



# WESTWARD EXPANSION

1830-1853

# Critical Questions

**What was the impact of territorial expansion on national unity between 1800 and 1850?**

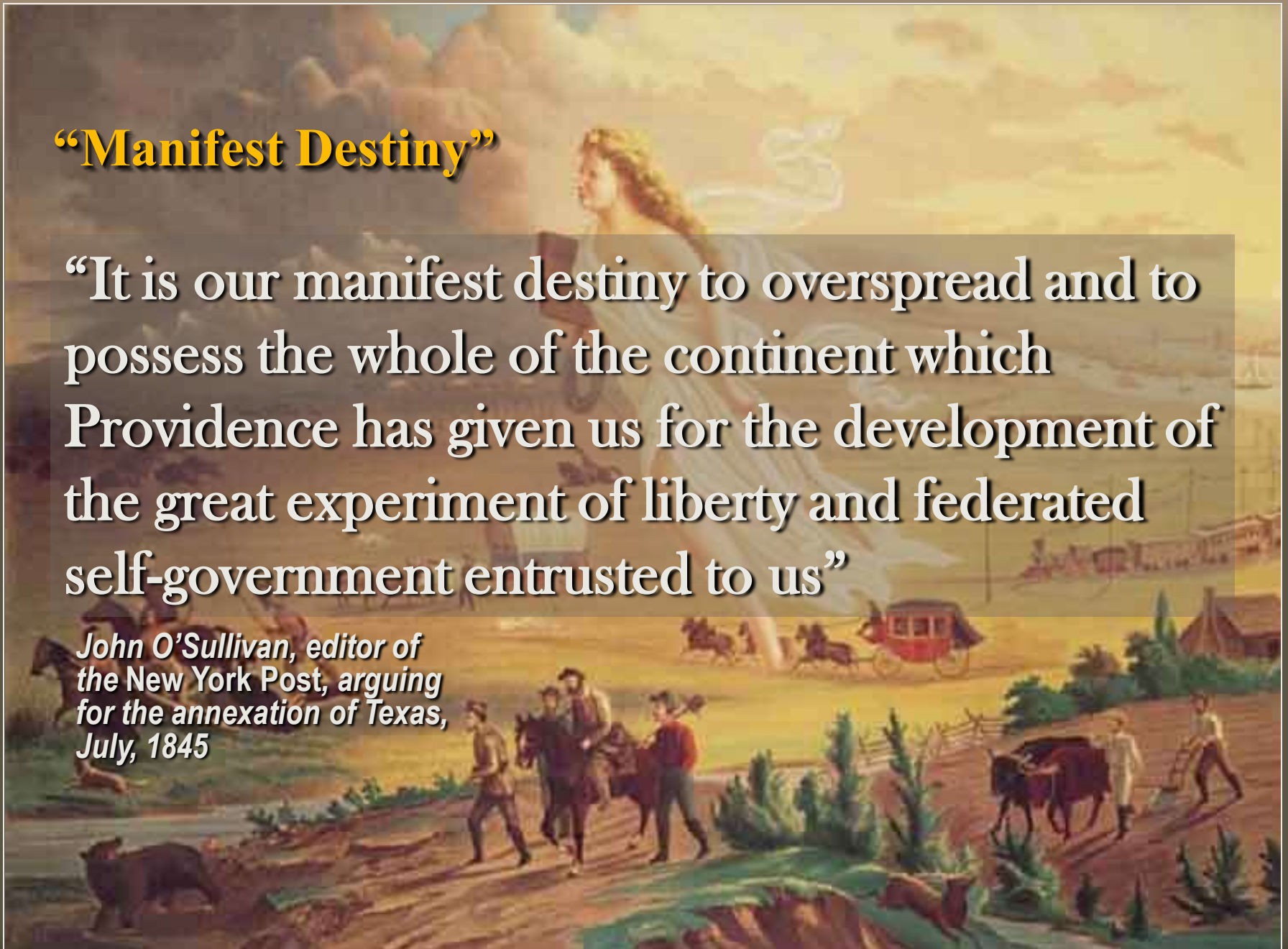
***To what extent was it aggressive imperialism pursued at the expense of others?***

