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De l'antiesclavagisme à l'abolition de l'esclavage aux Etats-Unis : idées, arguments et écrits des militants noirs et blancs, 1776-1865¹

Introduction : « The recent profusion of work on slavery and antislavery has had the laudable side effect of moving the story of abolitionism back a few decades, to the early republic »².

“Slavery’s demise might better be understood as a near-century-long process in the United States, entwined with an even transatlantic struggle, rather than the work of a moment, even if that moment was a great civil war.”³

Comme ces deux citations le révèlent, la question de l’abolition de l’esclavage aux Etats-Unis s’étudie aujourd’hui des origines de la nation sur une période s’étendant jusqu’à la Guerre de sécession et au XIII^e amendement. L’ampleur chronologique du sujet se double d’une grande richesse thématique et pourrait intimider, en particulier les candidats préparant seuls le concours. Cependant la grande synthèse de Manisha Sinha, parue l’an dernier (*The Slave’s Cause. A History of Abolition*) permet à tout candidat, si isolé soit-il (ou elle), de s’informer pleinement de l’histoire du mouvement dans sa variété. Elle correspond d’ailleurs à la parution de plusieurs autres sommes et synthèses sur le sujet, dont celle de David Brion Davis, un des pères fondateurs de ce champ pour les décennies récentes. De même, l’anthologie publiée en 2012 par James G. Basker (*American Antislavery Writings. Colonial Beginnings to Emancipation*), qui représente une collection de près de 1000 pages, constitue-t-elle une introduction précieuse, détaillée et commentée, pour aborder l’immense continent des publications abolitionnistes, qu’elles émanent d’auteurs noirs ou d’auteurs blancs. Sans se limiter à cette anthologie, ou d’autres, l’auteure de cette bibliographie a également tenu à donner une très longue liste de sources disponibles en ligne, qu’elle a vérifiées, mais il ne s’agit pas d’une liste exhaustive car les préparateurs trouveront évidemment encore d’autres sources en ligne. Ainsi les sources primaires sont-elles largement accessibles à tous. La liste des sources secondaires, organisée en rubriques qui recoupent les grands thèmes évoqués dans le sujet, n’est pas exhaustive : des ouvrages plus anciens, utiles au débat historiographique, ont été mentionnés, tandis que de nombreux ouvrages récents ont été indiqués, car ils reflètent la vigueur du champ depuis les années 1990 et sont aussi plus probablement disponibles à l’achat.

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