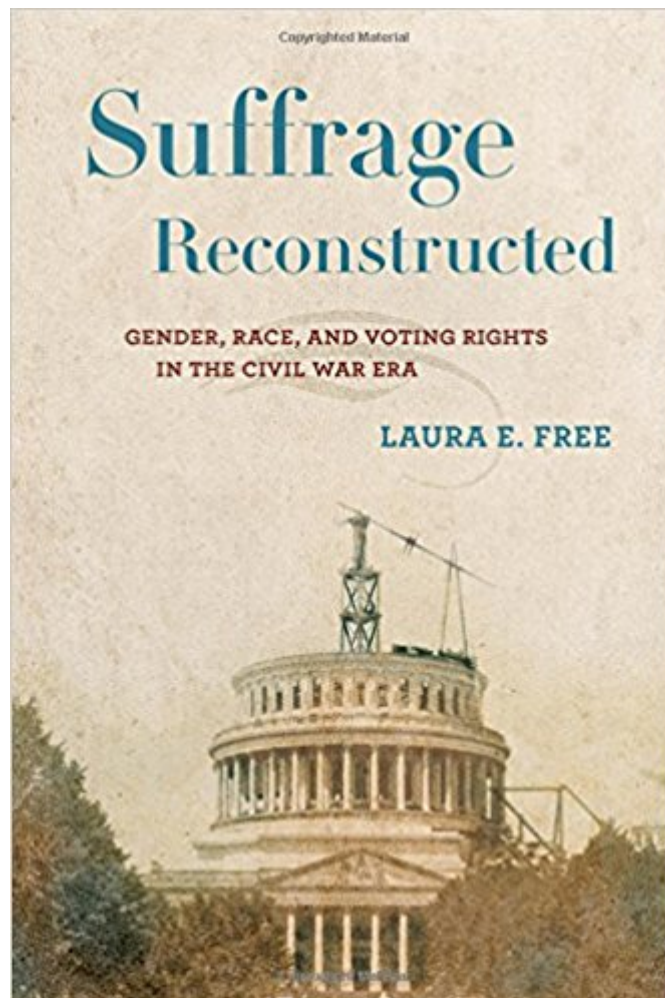




Ebook Directory
the best source of ebook

The book was found

Suffrage Reconstructed: Gender, Race, And Voting Rights In The Civil War Era



Synopsis

The Fourteenth Amendment, ratified on July 9, 1868, identified all legitimate voters as "male." In so doing, it added gender-specific language to the U.S. Constitution for the first time. *Suffrage Reconstructed* is the first book to consider how and why the amendment's authors made this decision. Vividly detailing congressional floor bickering and activist campaigning, Laura E. Free takes readers into the pre- and postwar fights over precisely who should have the right to vote. Free demonstrates that all men, black and white, were the ultimate victors of these fights, as gender became the single most important marker of voting rights during Reconstruction. Free argues that the Fourteenth Amendment's language was shaped by three key groups: African American activists who used ideas about manhood to claim black men's right to the ballot, postwar congressmen who sought to justify enfranchising southern black men, and women's rights advocates who began to petition Congress for the ballot for the first time as the Amendment was being drafted. To prevent women's inadvertent enfranchisement, and to incorporate formerly disfranchised black men into the voting polity, the Fourteenth Amendment's congressional authors turned to gender to define the new American voter. Faced with this exclusion some woman suffragists, most notably Elizabeth Cady Stanton, turned to rhetorical racism in order to mount a campaign against sex as a determinant of one's capacity to vote. Stanton's actions caused a rift with Frederick Douglass and a schism in the fledgling woman suffrage movement. By integrating gender analysis and political history, *Suffrage Reconstructed* offers a new interpretation of the Civil War era remaking of American democracy, placing African American activists and women's rights advocates at the heart of nineteenth-century American conversations about public policy, civil rights, and the franchise.