# **A “MANIFEST DESTINY”, WESTERN MIGRATION & CULTURAL INTERACTIONS**

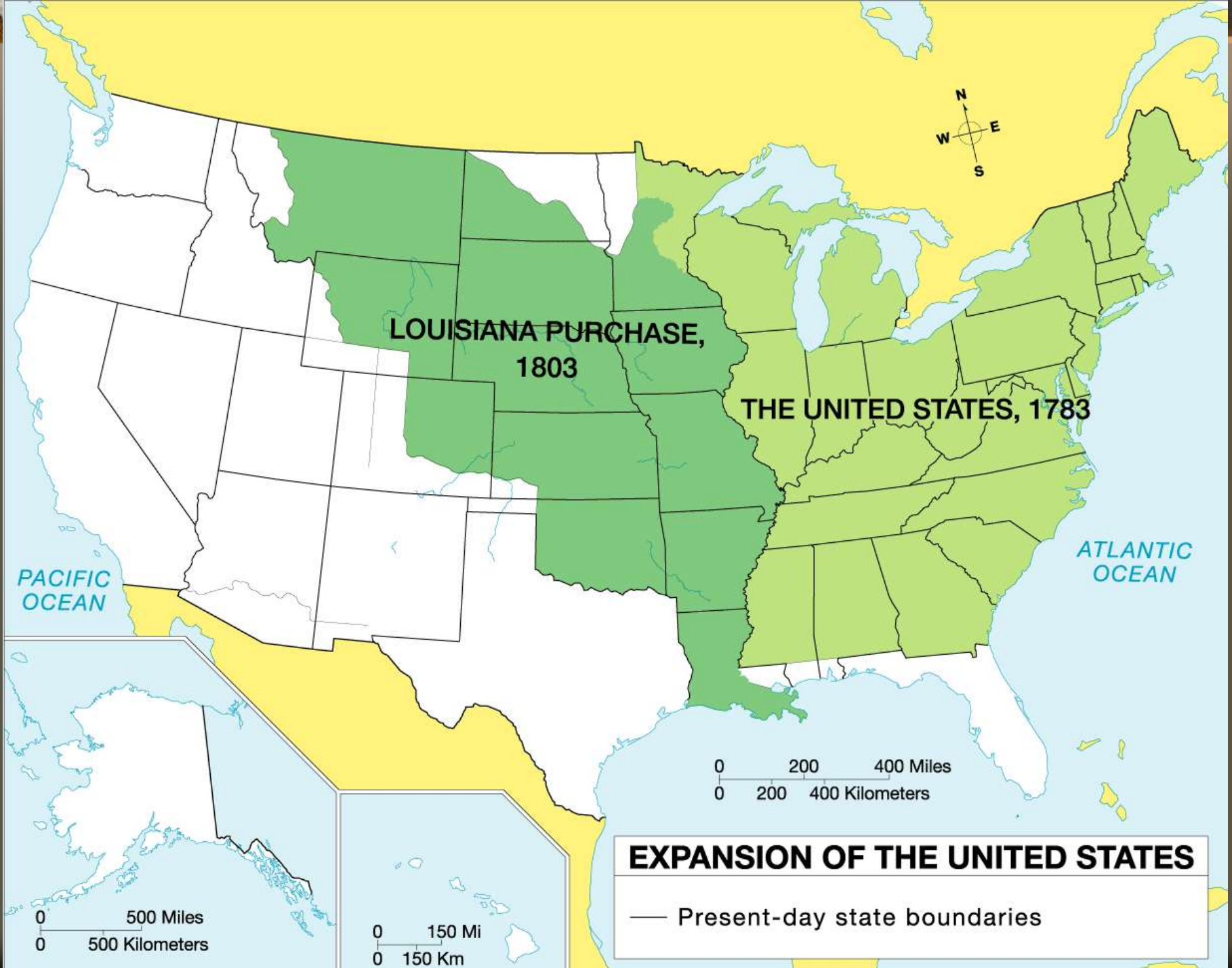
## **“Manifest Destiny”**

**“It is our manifest destiny to overspread and to possess the whole of the continent which Providence has given us for the development of the great experiment of liberty and federated self-government entrusted to us”**

*John O’Sullivan, editor of the New York Post, arguing for the annexation of Texas, July, 1845*











# Expansion of White Settlement 1810-50

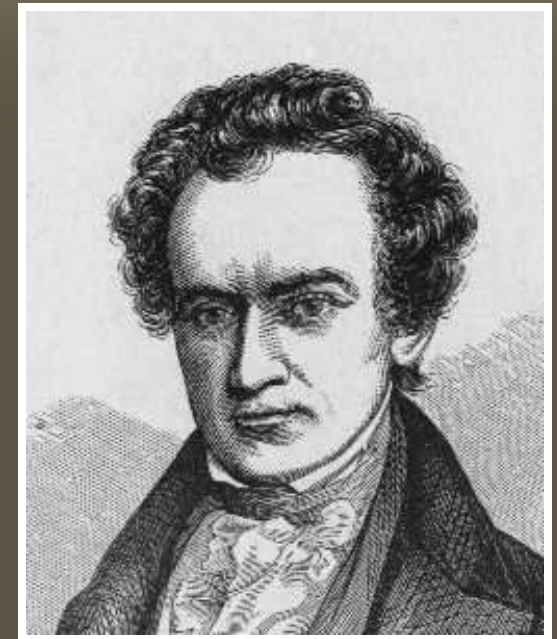


**B. TERRITORIAL  
ACQUISITIONS:  
TEXAS ANNEXATION,  
OREGON BOUNDARY**



# TEXAS

- American settlement
- Stephen F. Austin



Stephen F. Austin  
(1793-1836)

