**Democrats**

**\*James K. Polk**- American expansion, annexation of TX, acquisition of Oregon  
**Lewis Cass**-father of “popular sovereignty”   
**Franklin Pierce**- Pro-South from the North; Territorial expansion, tried to seize Cuba. Supported the Compromise of 1850, enforced the Fugitive Slave Law, supported Kansas-Nebraska  
**James Buchanan**- Northern Democrat, sympathized with the South. Opposed federal interference with slavery. Supported Lecompton Constitution, opposed the Homestead Act, antagonized the northern democrats and split the Democratic Party   
**\*Stephen A. Douglas**- Passed Compromise of 1850, also proposed Kansas-Nebraska Act  
**John C. Breckenridge**- Southern Democrat; acknowledged South’s right to secede, tried to work out compromises after Lincoln’s inauguration

Northern Democrats- opposed expansion of slavery (Stephen Douglas) both only existed in   
Southern Democrats-slavery should exist (John C. Breckinridge) Election of 1860

**Whigs**

\***Daniel Webster-** Compromise of 1850  
**John Tyler**- “reformed” Jacksonian Democrat. He opposed tariffs, internal improvements, and a national bank (all Whig platforms)  
**\*Zachary Taylor**- slave-owner from Louisiana, wanted to avoid sectional tension over slavery, opposed Compromise of 1850

**Republican**

**Millard Fillmore**- Supported Compromise of 1850  
**\*David Wilmot**- organized the Free Soil and Republican Party. Anti-slavery in territories acquired by Mexico.   
**\*Abraham Lincoln**- first Republican president, abolish slavery

**Constitutional Union**

**John Bell**- compromise to extend the Missouri Compromise across the remaining U.S. territory