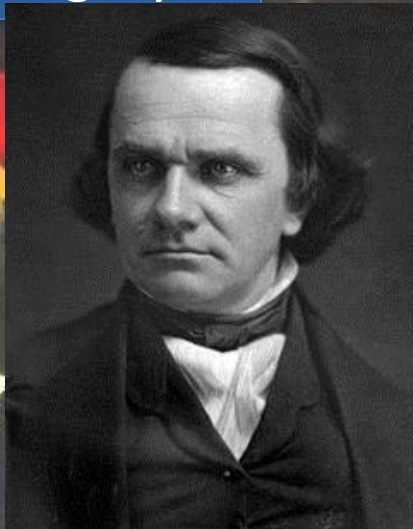


A painting depicting a crowd of people, likely at a political rally or protest. The scene is dominated by American flags, some of which are the 50-star version. In the foreground, a person in a dark blue jacket is holding a wooden sign. To their right, another person is holding a sign with a white, textured surface. The background shows a dense crowd of people, some wearing hats, and more flags. The overall style is expressive and somewhat abstract, with visible brushstrokes and a vibrant color palette.

A House Divided
Cannot Stand

The Presidential Race

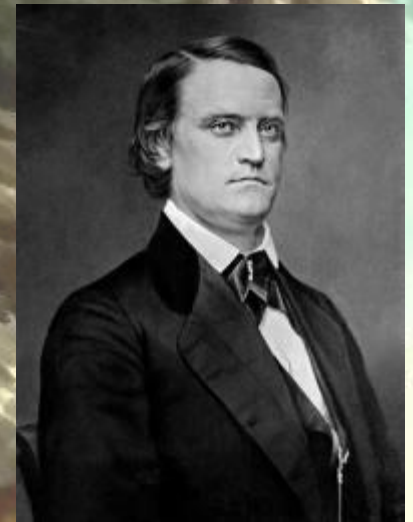
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Northern
Democrat
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Popular
Sovereignty



John Bell
Constitutional
Unionist
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should protect
slavery



