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Who owns history? Everyone and no one--which is why the study of the past is a constantly evolving, never-ending journey of discovery.

~Eric Foner

Freedom has been privatized - it is how you dress, what your sexual orientation is, choosing your own life. That's fine. But that is not what Thomas Jefferson was talking about.

~Eric Foner

A new future requires a new past.

~Eric Foner

Lincoln sees slavery in some ways as a theft of labor. A slave is a laborer who is being denied the fruits of his labor.

~Eric Foner

I admire Lincoln enormously and I think what's interesting about Lincoln is how he changes, it's not that he held the same view throughout his life.

~Eric Foner

I don't [even] know the number of books on Abraham Lincoln. Ten thousand, twelve thousand? I have seen various numbers. It seems like every generation is always trying to come to terms with Lincoln.

~Eric Foner

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