

Failure of Political compromise

Sectional Interest are tearing use apart!!

It's not you, it's me
finally realizing you're
terrible for me.



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The Missouri Compromise

1820

- During the Era of Good Feelings
- Prohibited slavery above the “Missouri compromise Line”
- Pattern of one free/slave state admitted to Union



Compromise of 1850

- Henry clay = “the great compromiser”
- California admitted as a free state
- Congress passes Fugitive Slave Law in exchange for CA’s admittance



Kansas Nebraska Act

- “popular sovereignty” allows for ppl in territories to decide for themselves whether to allow slavery or not
- This would overturn Missouri Compromise of 1820
- Led to violence and bloodshed in Kansas



Republican Party is Born

- 1854: Formed from critics of Kansas-Nebraska Act
- Allow slavery to continue, but no further expansion of slave states...LINCOLN'S PARTY

Abraham Lincoln statement from 1854 Speech, Peoria, Illinois

- Before proceeding, let me say I think I have no prejudice against the Southern people. They are just what we would be in their situation. If slavery did not now exist amongst them, they would not introduce it. If it did now exist amongst us, we should not instantly give it up. This I believe of the masses north and south. Doubtless there are individuals, on both sides, who would not hold slaves under any circumstances; and others who would gladly introduce slavery anew, if it were out of existence. We know that some southern men do free their slaves, go north, and become tip-top abolitionists; while some northern ones go south, and become most cruel slave-masters..

Dred Scott v. Sanford

1857

- Dred Scott (slave) taken to North by owner and then back to South...sued saying he had “been on free soil” so now should be free man
- Not a citizen; can't sue per Supreme Court ruling under Chief Justice Roger Taney - never included in the constitution. Also, they are property and congress cannot take away someone's property....this meant that slavery could now spread!

Lincoln-Douglas Debates

- Abe Lincoln and Senator Stephen Douglas...the Kansas-Nebraska Act guy!
- They debated over the status of African-Americans being entitled to basic rights in Declaration of Independence...life, liberty, pursuit of happiness...
- Lincoln felt that slavery was, “stain on American society/experiment in self-government...nation “cannot endure half slave and half free.”

John Brown-Harpers Ferry

- White abolitionist / VERY VIOLENT
- Planned a slave revolt and uprisings in Kansas and Virginia
- South view – terrorist because of his extreme violent nature and what they viewed as random acts...bringing nation closer to Civil War
- North's view – symbol of anti-slavery movement...showed that slavery was dividing nation