

Reconstruction was a failure because Lincoln was the assassinated. After that, the 17th president, Andrew Johnson believed that people have the right to have slaves. Another reason why Reconstruction was a failure was the failure of the Freedmen's Bureau. Freedmen's Bureau was undersupported in many ways. Another reason was that the Supreme court overturned the Civil Rights Act. The last reason why was because there was a big loophole in the 13th amendment which freed the slaves.

President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated on April 15th, 1865. He was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth. John Wilkes Booth was the first person ever to kill a president of the United States. John shot Lincoln on the back of his head. The reason why John assassinated Lincoln was that he thought that Lincoln would overthrow the Constitution and try to destroy the South. I feel John should not have assassinated Lincoln because his assumption was wrong.

Andrew Johnson supported slavery. He said that it will be inevitable that there will be slaves. He even said the right to own slaves should be placed in the Constitution. He also mentioned in one of the speeches that he has owned and own slaves multiple slaves himself. He had no sympathy for the slaves and didn't care if they suffered. He did free his slaves. Most of them came back to him to become paid servants since most of them were all poor and homeless.

Why was the Freedmen's Bureau undersupported and underfunded? Freedmen's Bureau was underfunded because they were people of color there. There was also politics about race. They didn't want to fund them because there were people of color there. Congress took down the freedmen's bureau. They undersupported them. They dismantled them in 1872. Bureau failed on making a stride on racial equality.

Johnson disagreed with congress about his reconstruction plan. Johnson didn't like that African Americans could gain freedom and citizenship. He also did not like that they would have the right to vote. Congress thought they should do it but Johnson didn't want those things to happen. I think congress was right to disagree with the president about that because who cares about their skin color.

The Reconstruction failure does impact our world today. If the Reconstruction was a success people of color would not have as much freedom they have today. They wouldn't have the right to vote or be beaten to death when they were doing a peaceful nonviolent protest. I'm not saying that this doesn't happen today at all. So many people of color still get killed by police officers when they were innocent weren't armed. People still protest peacefully and still get beaten up when they didn't even lay a hand on the police officer. If reconstruction was a success black people wouldn't be able to do anything without anything happening to them.

Many reasons led to the failure of Reconstruction, Lincoln getting assassinated, Johnson supporting slavery, the failure of the Freedmen's Bureau, and the disagreement with the congress and president.