

History 225  
Re:Notes/Outline of BCF,  
Chpt. 14 "Sinews of War"

Discussion of measures Richmond took to prosecute the war.

Tie these measures in w/ the argument made by those who affiliate with the Internal "school" on the war.

\* Conscription. Reaction by the state rights and libertarians in the Confederacy. Seen as an assault on personal liberties. The exemptions to the draft and the row that this caused. Complaints of it being a rich man's war and a poor man's fight. This reflected the bitterness that came with the practice of buying a substitute. The abuses of substitution became so obnoxious that Congress abolished this practice in December 1863.

\* Martial law and the suspension of habeus corpus. Davis came under the gun for executive tyranny, etc.

\*The collapse of the Confederate economy with runaway inflation. Rampant speculation in food and essentials. This burden always heaviest on the poor and among the ranks of families who were supplying much of the manpower to fight the war. Rise of desertions. Desperate pleading letters from home from wives and love ones. Family over the the state.

These failings or shortcomings and impact on the homefront that Internal school point to as the reasons for the deepening decline in morale and evidence of striking of the war by certain classes inside the Confederacy.

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McPherson takes a look at how the Union financed the war effort. This with markedly more success.

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McPherson ends the chapter with a sketch of what has been called "The Second American Revolution" by the Beards. This laying down the infrastructure for a modern America while the war was at red heat.

Do I want addendum notes on this?