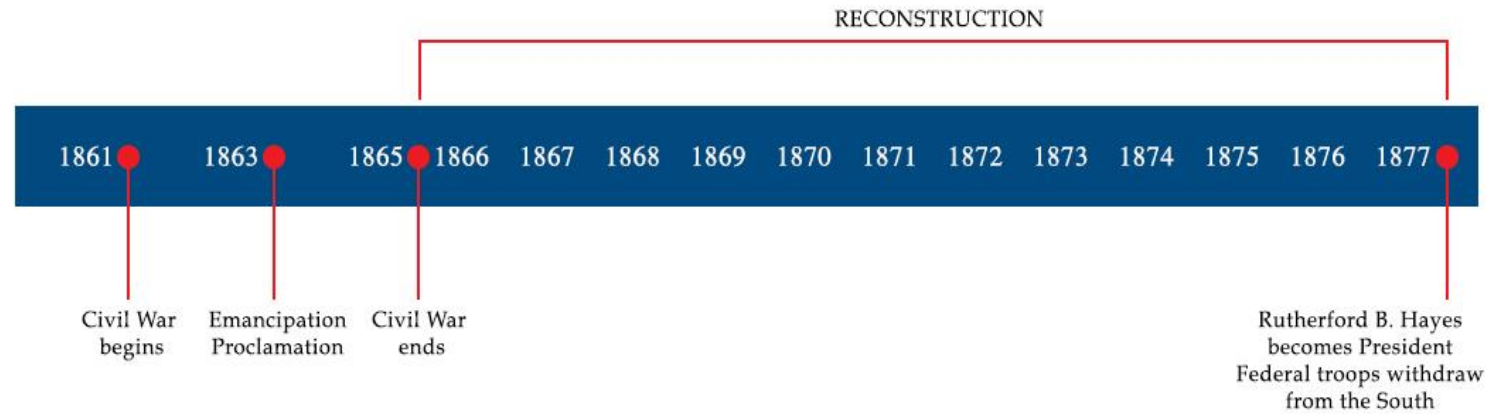


Aim: Was Reconstruction a success or a failure?

