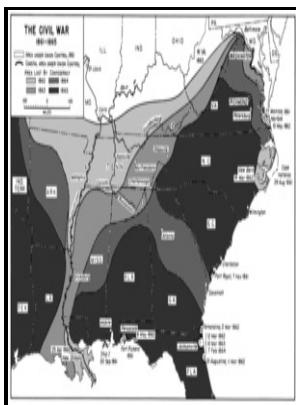


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## Origins of the American Civil War

It will be overthrown, peacefully or lawfully, under this constitution, or it will work the subversion of the constitution, together with its overthrow. Lincoln authorized the Union army to target the Confederate infrastructure--such as plantations, railroads, and bridges--hoping to shatter the South's morale and weaken its economic ability to continue fighting.

## The Mass Politics of Antislavery

The newly elected South Carolina legislature then quickly called for the election of delegates to a state convention.

## William H. Seward

The Union gained little and lost much in casualties. On the contrary, the regularly scheduled engagements of the antebellum electoral calendar offered antislavery forces further chances to expand their rhetorical war on the Slave Power.

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The Republican Party grew out of the controversy over the Kansas—Nebraska legislation. This came as the still held ; the president-elect's words upset moderate southerners. According to this interpretation, holds, Lincoln hoped to make use of the hundred-day period before the final proclamation was to be issued in order to make irreversible progress on implementing the Chiriquí colonization project, and to gain additional support for the gradual black resettlement.

## James M. McPherson

Liberty Party candidate for U.

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