

# The Nation Divided

Unit 9- *Lead Up To The Civil War*

Chapter 15 Section 4


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# John Brown

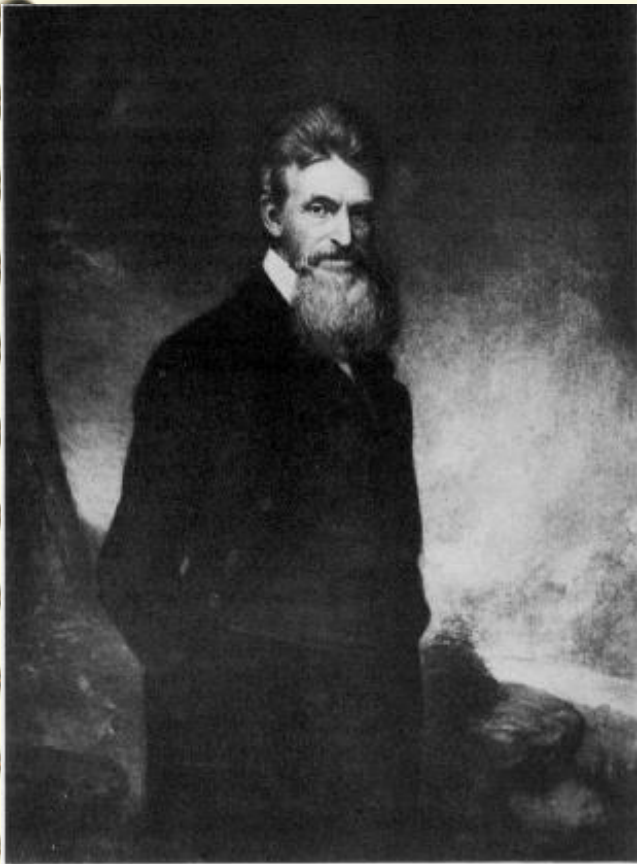
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 **Abolitionist from New England**

 **Moved to Kansas in 1855**

 **Brutally killed 5 pro-slavery men in Kansas in what became known as the “Pottawatomie Massacre”**

# Standing Up For The Cause...



*John Brown*

John Brown was an abolitionist who believed that the best way to put an end to slavery was to act against it.

# John Brown's Raid

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✓ Went with 22 men to attack a national armory in Harper's Ferry, VA (10/16.1859)

✓ The purpose was to seize weapons and arm slaves for an insurrection.

# John Brown's Raid

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- 📄 Brown sent several of his men to find slaves who would join in the uprising
- 📄 Most enslaved African Americans did not want to join for fear of punishment
- 📄 Local white southerners came & attacked Brown instead
- 📄 11 dead (8 of Brown's men & 3 locals)

# Harper's Ferry

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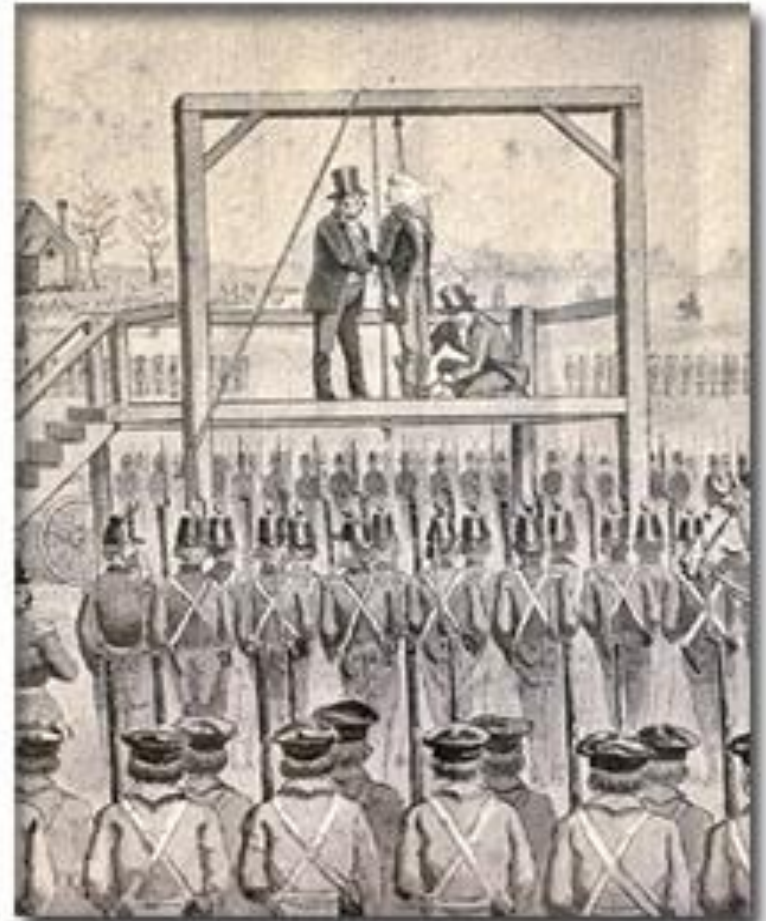


📄 Lt. Col. Robert Edward Lee was sent to capture Brown.

