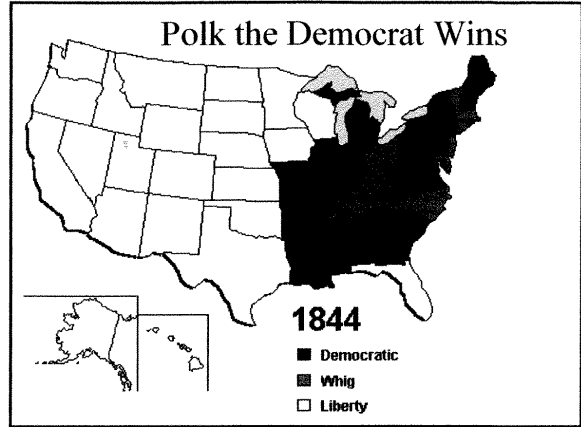
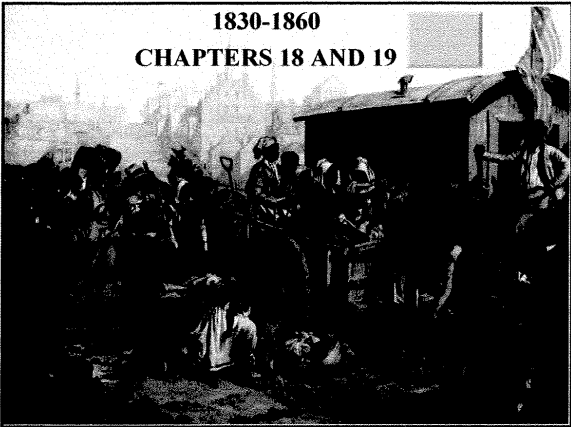
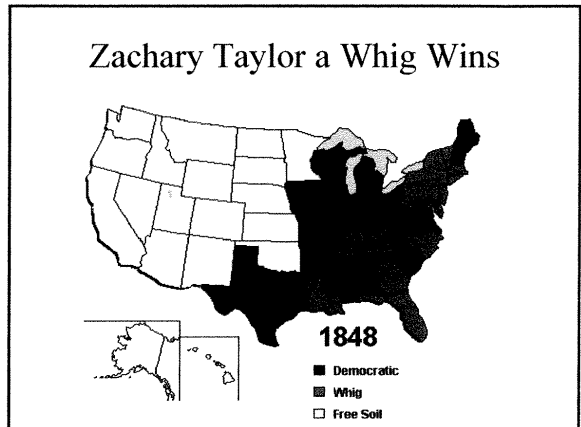


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**ELECTIONS OF 1844 & 1848**

- 1844: DARK HORSE POLK ON "EXPANSION" ISSUE
- 1848: TAYLOR ON MILITARY RECORD, AND THE FACT THAT HE WAS A SOUTHERNER RUNNING ON A NORTHERN TICKET
- The Democratic Candidate was "Cass the Jackass"— he originally proposed the idea of "Popular Sovereignty"
- Since neither was anti-slavery, the Free Soil Party became the anti-expansion of slavery party



ZACHARY TAYLOR

WHIG BUT, ACCEPTED BY SOUTH MOSTLY

Taylor wins in 1848	1,360,967
To Pierce's	1,222,342
Difference of	138,625

BUT the Free Soil Party (Wilmot Proviso) got 291,263. If it gets any bigger the Whigs will start losing

**California Wants in Early**

- At 60,000 by 1849
- "49ers" and Gold Rush
- Will come in as Free and upset the Senatorial balance
- The South is going to want something BIG in return.

- The March 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional debate
  - Old Guard
    - Clay at 73 puts forward his last compromise
    - Stephen Douglas—compromise and popular sovereignty.
    - Calhoun at 68 was too old to speak, but approved of the spirit of compromise. He wanted it to go further—total protection of slavery
    - Webster at 58, said that the North should compromise because God through geography dictated that slavery couldn't move west.
- Passage of the Compromise of 1850 brings out
  - Southern “Fire-eaters”
  - Northern “Young Guard”

### **TAYLOR SUDDENLY DIES OF ACUTE INTESTINAL DISORDER(DYSENTARY)**

- **REPLACED BY FILLMORE**
- **What's a Fillmore?????**
  - COLORLESS**
  - CONCILIATORY**
  - NEW-YORKER**

### **CONTINUED**

- **DOUGLAS SEES HIMSELF AS “THE LITTLE GIANT”**
- **CALIFORNIA GOLD/CONTROL OF SENATE**
- **PROSPEROUS TIMES IN SOUTH, STILL HAVE ENOUGH NORTHERN DEMOCRATS TO WIN THE PRESIDENCY. ALL HOPE ON POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY.**

### **Election of 1852**

- Democrats run Franklin Pierce
- “We Polked em in 44, we'll Pierce em in 52”
- The Fainting General
- Acceptable to the slavery south
- Whigs FINALLY decide to run Winfield Scott
- Hero of the Mexican American War
- Now weighed over 300 lbs.
- Unacceptable to Southern Whigs
- **Too many northern Whigs vote for the Free Soil Party.**
- End of the Whig Party unless they take a stand on slavery.

