

Domestic Issues:

Voting Rights are Civil Rights

BIPOC:

**B**lack

**I**ndigenous

**P**eople

**o**f

**C**olor.

The more things  
**change**, the more  
things remain the  
**same**, Voting Rights  
are no exception to  
this notion.

Yo! We've been fighting for 157 years.

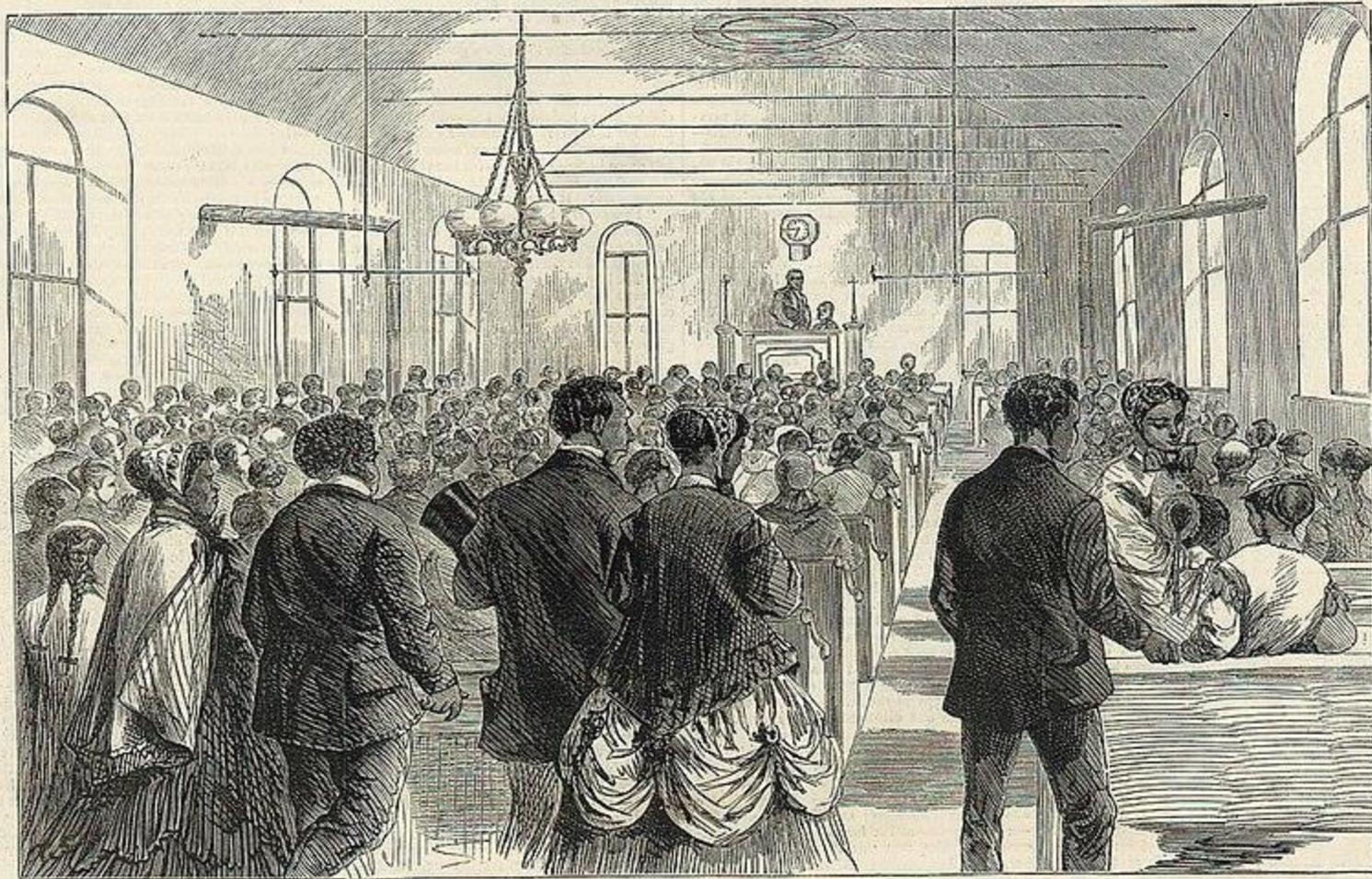


One **ending** brings a new **Beginning**

**R**econstruction:18**65**-18**77**

What **happened** in the Reconstruction era





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The 13<sup>th</sup> amendment (1865)- formally abolished slavery

