

Lincoln

Lincoln Debates Douglas

Lincoln-Douglas Debates for US Senate seat from Illinois

- 1858
- 7 open air debates
- Expansion of slavery a key issue

1. Douglas: short, stocky, “Little Giant,” energetic, confident and fashionable; supported popular sovereignty as way to solve issue of expansion of slavery;

2. Lincoln: tall and thin, well read, eloquent, great story teller, prone to depression, direct and honest reputation;

Lincoln and Douglas Debate in Campaign for US Senate Seat from Illinois



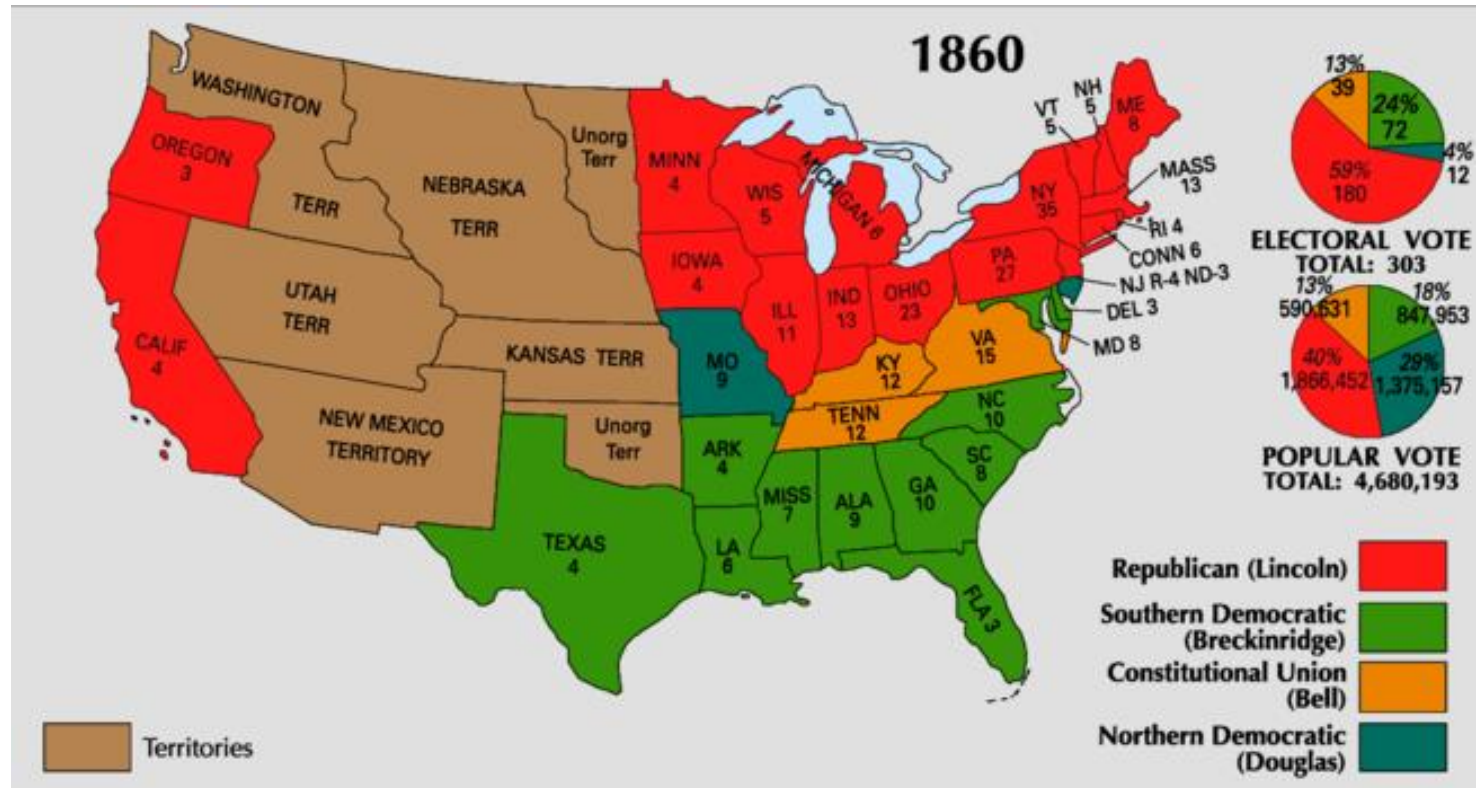
Lincoln Wins Presidency

Lincoln Elected President – 1860

- 4 way race:
- **Southern Democrats** – federal government obligated to protect slavery in the territories; Dred Scott; Candidate - Breckinridge
- **Northern Democrats** – best way to decide the slavery question in the territories was popular sovereignty; candidate – Douglas
- **Constitutional Union** party – preservation of the Union and the Constitution;
- **Republican party** – opposed the extension of slavery into the territories; Lincoln

- Lincoln wins most votes – **40%**
- 6 weeks later, South Carolina seceded from the Union; followed by six other states: Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Texas
- forming the **Confederate States of America**

Map of US – Election of 1860



Map of Confederacy

