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Lincoln's Ten Percent plan, the Wade-Davis Bill, Johnson's plan for Reconstruction also referred to as "Restoration", and Congressional Reconstruction, comparing and contrasting them. In your opinion, which plan would have produced the best results, or was all of the plans doomed to produce the same end?

After becoming more familiarized and informed about the difference between the 4 Reconstruction plans, I've come to the conclusion that one would be more successful of all but also, I believe that in the end they would produce the same outcome. The reconstruction plan that I am most in favor of would be the Congressional Reconstruction. Reason being, the other 3 plans were either too lenient or too cruel.

Lincoln's Ten Percent plan was more of a "Why can't we be friends" plan and his plan to only need 10% of the population's loyalty was too small of a number to beat the war. The Wade-Davis Bill was a plan that was too cruel in my opinion, their goal was to mainly punish the south. In comparison to Lincoln's plan, the Wade-Davis Bill stated that people will submit instead of doing it voluntarily. Lastly, the Restoration Plan was more of a rapid and lenient way of fixing the problem. I believe the plan did not work for many reasons but wanting to fix issues rapidly is not the correct solution. In addition, I believe that Johnson's only requirement which was for the south to admit that they lost the civil war and slavery was dead is not the appropriate way to do things because that is not the truth and will just cause the issue to continue.

In conclusion, the Congressional Reconstruction gave African Americans more protection and equal rights by making it a requirement for the 14th and 15th Amendment to be signed for in order to be let back into the union. Although it did not last more than 8 years, a huge change was made which impacted peoples lives in positive ways.