

Americans, and American Indians during the Civil War

During the Civil War, most white Virginians supported the Confederacy.

The Confederacy relied on enslaved African Americans to raise crops and provide labor for the army. However, many enslaved African Americans fled to the Union army as it approached and some fought for the Union.

Some free African Americans felt their limited rights could best be protected by supporting the Confederacy.

Most American Indians did not take sides during the Civil War.