

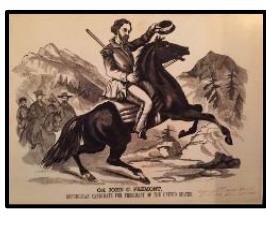
Free Soil Party

- New **political party** formed when Wilmot Proviso is blocked
- Two current parties – Democrats and Whigs – were avoiding the issue of slavery
 - *New party formed by anti-slavery Democrats and Whigs together*
- Goal - *all territory gained from Mexican War be "free soil" no slavery*

Formation of Republican Party

Video Clip - TED Talk on how the idea of popular sovereignty, Kansas-Nebraska Act and Bleeding Kansas led to the Republican Party - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oWww0YIf-JE>

Video Clip - Khan Academy only need first 2:45 minutes - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7T7PxQMLTt8>



- goal - to stop the spread of slavery into western territories
- *northern Democrats and Free Soil Party members joined*
 - *quickly gains power - within months -*
 - *elected 105 of the 245 seats in the House of Representatives*
 - *won control of all but two northern state legislatures*
- *Republican Presidential Candidate of 1856 - John C. Fremont*
 - *a Californian little known to North - chosen to represent the focus on the territories being free*
 - *won 11 of 16 northern states*

Lincoln-Douglas Debates Video Clip - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BJvqak5_NBA

- Both running for senator for Illinois (will later run for president)
 - *Stephen Douglas* is the current senator and the **champion of popular sovereignty** – letting each state decide through voting whether it is free or slave
 - *Lincoln* ran for senator just because he is **against popular sovereignty** and knows it has been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court
- These debates were followed by the whole nation
 - Thousands attend each
 - Newspapers report on what each said.
- Positions
 - *Douglas* - ignores Supreme Court and continues to advocate for **popular sovereignty** – the people of a new territory decide through voting whether to be a free or slave state
 - *Lincoln* against popular sovereignty, saying
 - a house divided against itself cannot long stand
 - this government **cannot endure, permanently half slave and half free**
 - the country **will become all one thing or all the other**
 - **KNOWS NORTHERNERS WILL NOT WANT ALL SLAVE**

Excerpt from Lincoln's "House Divided" debate statement at the Debate

If we could first know *where* we are, and *whether* we are tending, we could then better judge *what* to do, and *how* to do it.
We are now far into the *fifth* year, since a policy was initiated, with the *avowed* object, and *confident* promise, of putting an end to slavery agitation.

Under the operation of that policy, that agitation has not only, *not ceased*, but has *constantly augmented*.

In *my opinion*, it *will* not cease, until a *crisis* shall have been reached, and passed.

"A house divided against itself cannot stand."

I believe this government cannot endure, permanently half *slave* and half *free*.

I do not expect the Union to be *dissolved* -- I do not expect the house to *fall* -- but I *do* expect it will cease to be divided.
It will become *all* one thing or *all* the other.

Either the *opponents* of slavery, will arrest the further spread of it, and place it where the public mind shall rest in the belief that it is in the course of ultimate extinction; or its *advocates* will push it forward, till it shall become alike lawful in *all* the States, *old* as well as *new* -- *North* as well as *South*.