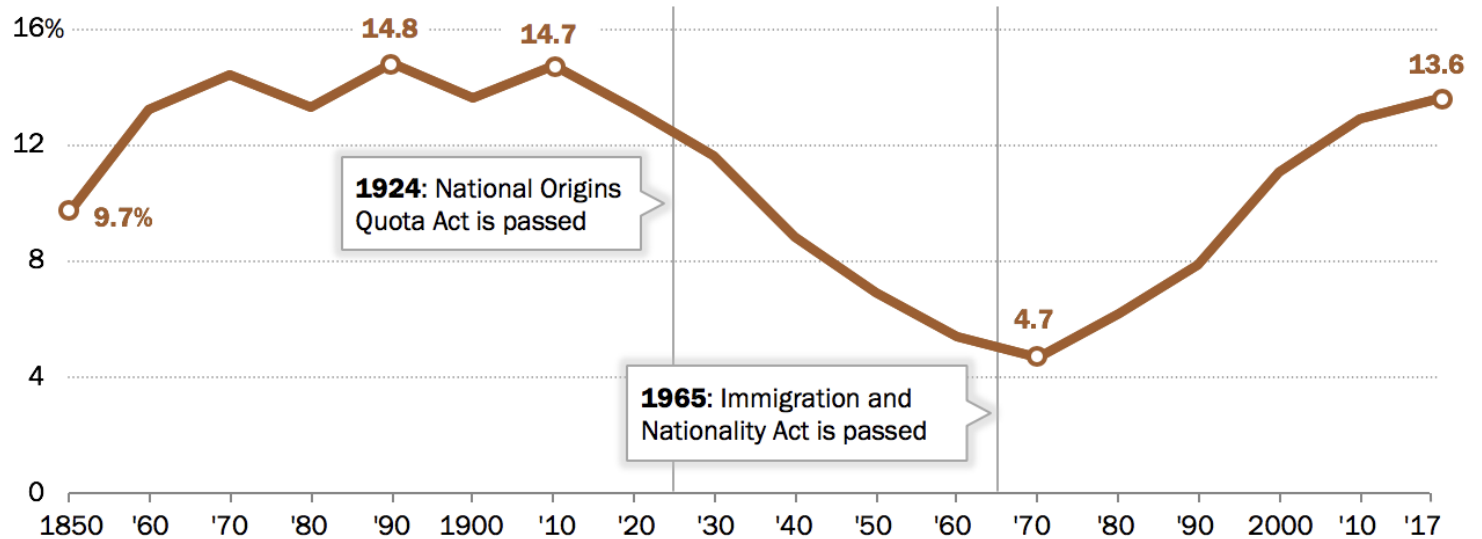


Map of NATO expansion since 1949



Immigrant share of U.S. population approaches historic high

% of U.S. population that is foreign born



Note: Share foreign born is for the 50 states and District of Columbia.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, "Historical Census Statistics on the Foreign-Born Population of the United States: 1850-2000" and Pew Research Center.

