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Once again we are forced to defend what we claim to be ours. Abraham Lincoln said in his first Inauguration Address: "This country with its institutions belongs to the people who inhabit it." This concept seems to be challenged again from those who seem to think that their concept of morality is superior to those of us who live here.

These would-be reformers would have us believe that the people of Utah were rebelling against the U. S. and its institutions while at the same time applying for statehood in the very union that they were rebelling against!

In 1860 there were 29 slaves in Utah and 30 free blacks. Slavery was abolished in the Utah Territory in 1862 and the Indian slave trade was ended prior to that.

If the people of Dixie, then or now, were in support of slavery or rebellion, what evidence is there? If people come here, they come here on their own initiative with their eyes wide open.

If people who come here are offended by what they see or experience, there is nothing preventing them from leaving.

If the media chooses to support those who choose to be, "marginalized" by siding with them and providing an enlarged platform for their agenda, there isn't much those of us who have a different view can do except suggest that the complainers go to the 23 or so other places in the world, many of which are in the U.S., who use Dixie as a legal name.

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