

# The Trial of Andrew Johnson

## Part II

Congress brought 11 indictments against President Andrew Johnson. The major issue was his dismissal of a Radical Republican (Secretary of War Stanton) and a violation of the Tenure of Office Act.

State	Yea	Nay
California	Cole/Conness	
Connecticut	Ferry	Dixon
Delaware		Bayard/Saulsbury
Illinois	Yates	Trumbull
Indiana	Morton	Hendricks
Iowa	Harlan	Grimes
Kansas	Pomeroy	Ross
Kentucky		Davis/McCreary
Maine	Morrill	Fessenden
Maryland		Johnson/Vickers
Massachusetts	Sumner/Wilson	
Michigan	Chandler/Howard	
Minnesota	Ramsey	Norton

13. Using the chart on the previous page as reference, which states had two votes to convict Johnson?

Draw on your knowledge of the Reconstruction era to explain why these states voted to impeach the President. Were the votes divided geographically, and how did this reflect the political climate of the era?

Missouri

Nebraska

Nevada

New Hampshire

New Jersey

New York

Ohio

Oregon

Pennsylvania

Rhode Island

Tennessee

Vermont

West Virginia

Wisconsin

14. The issue in the Johnson case was the Tenure of Office Act. Johnson's lawyer argued that the Act, which the Senate had passed over Johnson's veto, was unconstitutional. The Act was repealed in 1887, and in 1926 the Supreme Court held that a similar law was unconstitutional. Describe how these later events might change the way people feel about the impeachment trial. Do you think that Johnson should have been impeached? What impact did the trial have on his remaining time in office?