

★ THAT'S THE TICKET! ★

A Parade of Presidential Elections

DEMOCRATIC TICKET ✓

Presidential candidate: **JAMES BUCHANAN**, Minister to Great Britain

VP candidate: **JOHN BRECKINRIDGE**, former Kentucky Congressman

Popular votes: **1,836,072 (45.3%)**

Electoral votes: **174**

REPUBLICAN TICKET

Presidential candidate: **John Fremont**, former California Senator

VP candidate: **William Dayton**, former New Jersey Senator

Popular votes: **1,342,345 (33.1%)**

Electoral votes: **114**

AMERICAN PARTY ("KNOW-NOTHING") TICKET

Presidential candidate: **Millard Fillmore**, former President

VP candidate: **Andrew Jackson Donelson**, former Minister to Germany

Popular votes: **873,053 (21.5%)**

Electoral votes: **8**

1856

ELECTORAL MAP
How each state voted



Wisconsin's Choice
FREMONT

Election Facts

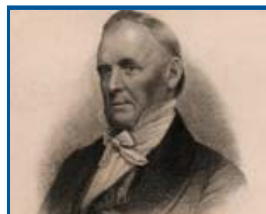
- The extension of slavery into the West was the hot-button issue of this election and illuminated the division between North and South.
- This election reflected the political firestorm that followed the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act in 1854.
- The act repealed the anti-slavery provisions of the 1820 Missouri Compromise and allowed the citizens of the new Kansas and Nebraska territories to decide for themselves whether to make slavery legal.
- Protests to the act led to the formation of the anti-slavery Republican Party in 1854 in Ripon, Wisconsin.
- The Whig Party dissolved over the slavery issue. Its "Know Nothing" remnants sought to curb immigration and naturalization.



Pro-Fremont political cartoon, 1856. [WHI-56907](#)



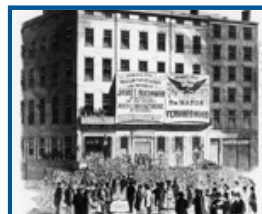
John C. Fremont. Frank Leslie's *Popular Monthly*. [WHI-56981](#)



James Buchanan. [WHI-27793](#)



Millard Fillmore. [WHI-27777](#)



New York's Tammany Hall bedecked with a Buchanan campaign banner. Frank Leslie's *Illustrated Newspaper*, November 8, 1856. [WHI-56911](#)



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