Reconstruction: Policies and problems

- Southern military leaders could not hold office.

- African Americans could hold public office.

- African Americans gained equal rights as a result of the Civil Rights Act of 1866, which also authorized the use of federal troops for its enforcement.

- Northern soldiers supervised the South.

- The Freedmen’s Bureau was established to aid former enslaved African Americans in the South.

- Southerners resented Northern “carpetbaggers,” who took advantage of the South during Reconstruction.

- Southern states adopted Black Codes to limit the economic and physical freedom of former slaves.