📄 Lee & his men captured Brown the next day

# A Martyr? Or a Madman?

- 📄 Tried for Treason
- 📄 Hanged on Dec. 2, 1859.
- 📄 Cadets from VMI provided added security at the event (students of Major Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson)



# The Election of 1860

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 The big issue now **WAS**  
**SLAVERY!!**

 All things suggest that nation is on  
verge of war.

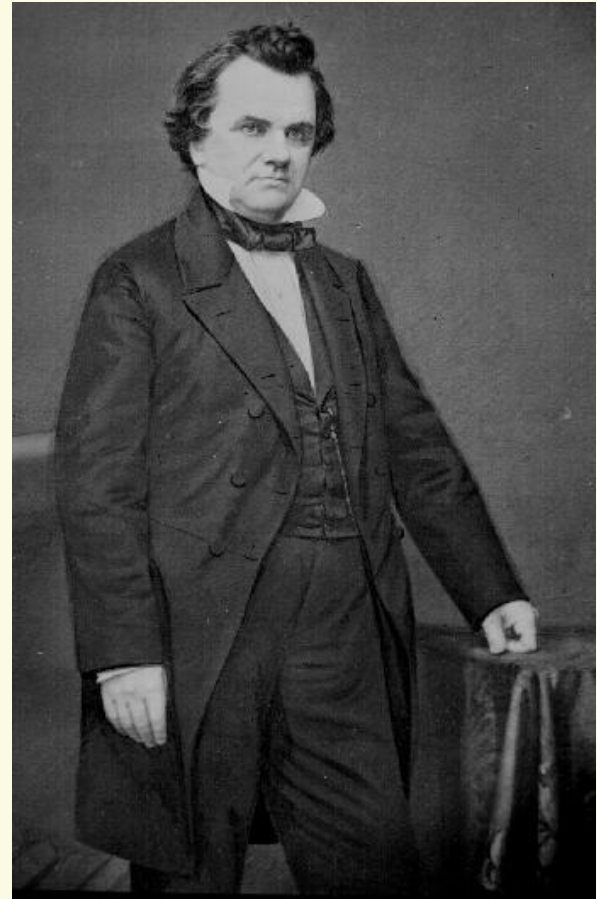


# Northern Democrats

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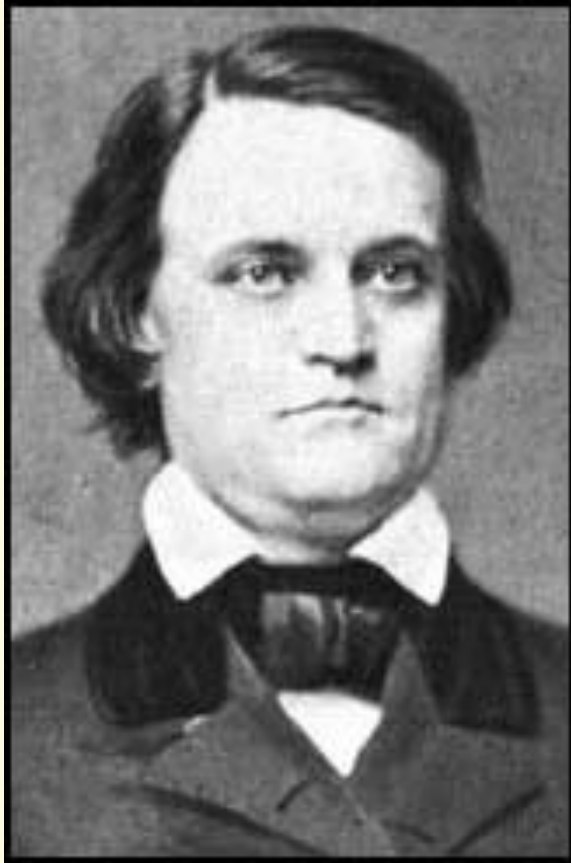
☰ Believed that slavery issue should be solved by popular sovereignty.

☰ Chose Stephen Douglas as their candidate



# Southern Democrats

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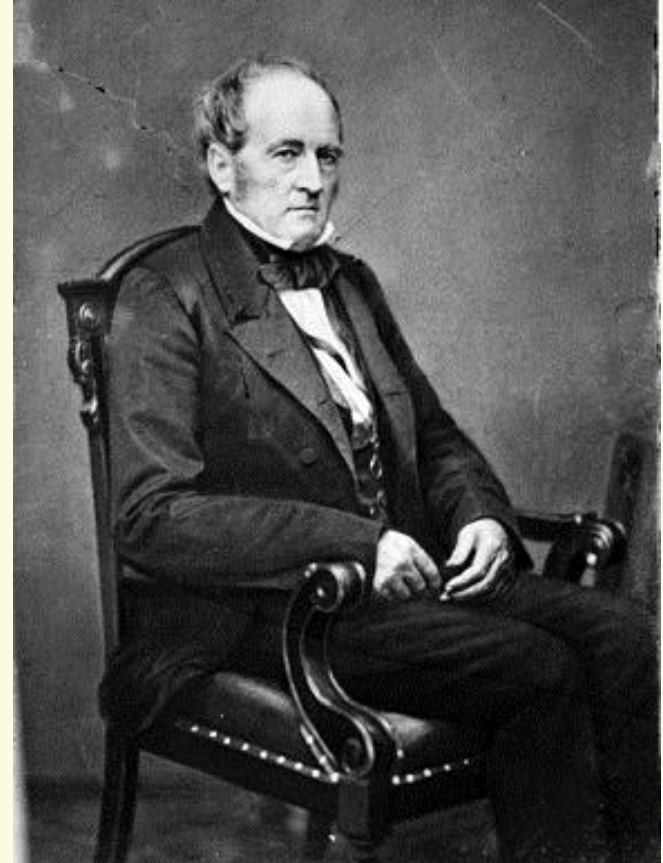
- 📄 John C. Breckinridge
- 📄 Current V.P.
- 📄 Protect slavery
- 📄 Acquire Cuba

