

Andrew Jackson (Old Hickory)

Served from 1829-1833 and 1833-1837

Election results (1829-1833):

55.97% of popular vote

68.2% of electoral vote

Election results (1833-1837):

54.23% of popular vote

76.0% of electoral vote

- Fight against Second Bank- Jackson, being a firm believer in the Jefferson agricultural republic saw the Second Bank, a government sponsored institution as concentrating wealth, and exerting too much political leverage.
- Indian removal- Jackson promoted the acquisition of Native American lands in exchange for territories outside of the US borders. He promoted this both for the security threat Indians may have posed, and to open new lands to agriculture.
- Jackson frequently rotated people in government positions both as part of the spoils system, and no sweep corruption out of the government as it fermented in veteran officials.
- Force Bill- was passed during the problems with Carolina attempting to nullify its tariffs. It gave the president any power he needed to enforce the law. Jackson never had to use this however as compromise was reached.

Problems encountered:

- Nullification Crisis- took place when Carolina threatened to nullify its tariffs placed on imported European goods. They claimed that this unjustly promoted northern manufactured goods over other alternatives. Compromise was reached and tariffs were lowered.
- The first assassination attempt on a president was made on Jackson in 1835. Both of his assailants pistols misfired, upon which Jackson attacked him with his cane, and had to be pulled off by aids. This response is exemplary of how he handled all problems in his presidency.

Trivia:

- As a youth he was taken captive by British soldiers during the revolution. When asked to polish an officer's boots, he refused, for which he bears the scar of a vicious sword slash across his hand and face.

- During the Seminole wars (prior to his presidency) he and the Tennessee volunteers captured the city of Pensacola. He illegally tried and hung two British men for assisting the Indians.