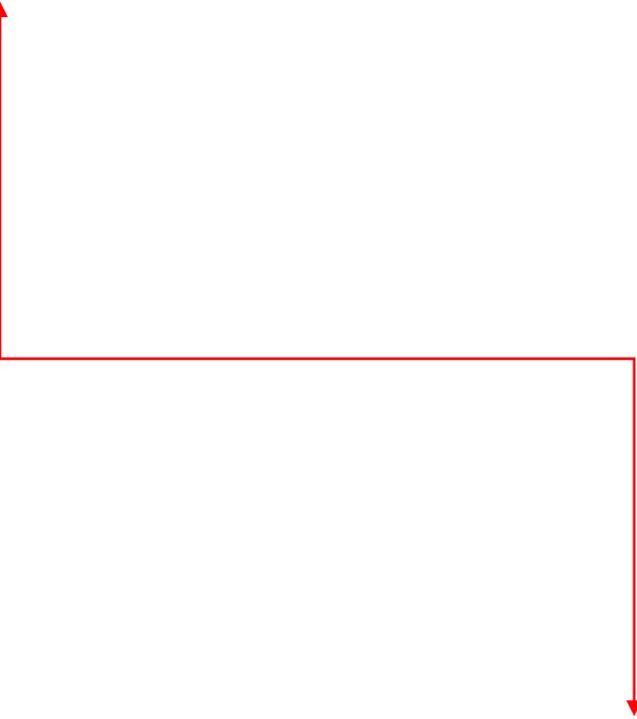
The 14<sup>th</sup> amendment (1868)- granted citizenship and equal civil and legal rights to African Americans and enslaved people who had been emancipated after the Civil War.

The 15<sup>th</sup> amendment (1870)- guaranteed that the right to vote could not be denied based on race, color or previous condition of servitude.

