

I. Reconstruction and the Meaning of Freedom

II. Reconstructing the Union, Redefining Freedom

A. 'Presidential' Reconstruction, 1865-1867

1. Andrew Johnson (1865-1869)
2. The Black Codes (1865)

B. 'Radical' Reconstruction, 1867-1877

1. The Radical Republicans
 - Thaddeus Stevens (PA). PP
2. Civil Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment (Approved by Congress in April 1866)
3. Impeachment of Johnson and Election of Ulysses S. Grant in 1868 election
4. Political Rights and the Fifteenth Amendment

C. Achievements and Limits of Reconstruction

1. A Constitutional Revolution
2. Limits:
 - a) Economic Freedom
 - b) The Rights of Women

III. Overthrow and Retreat

A. Southern Opponents and the Retreat of the North

- Slaughterhouse Cases (1873)

B. The Redeemers and the Election of 1876

C. End of Reconstruction and Its Significance