

## Transparency A-48 The Effects of Reconstruction

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#### African Americans

- Could vote and own land
- Had choice of where to work
- Were reunited with family
- 13th, 14th, & 15th amendments provided hope for full inclusion within American society
- Promoted literacy within African American Communities

#### Women's Suffrage

- Gave vote to black men, but fragmented the women's movement
- Disagreement over 15th amendment including a clause allowing women the right to vote
- 1869 – Wyoming Territory became first political unit to extend vote to women

#### State and National Parties

- White southerners shunned Republican party, while African Americans embrace it
- Democratic Party dominated the white South
- Republican Party became the party of big business
- The national Democratic Party differed from southern Democrats and had to maintain a delicate balance