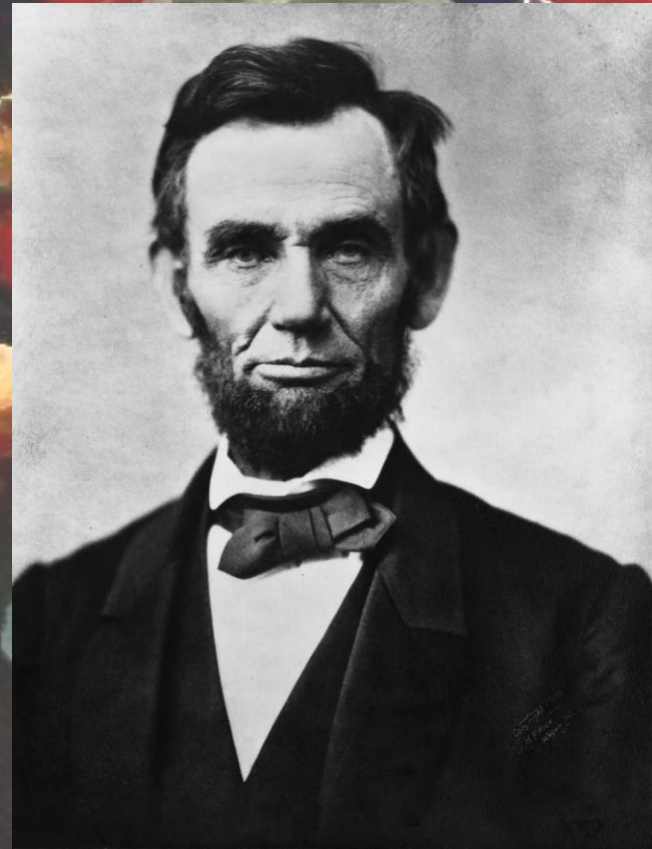
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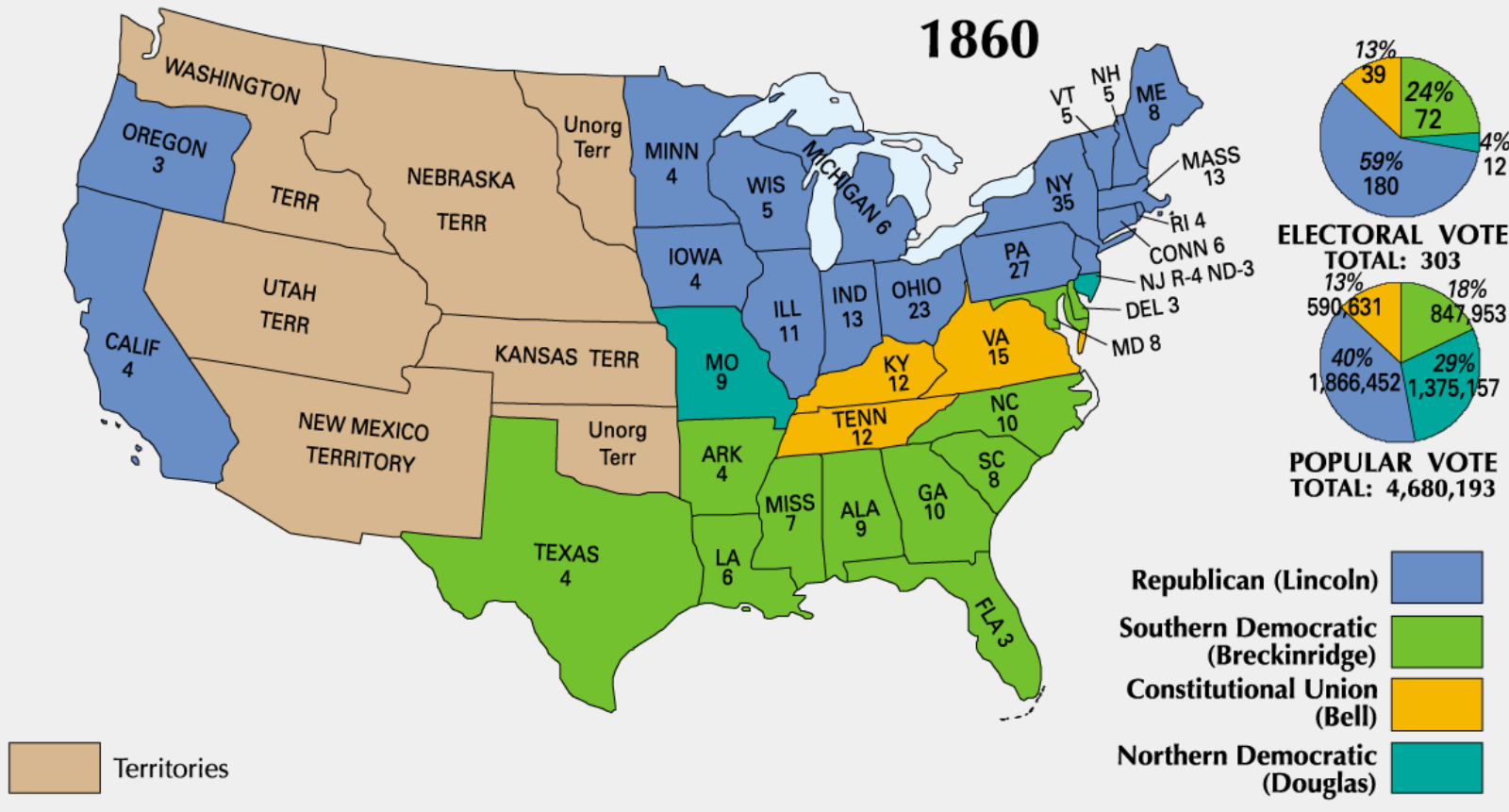
Abraham Lincoln

- Republican
- Illinois
- No Slavery in Western Territories

“I believe that every individual is naturally entitled to do as he pleases with himself and the fruits of his labor, so far as it in no way interferes with any other men’s rights”
– Abraham Lincoln



