Topic 28 Civil Rights FRQ Practice

Despite the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment, voter turnout among African American citizens was very low throughout the first half of the twentieth century. Over the past 50 years, civil rights policies have changed substantially, along with a significant increase in African American voter turnout.

(a) Identify the major provision of the 15th Amendment.

(b) Explain how two measures taken by some states prior to the 1960s affected voter turnout among African American citizens.

(b) Facing discrimination at the voting booth, many African American citizens turned to alternative forms of political participation. Describe two alternative forms of participation that helped bring about changes in civil rights policies.

(c) Explain one action taken by the Federal government after 1960 intended to increase African American turnout in American Elections.