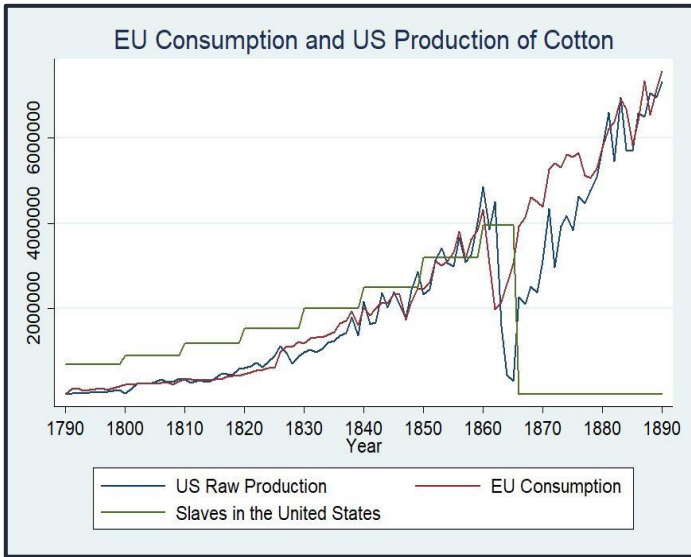
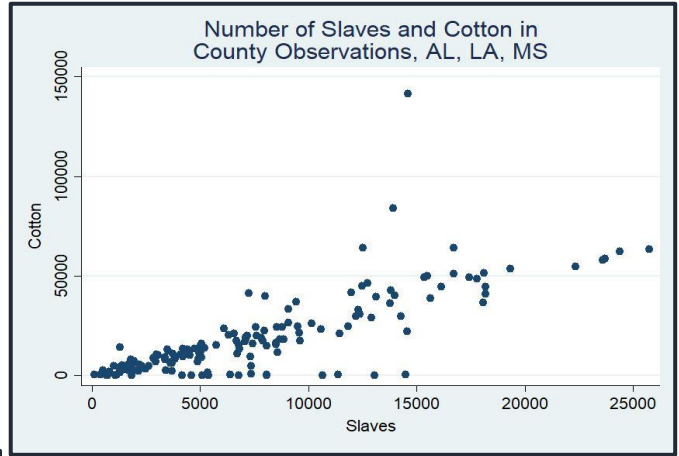


Long-run Effects of the Trans-Atlantic Cotton Trade on Poverty in the American Deep South

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Introduction

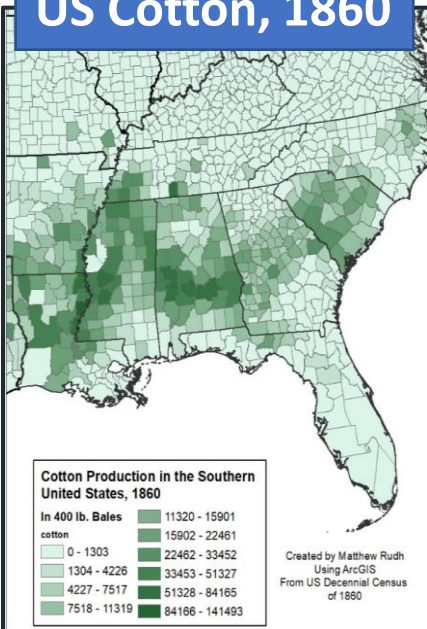
- Global trade of southern US cotton required massive slave labor to produce, which likely affected the future institutional quality and human development of the region.
- Today, former cotton regions have much higher poverty rates



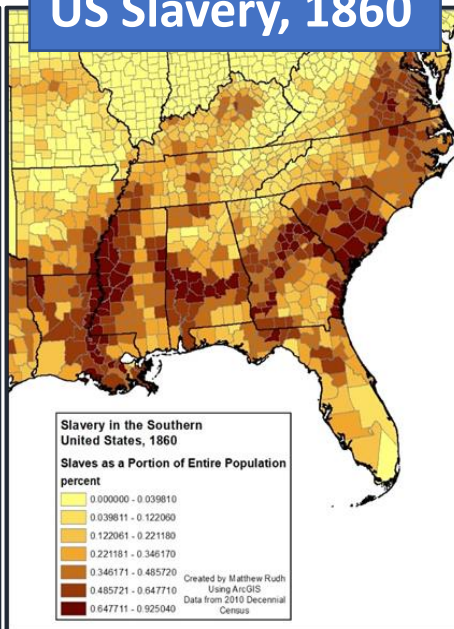
Methods

- Analyze **historic price and demand for cotton** in the United States and Europe
- Analyze **census data on U.S. slave population and crop production** in the 19th century
- Asses **socioeconomic data on former cotton-producing regions** in the US

US Cotton, 1860



US Slavery, 1860



US Poverty, 2010