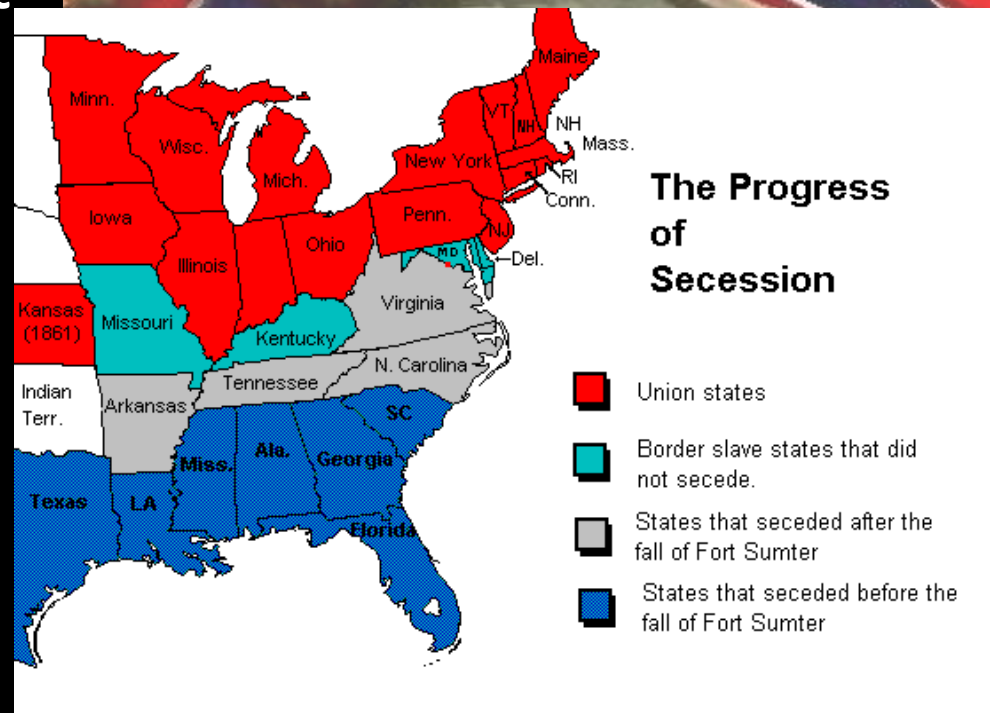
Presidential Election of 1860



Abraham Lincoln wins the Presidential Election with 180 Electoral Votes, but only 40% of popular vote

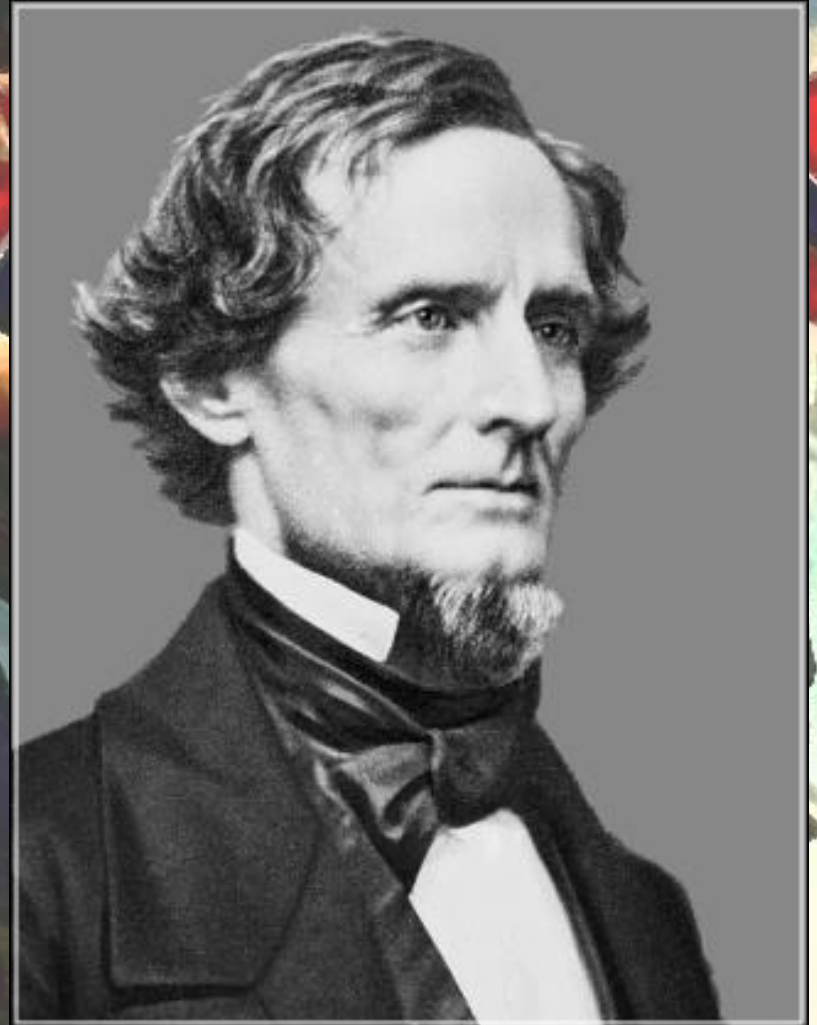
South Carolina Secedes

- Southerners angry Lincoln won without winning a single Southern State
- South Carolina **Secedes** from the Union in December 1860



The Confederate States

- SC and 6 other states form the Confederacy Feb 1861
 - Elect Jefferson Davis as President



