

Reconstruction of the South, Part 1

Chapter 17 Section 3

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Reconstruction Governments

*After Grant 's election in 1868,
Republicans controlled most
southern governments...*

Reconstruction Governments

Who were the “Carpetbaggers?”

Northern born Republicans who moved South during Reconstruction. Some held public office, while others came to “profit” off the condition of the South after the war.

(They got the name “carpetbaggers” because of the style of bags & luggage they carried)

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Who were the Scalawags?

White, Southern Republicans.

Democrats believed that this group had betrayed the South by voting Republican

(This group was mostly made up of small, independent farmers who supported the Union during the war)

What Was The Role of African Americans in the Southern Governments

- 600+ won election to state legislatures
- 16 were elected to Congress
- Others were elected to local offices throughout the South

Who was Hiram Revels?

- 1st African American to serve in the Senate (he replaced Jefferson Davis)
- Blanche K. Bruce (MS) was the first ELECTED to the Senate (he served one full term)

What Reforms Did Reconstruction State Governments Carry Out?

- Provided \$\$\$ for new programs
- Established state-funded schools, hospitals, prisons, & orphanages
- Passed laws prohibiting discrimination
- Construction of roads, RR' s, canals, public buildings, bridges
- Raised taxes & issued bonds

Continued Southern Opposition

Why did resistance to Reconstruction increase?

- Many white southern Democrats believed that Reconstruction governments were ILLEGAL, CORRUPT, & UNJUST
- They also disliked having federal troops stationed in their states & communities

The Ku Klux Klan

Defined:

A secret society formed by white southerners in Tennessee in 1866 that opposed civil rights, particularly suffrage for African Americans. They used terror and violence to carry out their message

The Rise of the Ku Klux Klan

Causes

- Opposition to the growing number of African American leaders
- Unhappy with presence of federal troops in the South
- Disliked Reconstruction governments

Effects

- Violence towards African Americans & white Republicans
- Local governments / leaders did little to stop them (out of fear)
- Fed. Gov' t passed laws making it illegal to interfere with elections or deny citizens their civil rights