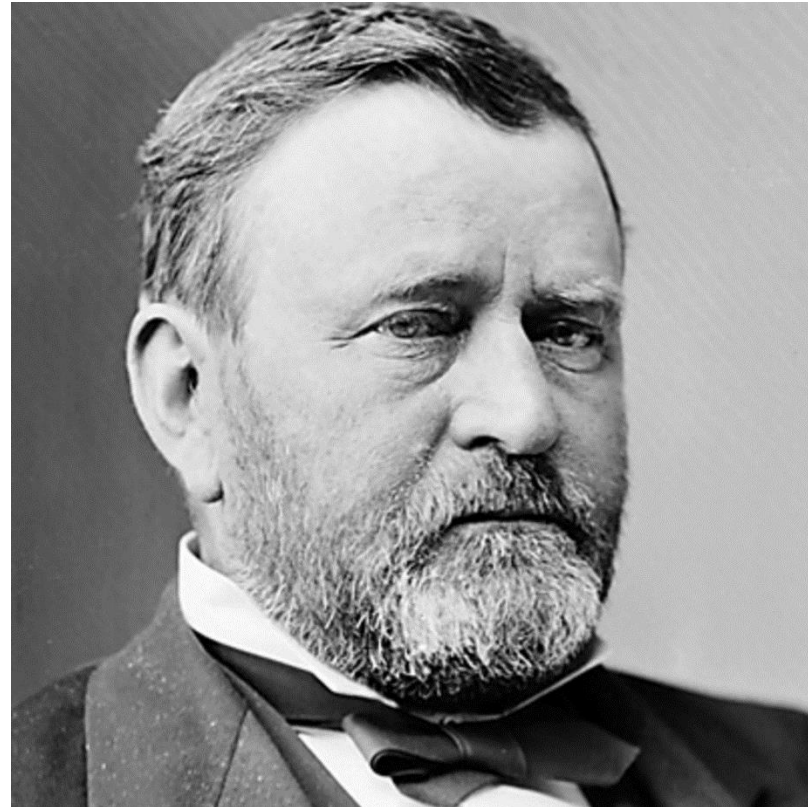


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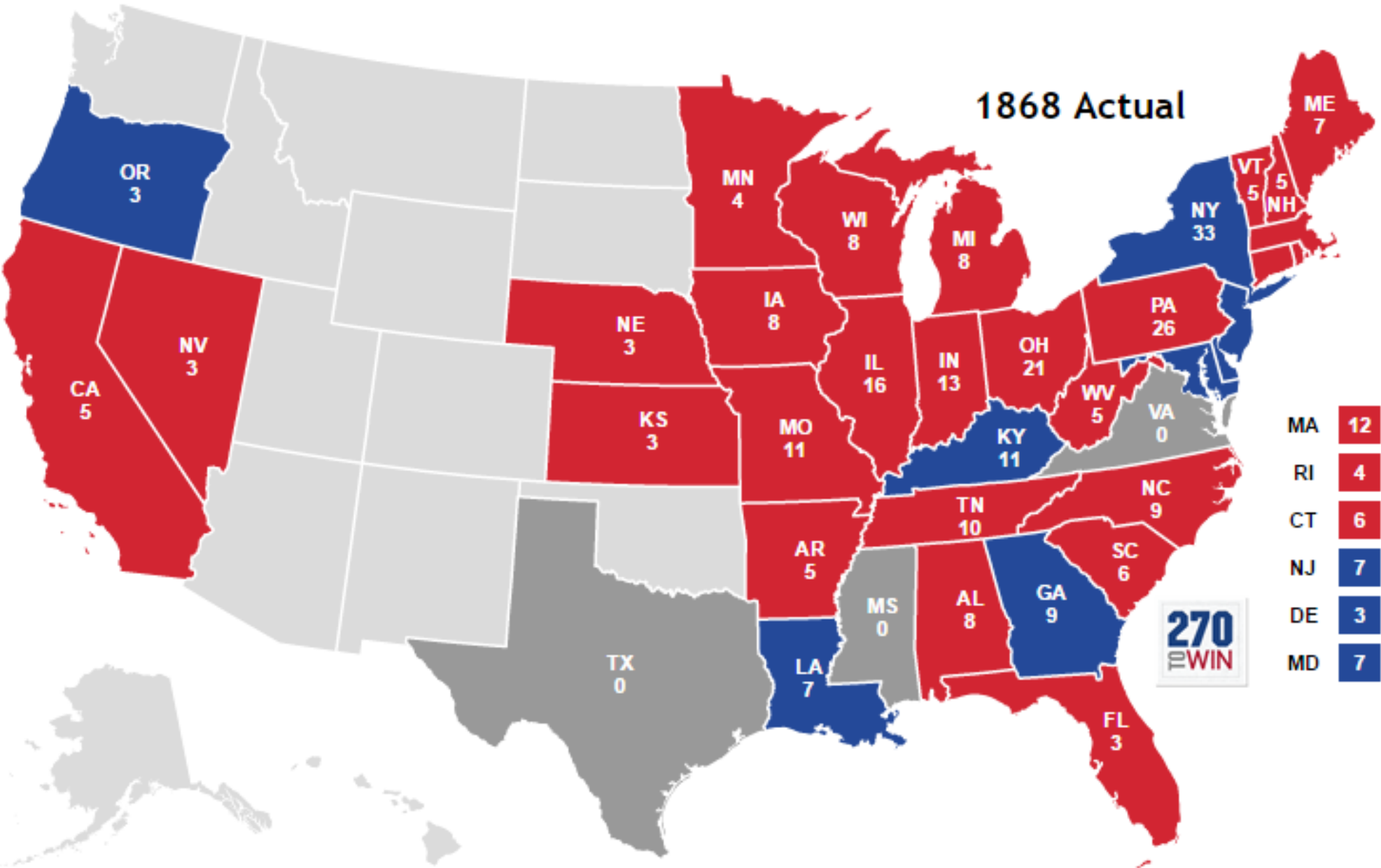
Election of 1868

Ulysses S. Grant v. Horatio Seymour

Grant: President (1869-1877)



1868 Actual



MA	12
RI	4
CT	6
NJ	7
DE	3
MD	7

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Perspective/Point of View

- Somebody's way of thinking about or approaching a subject; mindset; opinion

Reconstruction Governments



- Carpetbaggers
 - northerners who went South to profit.
- Scalawags
 - Pro Union southern whites
- African American
 - First Blacks to be elected to state legislatures and Congress

