

# The Republican Party Emerges

## The Republican Party

- Formed by a group of Free-Soilers, Northern Democrats and antislavery Whigs
- Some abolitionists, many want to stop slavery in the territories
- Election 1856: John C. Fremont--R vs. James Buchanan--D, Millard Fillmore; Buchanan wins

## Abe Lincoln of Illinois (1858)

- Lincoln--R wants Douglas--D Senate seat
- Debates: Lincoln--no slavery in territories v. Douglas--settle by popular sovereignty
- Douglas wins narrowly but Lincoln is now well-known

