

POLS 4530: Political Parties

Agenda Topic 4

Topic 4: The First Political Party System: 1829 – 1852

1. The Founders Tried to Duck The Issue of Slavery
2. The Invention of the Cotton Gin by Eli Whitney in 1793 made Cotton Production and therefore *Slavery* highly profitable
3. General Features of the Whig-Democrat Political Party System – 1826 – 1852 (Whigs collapsed after the Compromise of 1850)
4. The Economy Before the Civil War – How it Interacted with the Democrat-Whig Political Party System
5. The Crisis Over the Extension of Slavery to the Territories – 1820 – 1850
6. The Compromise of 1850
7. The Crisis Over the Extension of Slavery to the Territories – the 1850s