

POLS 4530: Political Parties

Agenda Topic 5

Topic 5: The Second Political Party System: 1856 – 1896

1. The Emergence of the Republican Party after the Disaster of the 1854 Kansas-Nebraska Act
2. The *Dred Scott* Decision of 6 March 1857
3. John Brown's Raid on the armory at Harper's Ferry, VA (now WVA) on 16 October 1859
4. The Election of 1860
5. The Economic Costs of the Civil War
6. Long-Run Impact of the War on American Life
7. An Overview of Politics 1866 – 1896
8. The Northern Economy 1866 – 1920
9. What the Democrats and Republicans Stood for After Reconstruction – 1879 – 1896
10. The Politics of Silver and Gold: Deflation From 1866 - 1896, Inflation 1896 – 1920
11. The 1896 Election – Politics and Economics Collide