**During Reconstruction** the 15<sup>th</sup> amendment was successful in encouraging African Americans to **vote**.

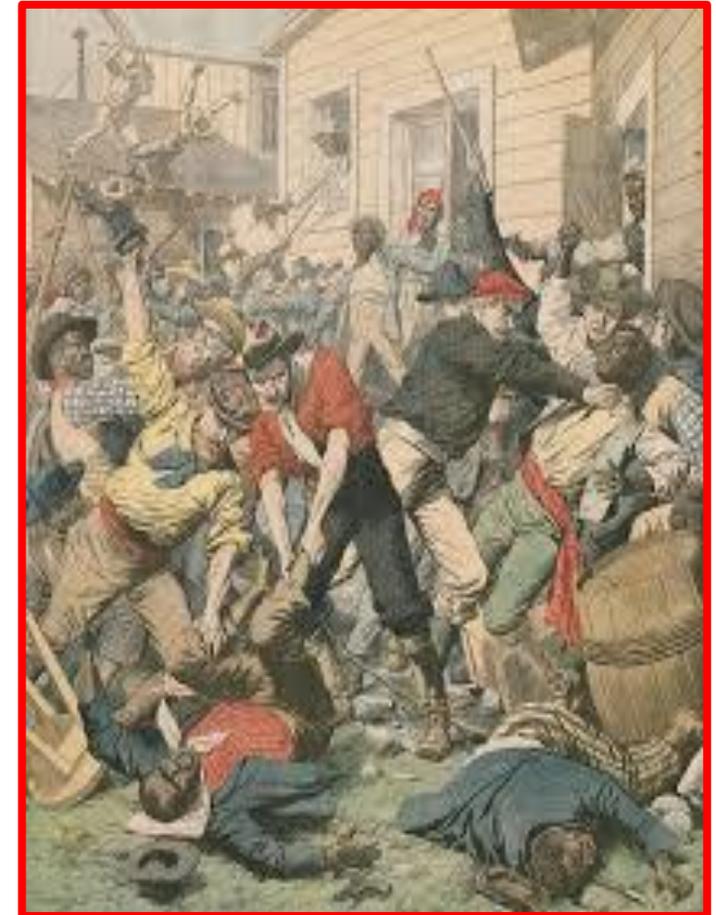
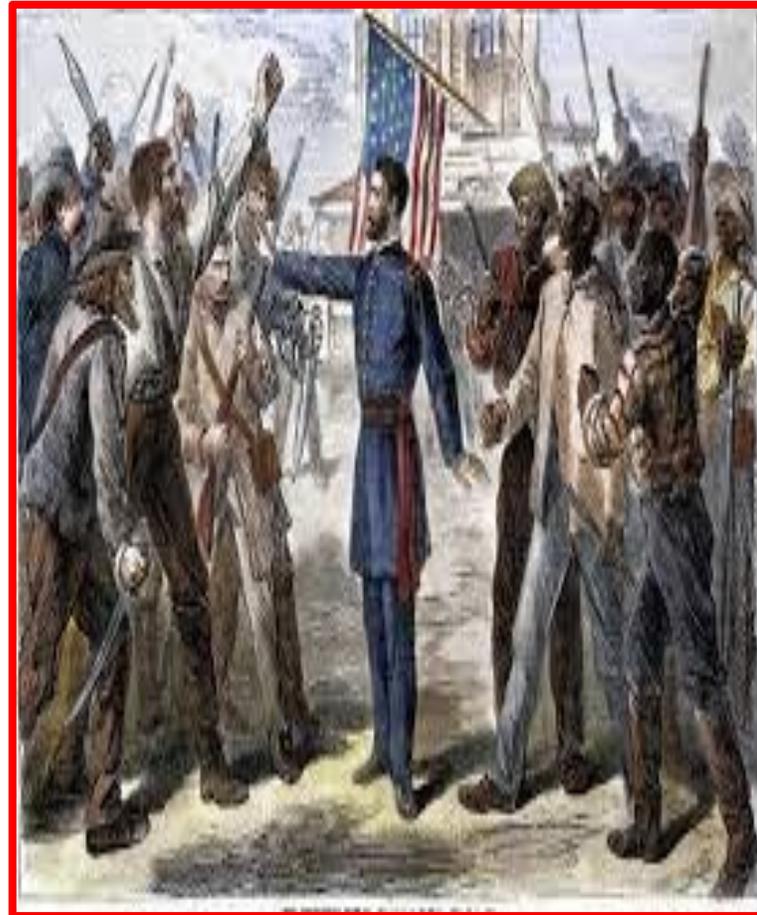


**However**, efforts by several states like poll taxes, literacy tests, grandfather clauses, and **VIOLENCE** aimed to **stop the** vote.



Voter Suppression

The violence in the South... **was directed** at newly freed black people and white Southern Republicans.



“The Ku Klux Klan would take people out of their houses or their cabins in the dark of the night, strip them out in a road, make them run down the road, make them sometimes lie on a rock where they would be whipped, **where men would line up to whip them.**”

– David Bligh, Historian



... Louisiana  
... 1866  
... Black People Lynched  
... Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
... March 1866

24 Black People Lynched  
Duplin County, North Carolina  
Summer 1865

6 Black People Lynched  
Memphis, Tennessee  
1865

20 Black People Lynched

**DOCUMENTED MASS LYNCHINGS**

138 Black People Lynched  
Mobile County, Alabama  
1865

7 Black People Lynched  
Bell County, Texas  
1866

46 Black People Lynched  
Memphis, Tennessee  
May 1866

Opelousas, Louisiana  
September 1868

200 Black People Lynched  
Millican, Texas  
July 1868

Up to 150 Black People Lynched

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# Women's Suffrage

## 1820-1965



## Women's Suffrage 1820-1920

The 19th Amendment becomes law, giving women the right to vote

## Black Women's Suffrage from 1820-1965

**Jim Crow laws**- Economic, Political, Legal, Social and Personal Oppression

Stopped many black voter from actually casting their ballots.