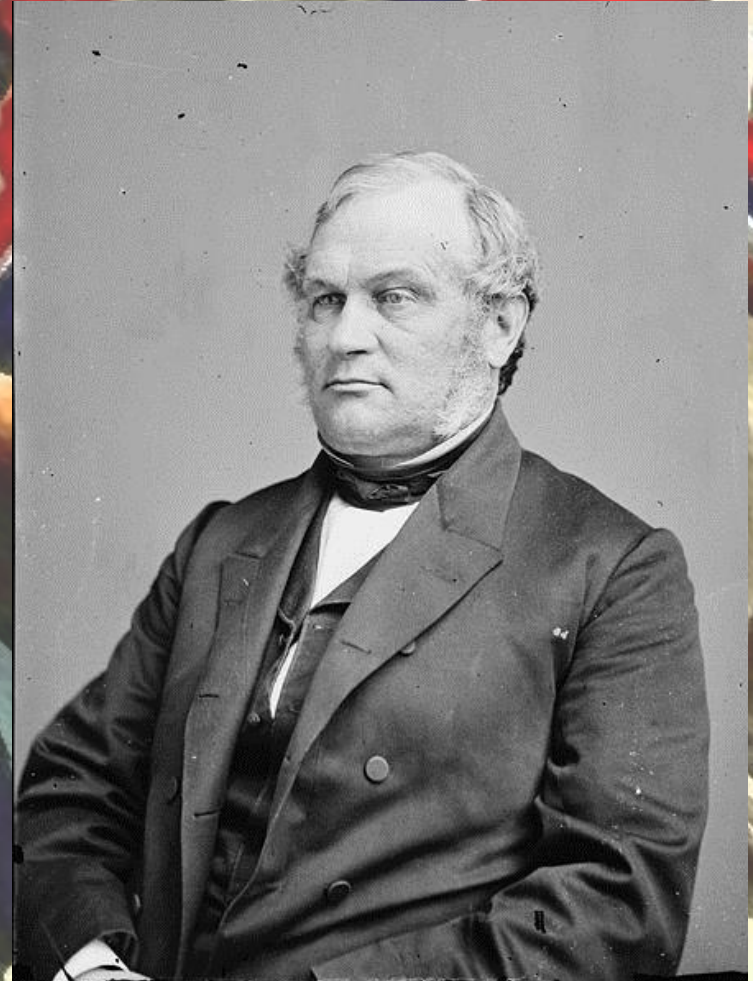
The War Begins

- Fort Sumter
Charleston, South
Carolina
April 12, 1861
Confederate troops
surrounded and
attacked Union fort in
Charleston Harbor
- Fort forced to
surrender



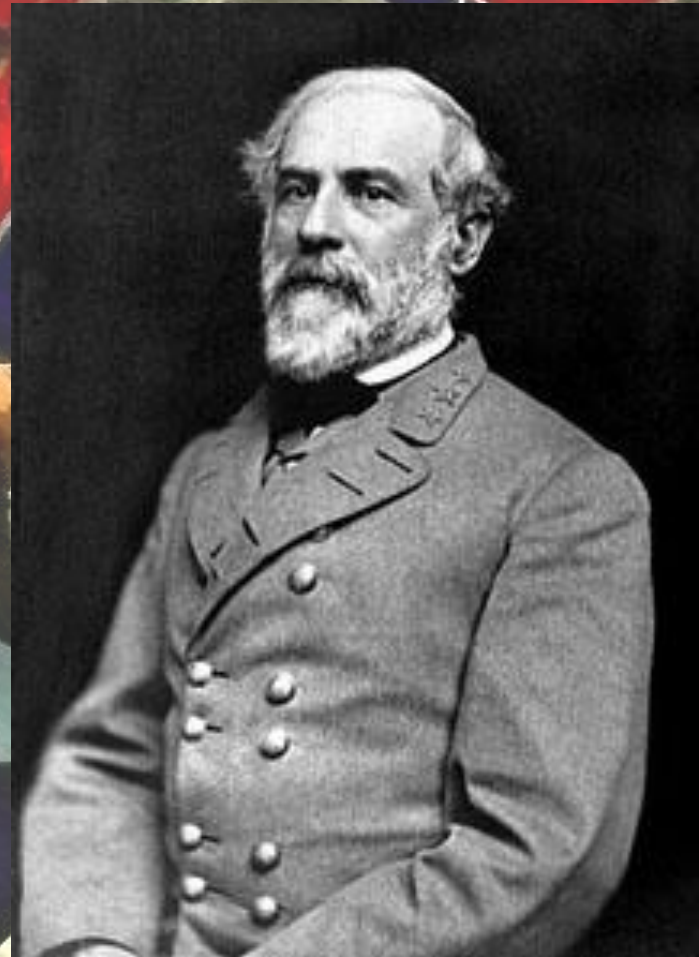
The First to Volunteer

- Minnesota Governor Alexander Ramsey was first Governor to volunteer troops to help Union



Choosing Sides

- Many government officials had to decide if their loyalty was to their home state or the nation
- Union: North
- Confederacy: South



Early War Predictions



- Both sides predict a short war and an easy victory
- Both sides quickly called up volunteers to fight