# Constitutional Union

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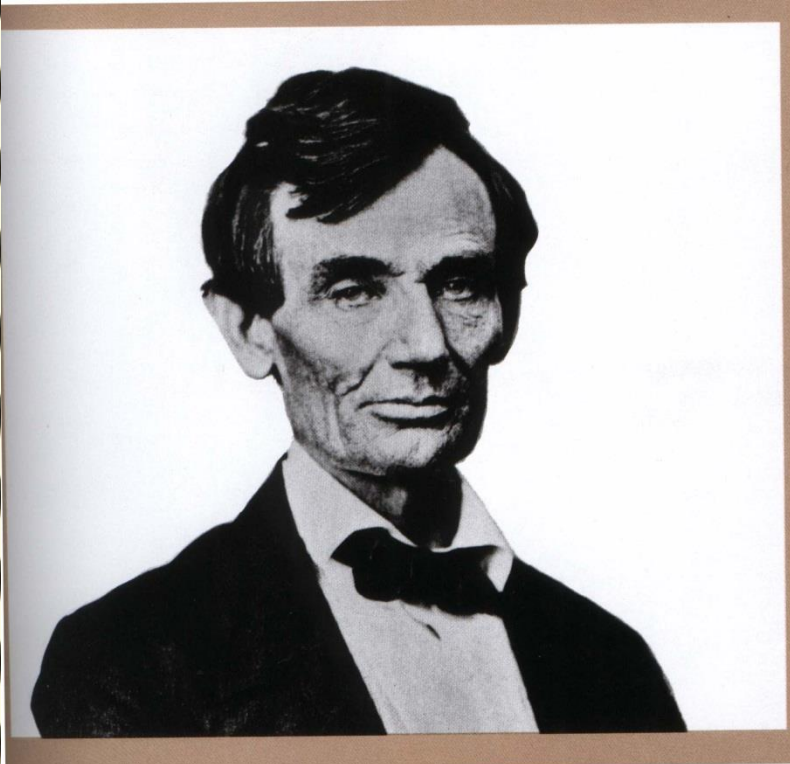
 John Bell

 We must  
uphold the  
Constitution.



# Republican Party


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- 📄 Abraham Lincoln
- 📄 Prevent slavery from expanding


# The Results...


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 Lincoln 1,866,352 (180)

 Douglas 1,375,157 (12)

 Breckinridge 847,953 (72)

 Bell 589,581 (39)

 Lincoln did not carry any of the southern states.

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Lincoln won by winning  
the electoral vote.

(180 out of 183 electoral votes in  
the free states)

# The Election of 1860

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- ☞ The election results angered southerners
- ☞ Lincoln insisted that he would not change slavery in the South, BUT he did say that it could not **EXPAND** to any future states/territories

# The Southern Reaction

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- ☞ People in the South believed that their economy would be destroyed without slavery
- ☞ Within a week of Lincoln's election, the SC legislature brought up secession (formally withdrawing from the Union)
- ☞ Argued that states voluntarily entered the Union, therefore could voluntarily leave as well



# The Confederate States of America

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📄 First to go was South Carolina

📄 Then, Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana & Texas (the “Upper South” - NC, VA, TN, & AR will join after the attack at Ft. Sumter, 1861)

📄 Jefferson Davis (MS) was elected President of the C.S.A.

# Early Attempts Avoid Secession

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- 📄 John J. Crittenden (KY) proposed a series of constitutional amendments that he believed would satisfy the South by protecting slavery
- 📄 Lincoln said there could be NO compromise
- 📄 The plan was rejected

# Lincoln Takes Office

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📄 Inaugurated on March 4, 1861

📄 Looked to many of the nation's founding documents for inspiration

📄 First Inaugural Address:

- *I have no purpose.. to interfere with slavery...where it exists.*
- *No state can lawfully get out of the Union.*
- *If war is to start.. You will have to start it.*

# Lincoln Takes Office

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- 📄 When the Southern states seceded, the question of who owned federal property in the South arose (i.e., military forts)
- 📄 Lincoln stated that these were U.S. Government property, and thus still a part of the Union...