

Events and Trends Leading to Civil War: Perceptions and Realities [\(Symbols\)](#)

ANTI Slavery	PRO Slavery	Date	Event or Trend	Perceptions and Realities—View from the North and South and from PRO Slavery and ANTI Slavery Factions
-	-	1832	-	Election: Andrew Jackson, Democrat
-	<	1836-05	Texas Independence	
-	-	1836	-	Election: Martin Van Buren, Democrat
?	?	1840s	"Manifest destiny"	What is it? Where are the targets?
-	-	1840	-	Election: William Henry Harrison, Whig, dies; John Tyler
>	<	1844-12	-	Election: James K. Polk, Democrat
	<	1845-02 28	Texas, a state	Why Tyler? method to pass?
-	-	1845-03 04	-	Polk inaugural
-	-	1846-05	Mexican War starts	
-	-	1846-06	Oregon dispute resolved	
>	-	1846-08	Wilmot Proviso	
	<F	1848-02	Mexican War ends	US paid: \$15M + \$3M in claims by US citizens. US got: AZ, CA, NV, and UT from Mexico. US got: US-Mexico border at Rio Grande. <F = If _____ and If _____
-	-	1848-12	-	Election: Zachary Taylor, Whig died; Millard Fillmore
		1849	California	
>		1850-02 to 09	Compromise of 1850	Major player: Legislation in this package: ▪ ▪ ▪ ▪
P>	<	1852	<i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i>	Author? Why matter?
-	-	1852-12	-	Election: Franklin Pierce, Democrat
	<F	1853	Gadsden Purchase	US paid Mexico: \$10M. US gets?
	<P	1854-01 – 05	Kansas-Nebraska Act	Major player: Why? Legislation:
		1854-01	Revolt of factions starts	Northern Democrats Players: Foundation of Republican Party =
			Revolt results	_____ _____ _____ + _____ + _____ +
>		1854-04	Funding Free Soilers to Kansas	What's the New England Emigrant Aid Co.?
	<	1854-10	Ostend Manifesto	
>	<	1855-1856	"Bleeding Kansas"	What are the unintended consequences of the principle of popular sovereignty? Multiple attacks from both directions: ▪ Northerners and Southerners into Kansas ▪ 1 st weak and 2 nd PRO Slavery territorial governor ▪ PRO Slavery legislature - fraud/violence by about 5K Missourians ▪ ANTI Slavery center at Lawrence, Kansas; counter constitution ▪ PRO Slavery attack on Lawrence—burned hotel, attacked homes, burned newspapers ▪ ANTI Slavery attack by John Brown's group—killed 5 PRO Slavery people, mutilated bodies displayed
>		1856	Events in Senate chamber	Preston Brooks? Charles Sumner?
-	-	1856-12	-	Election: James Buchanan , Democrat
	<	1857-03	<i>Dred Scott</i> case	Ruling by Supreme Court (Roger Taney Court):
	<	1857-10 -12	Fraud in another Kansas election	What does Douglas do? (Kansas not admitted until 1861, after secession)
		1858	7 Lincoln-Douglas debates	Senate contest in Illinois: ▪ Abraham Lincoln ▪ Stephen Douglas
P>		1859	Raid at Harpers Ferry, VA	Who? Why?
P>		1860-12	Election	Election: Abraham Lincoln , Republican
	<	1860-11 12	Secession crisis	Secession - South Carolina 1 st
	<	1861-02	Another election	Who is elected? What's their Constitution? +6 more secede
	<	1861-04	Fort Sumter	What happened? Where? How does it appear? Post Fort Sumter: 11 total (VA, AR, TN, NC) Western Virginia—Refused to secede; was separate state in 1863.

Reminders and Symbols

Reminders:

- Slave states = Have only the Senate to protect slavery from change—with the additional support of the Presidents in 1852 and 1856
- Democrat and Whig Parties **both** contained PRO and ANTI slavery advocates (Unlike the Republican Party, they were **both** national parties, not sectional ones.)

Symbols:

- **>** = push by **ANTI-Slavery**; **<** = push by **PRO-Slavery** (with the colors for what became the **Blue** and the **Gray** forces of the Civil War, but in the beginning these were not sections and not parties, but only factions)
- F shown as either **F>** (future possibility for **ANTI-slavery**) or **<F** (future possibility for **PRO-slavery**)
- P with either **P>** (perceived threat to **ANTI-slavery**) or **<P** (perceived threat to **PRO-slavery**)

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