# Voter Suppression

Violence

# Indigenous Suffrage

1776-1962



Jim Crow

1877-1968

# Jim Crow laws



# Voter Suppression

The State of Louisiana

Literacy Test (This test is to be given to anyone who cannot prove a fifth grade education.)

Do what you are told to do in each statement, nothing more, nothing less. Be careful as one wrong answer denotes failure of the test. You have 10 minutes to complete the test.

1. Draw a line around the number or letter of this sentence.
2. Draw a line under the last word in this line.
3. Cross out the longest word in this line.
4. Draw a line around the shortest word in this line.
5. Circle the first, first letter of the alphabet in this line.
6. In the space below draw three circles, one inside (engulfed by) the other.

Poll tax, literacy test, grandfather clauses **VIOLENCE**



# Civil Rights Movement

## 1954-1968



# The **Voting Rights** Act of 1965

aimed **to overcome legal barriers** at the state and local levels that prevented African Americans from exercising their right to vote as guaranteed under the 15th Amendment.

The 2020 presidential election had the highest voter turnout of the 21st century...

This was the response to the election...



Insurrection at the Capitol  
January 6, 2021

Between January 1 and  
December 7, 2021,  
at least 19 states passed  
34 laws restricting access  
to voting.

What **do** these **laws** look like?

# New Restrictive Laws

EFFECT ON VOTING	BILL NUMBERS
Shorten window to apply for a mail ballot	AL H.B. 538, AR S.B. 643, GA S.B. 202, IA S.F. 413, KY H.B. 574, NY S.B. 264, OK H.B. 2663
Shorten deadline to deliver mail ballot	AR S.B. 643, IA S.F. 413
Make it harder to remain on absentee voting lists	AZ S.B. 1485, FL S.B. 90
Eliminate or limit sending mail ballot applications to voters who do not specifically request them	GA S.B. 202, IA S.F. 413, KS H.B. 2332, TX S.B. 1
Eliminate or limit sending mail ballots to voters who do not specifically request them	FL S.B. 90
Restrict assistance in returning a voter's mail ballot	AR H.B. 1715, FL S.B. 90, IA S.F. 413, IA S.F. 568, KS H.B. 2183, KY H.B. 574, MT H.B. 530, TX S.B. 1
Limit the number, location, or availability of mail ballot drop boxes	FL S.B. 90, GA S.B. 202, IA S.F. 413, IN S.B. 398
Impose stricter signature requirements for mail ballots	AZ S.B. 1003, ID H.B. 290, KS H.B. 2183, TX S.B. 1
Impose harsher voter ID requirements	AR H.B. 1112, AR H.B. 1244, FL S.B. 90, GA S.B. 202, MT S.B. 169, NH H.B. 523, TX S.B. 1, WY H.B. 75
Expand voter purges or risk faulty voter purges	AZ S.B. 1819, IA S.F. 413, KY H.B. 574, LA H.B. 167, NH S.B. 31, TX S.B. 1111, UT H.B. 12
Increase barriers for voters with disabilities	AL H.B. 285, IA S.F. 568, TX H.B. 3920, TX S.B. 1
Ban snacks and water to voters waiting in line	FL S.B. 90, GA S.B. 202
Eliminate Election Day registration	MT H.B. 176

In Georgia, people can face criminal charges, up to a **year in jail** or a **\$1000 fine**, for handing out **water** or **snacks** at the poll line.



In Iowa and Kansas, State Lawmakers enacted legislation that can make it a **criminal offense** for individuals to return ballots of **Americans with Disabilities**, on their behalf.



# Impact on Indigenous people

Today, **restrictions** are still **making it difficult** for tribal communities to vote. Many who live on reservations do not have a traditional street address, leading to their voter registrations being **rejected**.



Efforts to **discourage and disenfranchise voters**—in voter registration, ballot access, or counting of votes—have a **catastrophic effect** on our democracy and our communities.



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