

What if? At the end of the Civil War, the Southern states had to become part of the United States again. Which of these steps would you recommend if you were in charge of creating a united country in 1865?

Column One

___ Punish the South, so those states don't try to secede again!

___ Forbid former Confederate leaders from voting and running for office

___ Make the Southern states rewrite their constitutions, pass the 14th Amendment, and give former male slaves voting rights before they can get back into the Union

___ Send troops into the South and have them keep an eye on things

___ Replace the old state governments with new officials who will protect the rights of African Americans and follow the new rules.

___ Total Selected

Column Two

___ Let the Southern states come back into the Union without being punished

___ Pardon (officially forgive) former Confederate soldiers if they promise to support emancipation

___ Let the Southern states decide how they will enforce civil rights laws

___ Allow the people that were in charge before the war regain control of the state governments

___ Try to forgive and forget. It will be better if everyone puts this mess in the past.

___ Total Selected