### **BLEEDING KANSAS**

- **POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY AT ITS WORST**
- 1855 Territorial elections are illegal as pro-slavery forces march and “vote early and vote often”.
- 1856 a gang of proslavery forces attack the anti-slavery town of Lawrence.
- John Brown “the Butcher of Pottawatomie” retaliates hacking to pieces 5 pro-slavery men.
- 1857 Kansas has 60,000 people.
- UH OH!!

### **Brooks and Sumner**

- Anti-Slavery Senator Sumner insults the ancient South Carolina Senator Butler over his stance on slavery
- Butler's cousin, Senator Brooks sneaks up behind the seated Sumner and clubs him with his cane till it breaks.
- Southerners re-elect Brooks and send him 100's of canes to replace the one he had broken.
- It takes Sumner 3 ½ years to recover.
- When asked why he caned Sumner, Brooks replied that a southerner only duels with people of equal rank and standing—and since Sumner was a Yankee—it was obvious that a good caning was in order.

# The Election of 1856

- Democrats want to run Douglas—but his stance on Kansas has lost him the Southern vote. They sure don't want Pierce again. So they pick an easily manipulated wishy-washy candidate no one knew—"Buck" Buchanan. \*\*\*\*\*They threaten secession if the Republicans win\*\*\*\*\*
- The new Republican Party (the Whigs are dead) try the erratic, but dynamic John Fremont (leader of the Bear Flag Revolt) the old Free Soil Party has joined the Republicans
- The new American Party (Know-Nothings) puts up Filmore????

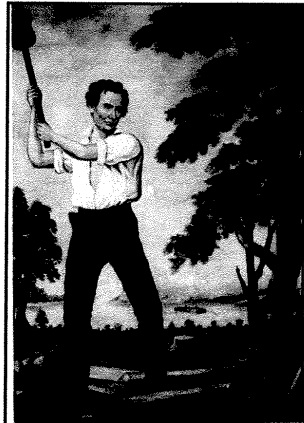
Table 15-1  
Popular and Electoral Votes in the 1856 Presidential Election

Candidate	Free States		Slave States		Total	
	Popular	Electoral	Popular	Electoral	Popular	Electoral
Buchanan (Democrat)	1,227,000	62	697,000	112	1,933,000	174
Fremont (Republican)	1,338,000	114	0	0	1,338,000	114
Filmore (American)	396,000	0	476,000	8	872,000	8

**DEMOCRATS CAN STILL GET JUST ENOUGH NORTHERN ELECTORAL VOTES TO CONTROL THE PRESIDENCY, EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE LOST THE HOUSE AND THE SENATE (Iowa, Wisconsin, CALIFORNIA). The South threatens that if an anti-slavery northerner is elected Pres...**

## Dred Scott

- The Taney Supreme Court ruled that
  - Dred Scott was a slave and therefore not a citizen
  - Therefore any slave taken to any territory was still property and was protected as such by the Constitution. 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment.
  - The Comp of 1820 was always unconstitutional.
  - Seems like a Southern victory—but it galvanizes Northern opposition to slavery



**A NEW PARTY  
A NEW PRESIDENT.  
HE FAILED AT MOST THINGS EXCEPT**

## Democratic Convention 1859

- Southern "Fire-eaters" refuse Douglas because of his "Freeport Doctrine":
  - Northern Democrats choose Douglas and Popular Sovereignty
  - Southern Democrats choose Breckinridge and annexation of Cuba. What?????
  - Border states fearing civil war back a new party called Constitutional Union and Bell (compromise)

## The Republican Convention

- Lincoln defeats Seward with his
  - "slavery is OK where it is, but NO extension westward",
  - high tariffs,
  - a transcontinental Railroad
  - Fairness to immigrants
  - Gov't sponsored internal improvements
  - Free homesteads for farmers
  - **Cash compensation for freed slaves**

### The end of slavery????

- NO!!!!
  - The only way to free the slaves in the current slave states was by Constitutional Amendment—and that takes 2/3 vote in Congress or 2/3 of the states to approve.
  - 5 of the 9 S.C. Justices were southerners.

### But it is the End of Compromise

- Crittendon Comp Fails: Go back to the Mo. Comp. Lincoln refuses as it would allow the expansion of slavery—something he had vowed not to do.
- Lincoln promises the South that he has NO intention of ending slavery where it already is. “If I can save the Union by...”