Book Information

Hardcover: 248 pages

Publisher: Cornell University Press; 1 edition (September 8, 2015)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0801450861

ISBN-13: 978-0801450860

Product Dimensions: 6.4 x 0.6 x 9.5 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.6 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: Be the first to review this item

Best Sellers Rank: #643,880 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #113 in [American Books > History >](#)

Americas > United States > Civil War > Women #663 in [Books > History > Americas > United States > African Americans](#) #767 in [Books > History > Americas > United States > Civil War > Campaigns & Battlefields](#)

Customer Reviews

"The author depicts work by suffragists to turn voters against the (Fifteenth) amendment by using the racist language and stereotyping of the day, denigrating the very former slaves they had fought so hard to free. In doing so, they attempted to achieve voting rights for themselves by denying the same right to others. Free's book is an informative and sometimes shocking study of a little-known Reconstruction drama." [S. J. Ramold, CHOICE \(January 2016\)](#) "Much of the work analyzing the Reconstruction constitutional amendments and their connection to women's rights has focused on the Fifteenth Amendment's restriction of suffrage to men. Hobart and William Smith College associate professor of history Laura Free's *Suffrage Reconstructed* expands the discussion to a detailed analysis of the Fourteenth Amendment's deliberate inclusion of the word "male." While examining the expansion of voting rights, Free provides fresh insight into the dispute over who was considered worthy of full inclusion in American political life. She explains in detail how the debates led Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony to ally themselves with the racist language and political philosophy of the Democratic Party. . . . Free has made a valuable contribution to the discussion of women's rights and the history of suffrage in the United States." [Kathleen Gorman, The North Carolina Historical Review \(July 2016\)](#) "Suffrage Reconstructed is a significant contribution to the intertwined histories of Reconstruction politics and women's suffrage. Laura E. Free offers a persuasive, innovative, and nuanced analysis of the political rhetoric that transformed citizenship after the Civil War. Free offers an original and necessary perspective on this pivotal moment in the nation's history." [Carol Faulkner, Syracuse University, author of Lucretia Mott's Heresy: Abolition and Women's Rights in 19th-Century America](#) "In the crisp and lucid *Suffrage Reconstructed*, Laura E. Free delivers on her promise to shed light on how whiteness and manhood became synonymous with citizenship, why the word 'male' was introduced into the Constitution with the 14th Amendment, and what Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony hoped to accomplish with their tactical shifts after the war." [Elizabeth R. Varon, University of Virginia, author of Disunion!: The Coming of the American Civil War, 1789-1859](#)

Laura E. Free is Associate Professor of History at Hobart and William Smith Colleges.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Suffrage Reconstructed: Gender, Race, and Voting Rights in the Civil War Era Civil War: American Civil War in 50 Events: From the Very Beginning to the Fall of the Confederate States (War Books, Civil War History, Civil War Books) (History in 50 Events Series Book 13) Tales from the Haunted South: Dark Tourism and Memories of Slavery from the Civil War Era (The Steven and Janice Brose Lectures in the Civil War Era) Lawyer, Activist, Judge: Fighting for Civil and Voting Rights in Mississippi and Illinois Re-Visioning Family Therapy, Second Edition: Race, Culture, and Gender in Clinical Practice (Revisioning Family Therapy: Race, Culture, & Gender in) Lillian's Right to Vote: A Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 Give Us the Ballot: The Modern Struggle for Voting Rights in America Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March Because They Marched: The People's Campaign for Voting Rights that Changed America Sex and the Civil War: Soldiers, Pornography, and the Making of American Morality (The Steven and Janice Brose Lectures in the Civil War Era) The Civil Rights Cases: Case Brief on the Civil Rights Act of 1875 (Court Case Briefs) Chicano! The History of the Mexican American Civil Rights Movement (Hispanic Civil Rights) Apostles of Disunion: Southern Secession Commissioners and the Causes of the Civil War (A Nation Divided: Studies in the Civil War Era) The Civil War as a Theological Crisis (The Steven and Janice Brose Lectures in the Civil War Era) The First Republican Army: The Army of Virginia and the Radicalization of the Civil War (A Nation Divided: Studies in the Civil War Era) Disunion!: The Coming of the American Civil War, 1789-1859 (Littlefield History of the Civil War Era) Gender Born, Gender Made: Raising Healthy Gender-Nonconforming Children The Gender Game 5: The Gender Fall: The Gender Game, Book 5 Cold War Civil Rights: Race and the Image of American Democracy (Politics and Society in Twentieth Century America) Cold War Civil Rights: Race and the Image of American Democracy (Politics and Society in Modern America)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)