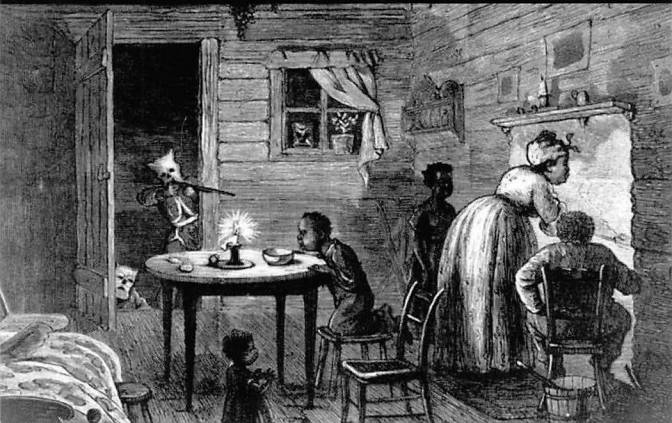


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Combating Domestic Terrorism

Ku Klux Klan Act, 1871

Some whites resisted societal change, Reconstruction, and the 14th and 15th Amendments by forming secret societies that terrorized African Americans. The Ku Klux Klan Act (April 20, 1871) allowed President Grant to bypass habeas corpus and declare martial law as a way to combat this terrorism.

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