

Louisiana Black codes

Note: Codes below taken from

<http://college.cengage.com/history/us/resources/students/primary/blackcode.htm> 1865

Black codes definition = a body of **laws**, statutes, and rules enacted [put into effect] by southern states immediately after the Civil War to **regain control** over the freed slaves, maintain **white supremacy**, and ensure the continued **supply of cheap labor** (taken from <http://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Black+codes>)

Directions: A. Read the following Louisiana black codes below. B. Then, mark in the space whether the primary effect on the African American would be political (P), economic (E), or social (S). Below each provide 2 strong sentences explaining how this would impact their life in a negative way.

1. _____ “No negro [African American] shall be permitted to rent or keep a house within said parish [county] [of St. Landry:

Impact: _____

2. _____ . . . “No public meetings or congregations of negroes shall be allowed within said parish after sunset”

Impact: _____

3. _____ No negro shall be permitted to preach, exhort, [encourage] strongly] or otherwise declaim [make a speech] to congregations of colored people, without a special permission in writing...”

Impact: _____

4. _____ :No negro who is not in the military service shall be allowed to carry fire-arms, or any kind of weapons, within the parish, without the special written permission of his employers...”

Impact: _____

5. _____ “Every negro is required to be in the regular service of some white person, or former owner...”

Impact: _____

6. _____ “...That no negro shall be allowed to pass within the limits of said parish [St. Landry] without special permit in writing from his employer...”

Impact: _____

Final response: