A. Charles Schurz, who was a Northern Republican, is shown in a positive light as he heads to the South in enact Reconstruction policies.

B. The southern citizens in the background are cheering his arrival due to the cooperation taking place between northern and southern politicians.

C. The southern citizens in the background are actively attempting to prevent the arrival of the carpetbaggers they feared and hated with a passion.

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The basic notion of the carpetbagger – well, it's a derogatory term to begin with quite clearly. And what it's proposing – and there is, of course, truth to this – that certain Northern politicians packed a carpetbag – a carpetbag was basically what a carry-on bag now for when you go on the airplane – packed a carpetbag, got on a train, went down South, and appealed largely to African Americans who, for the first time, were receiving the vote, at least males were. And in effect, also, at least in terms of the stereotype, were corrupt, exploited not only the difficulties Southerners were facing after the war, but also were taking bribes as well as giving bribes.
Now, there were many politicians who went down and many of whom were quite idealistic and were going down, in fact, to promulgate a quality and, for that matter, develop, in some cases businesses in the industries in the South, which later actually became sort of a standard, you know, policy. But the term was most definitely created as a critical term. It sort of does imply that in one way or another, you're either packing votes or you're going to be getting votes by some nefarious means. It certainly is never a compliment.