

Question 23 (5 marks)

Outline how ONE human right has been legally recognised.

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The abolition of slavery was perhaps the largest recognition of universal human rights. The issue was raised in the 18th Century due to the rise of Protestants, who saw slavery as against the teachings of the bible, as well as the uprisings such as the French revolution questioning the values and ethics of society. England banned slavery in the 1790's, as their national religion was Protestant. Many other Western countries followed suite. The issue caused the American Civil War in the 1850's with the North winning and legislation being passed banning slavery in all forms. There are only ^{several} ~~about~~ three countries in the world where slavery is not illegal, such as Ethiopia and Sudan.