Thesis: Reconstruction was not a success. It helped to create more problems and did not fix tension with the South.

Was reconstruction a success?

* What would a success have been?
  + Slaves becoming equal
  + The South rebuilding and being completely subordinate to the north
* Was reconstruction successful in rebuilding the southern economy?/ Did it make Southerners happy?
  + Sort of- but it helped northern carpetbaggers most
  + No, Southerners were unhappy with their treatment by the federal government
  + They did not like the increased taxes
  + There were fundamental issues with the southerners not wanting rights for former slaves.
  + They did not like being treated as military districts
* Did it help former slaves?/Deal with tensions?
  + NO: it led to the creation of the KKK
  + There was a lot of violence towards former slaves.
  + Black codes were oppressive
  + Sharecropping was nearly as bad as slavery and did not allow former slaves to come out of poverty.

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