

George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and other important figures of American history are featured on the bills or coins of the United States. However, one of these figures is quite controversial about whether or not he should even be present on one of America's bills. This controversial figure is Andrew Jackson, who became the seventh president of the United States in 1829 and served two terms. He played an important role in American history, by his decisions on the Indian Removal Act and economic actions among other policies. Taking <sup>to</sup> in consideration the effects of the bad and the good of his presidential decisions, I do believe he deserves a place on the twenty dollar bill.

There is great irony in Andrew Jackson being on any type of ~~bill~~ of currency, considering he opposed paper money. Jackson thoroughly opposed the National Bank of the United States so much that even after he vetoed the recharter bill, he was determined to kill the Bank. His decision of killing the Bank had tremendous effects. Jackson created economic ~~policies~~, such as the Specie Circular, which contributed to the Panic of 1837. This was one of the bad sides of Jackson's term. However, he did see national debt as being bad for the country. Believing this, he was the only president who was able to pay off the national debt. He was also a very popular president among the people, being the ~~People's~~ President.

A very controversial matter concerning Andrew Jackson's terms in office was the Indian Removal Act. Jackson was known to be a famous Indian fighter. He saw that the United States could use some land and saw the Native Americans were in the way of that. The Indian Removal Act he signed and supported caused the deaths of many Native Americans, in the time described as The Trail of Tears. It was truly a troubling and depressing time in American history; however, this event is one of many that shaped the United States into what it is now.

Occurrences like these are among our nation's not-so-bright moments, which lead us to only try to learn from them. This is the main reason why I believe Andrew Jackson has a place on the twenty dollar bill. Yes, there are other people in our nation's history that would be more deserving due to their significant and positive contributions to the United States. But a person cannot be blind to the mistakes and only recognize the accomplishments in history. - good point

Andrew Jackson was not a perfect president. A citizen either loved or hated him. He contributed to history with an unprecedented feat in which he paid off all of the nation's debt. Jackson also contributed to the many Native American deaths due to the Indian Removal Act. I do believe he earns his place on a piece of American currency; however he could easily be replaced by another prominent figure of this country's history.

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