

"The other point was that slavery was a 'wrong,' whereas Douglas 'discards the idea that there is anything wrong in slavery.' To him there was no difference between 'slavery and liberty.' If Douglas thought there was, he could not assert, as he had done, that 'he don't care whether slavery is voted up or down.'

"Lincoln believed slavery to be 'a moral, social and political evil,' he said, and having due regard to Constitutional guarantees, he wanted 'a policy that looks to the prevention of it as a wrong, and looks hopefully to the time when as a wrong it may come, to an end. (Great applause)' That was the 'real difference between Judge Douglas and his friends on the one hand, and the Republicans on the other.'

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