© Copyright, Princeton University Press. No part of this book may be distributed, posted, or reproduced in any form by digital or mechanical means without prior written permission of the publisher.

## **CONTENTS**

List of Tables	ix
List of Figures	ix
Acknowledgments	X
1 Introduction	1
2 A Theory of Behavioral Path Dependence	24
I Slavery's Contemporary Effects	47
3 How Slavery Predicts White Political Attitudes Today	49
4 An Alternative Account: Contemporary Demographics Racial Threat	76
II The Origins of Divergence	103
5 Antebellum Politics of Slavery and Race in the South 6 Emancipation as a Critical Juncture and the Timing of	105
Divergence	127
III Mechanisms of Persistence and Decay	157
7 Persistence and the Mechanisms of Reproduction	159
8 Interventions and Attenuation	182
9 Conclusion: What Lessons Can We Draw from Souther	n
Slavery?	203
Appendix	217
Notes	221
Bibliography	257
Index	273