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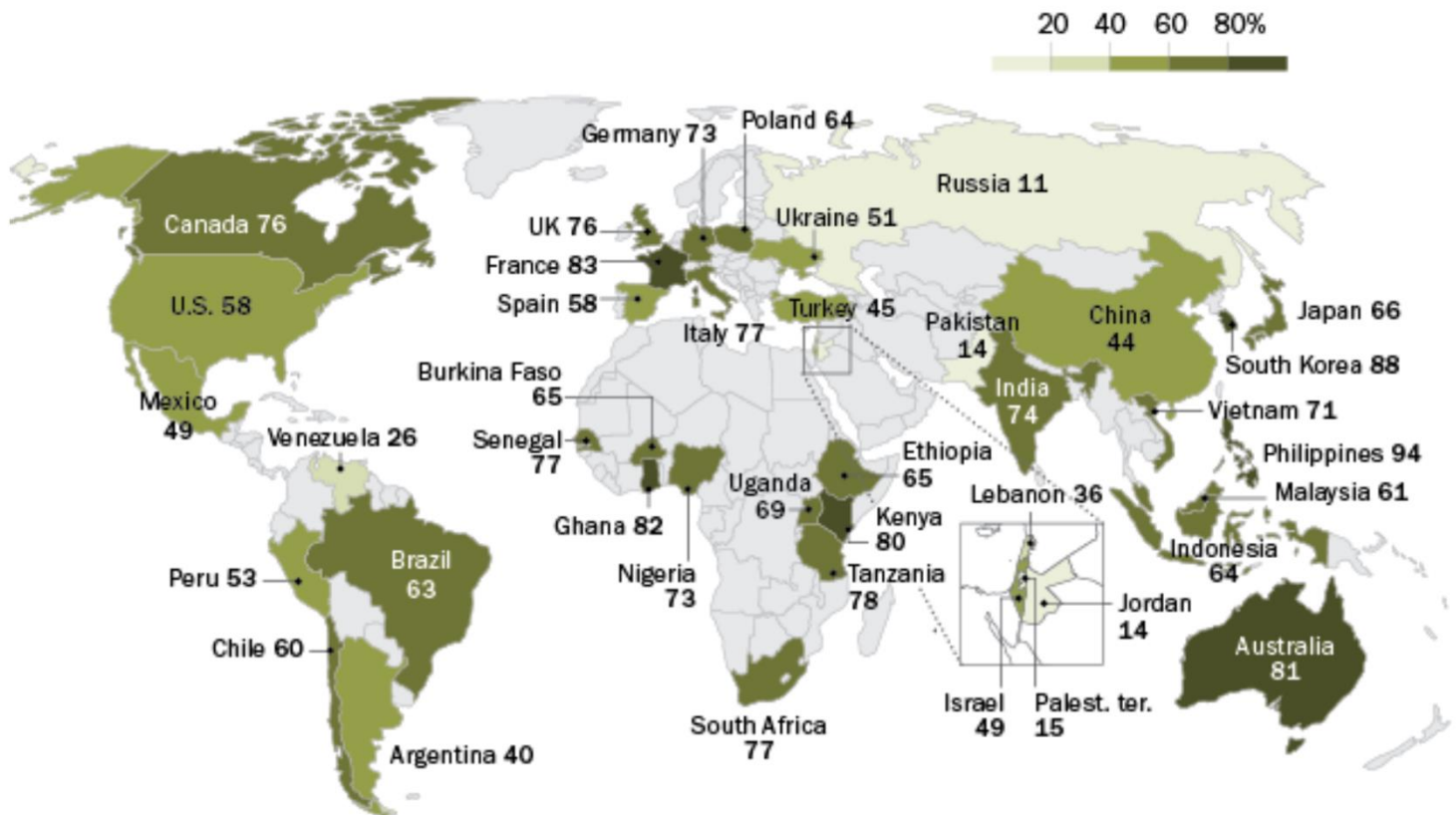
“ I think last night was the worst night I ever spent....[The deputies] were out there with instructions not to fire. They were fired on, they were hit, things were thrown at them. It was an extremely dangerous situation. ... And I think it was that close. If the tear gas hadn't arrived in that last five minutes, and if these men hadn't remained true to their orders and instructions, if they had lost their heads and started firing at the crowd, you would have had immense bloodshed, and I think it would have been a very tragic situation. ... So to hear these reports that were coming in to the President and to myself all last night - when the situation with the state police having deserted the situation, and these men standing up there with courage and ability and great bravery - that was a very moving period in my life. ”

— Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, October 1, 1962

Taken from the US Marshals webpage describing their role in enforcing the federal government's order that a black man called James Meredith should be allowed to attend the University of Mississippi.

Confidence in Obama on World Affairs

Percent who have a lot/some confidence in U.S. President Barack Obama to do the right thing regarding world affairs



Source: Spring 2015 Global Attitudes survey.

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