Hiram Revels – First Black Senator



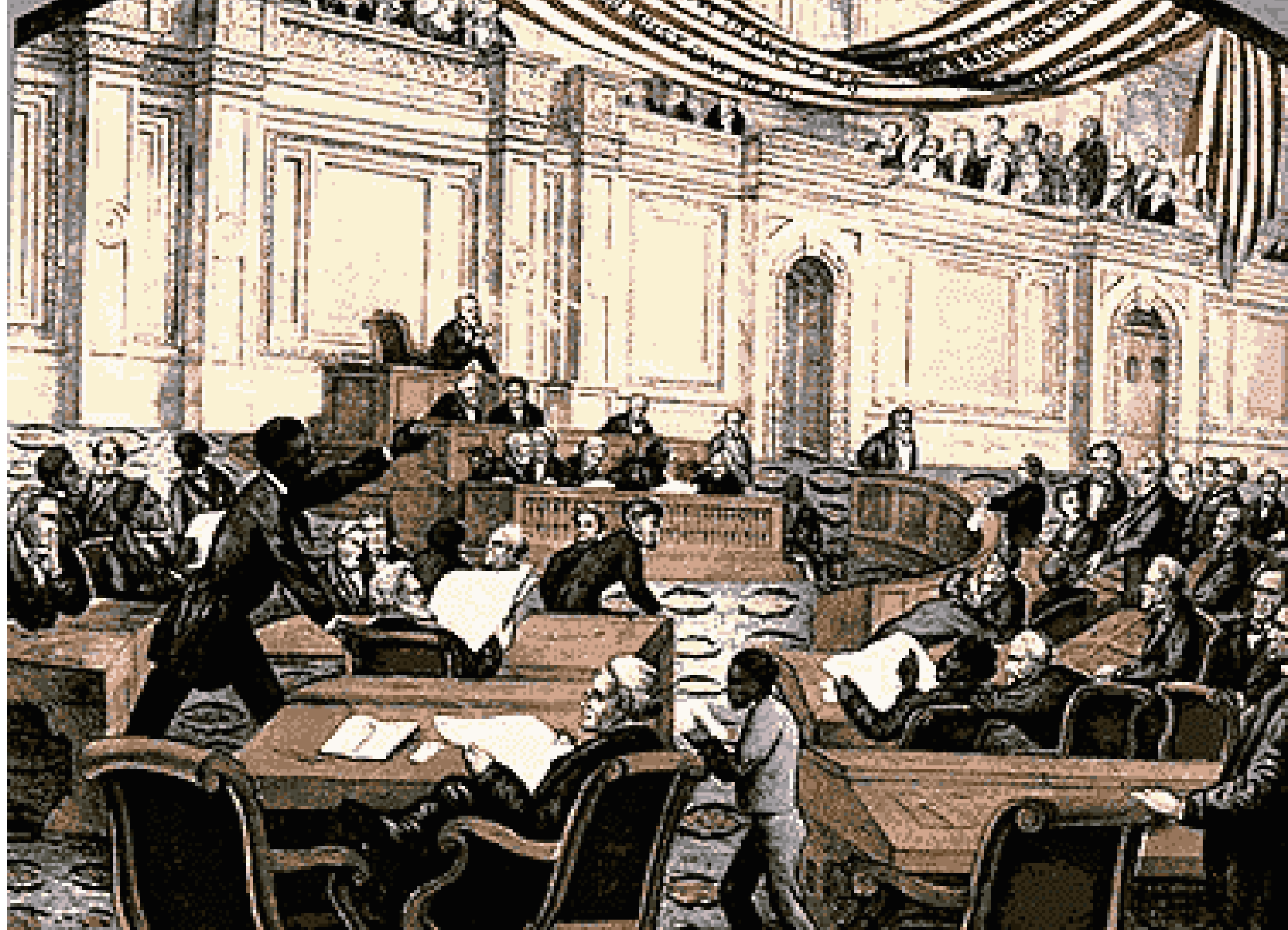




COLORED RULE IN A RECONSTRUCTED STATE.—(See Page 24.)

(THE NEGROES CALL EACH OTHER THIEVES, LIARS, KIDNAPERS, AND COFFRERS.)

CRISIS. "You are trying the latest system. If you disagree your Race is this way you had better take Back Seat."



Historians Views of Radical Reconstruction

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 - Uneducated votes
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Defense of Reconstruction Governments

- W.E.B Dubois (1935)
- Corruption was not unique to southern gov’ts – it also existed in north
- Legislatures passed progressive legislation that expanded rights and opportunities of women and blacks
- Legislatures improved educational systems and infrastructure of the south.

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Social and Political Changes

- End of slavery Thirteenth Amendment
- Fourteenth Amendment – citizenship, equal protection
- educational opportunities – freedman's bureau schools, and public schools created
- Voting rights - 15th Amendment