# TEXAS

- Texas War for Independence (1835-36) **WHY?**
- General Miguel Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna
- Alamo Mission
- Goliad
- Sam Houston
- San Jacinto (April 21, 1836)

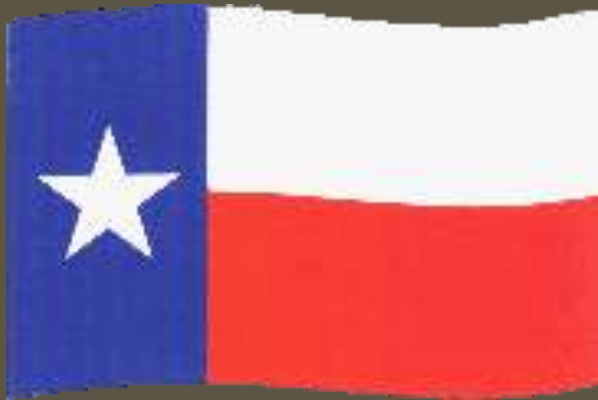


**Sam Houston**  
(1793-1863)



# TEXAS

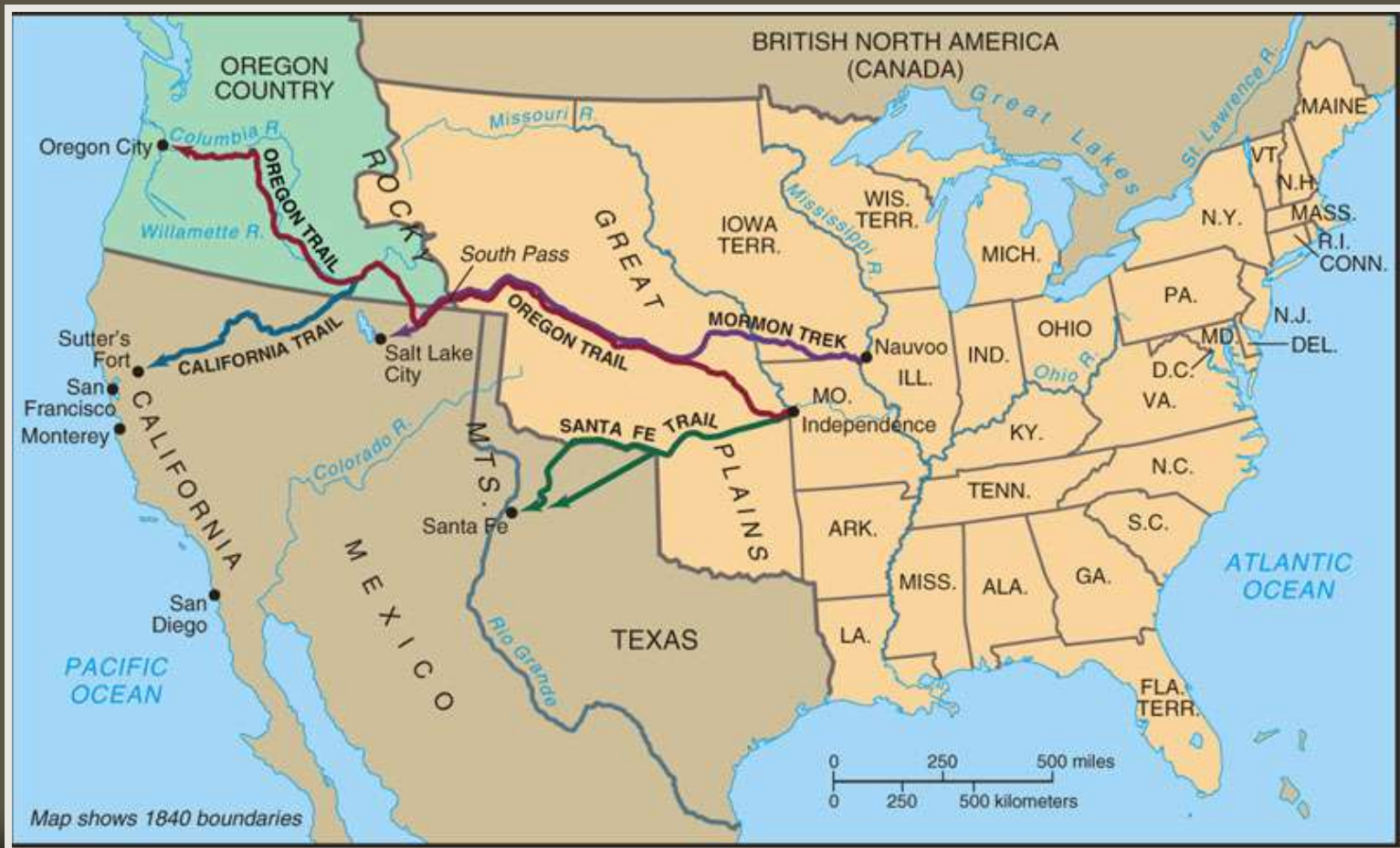
- Republic of Texas  
("Lone Star Republic")
- *Why?*
- tejanos





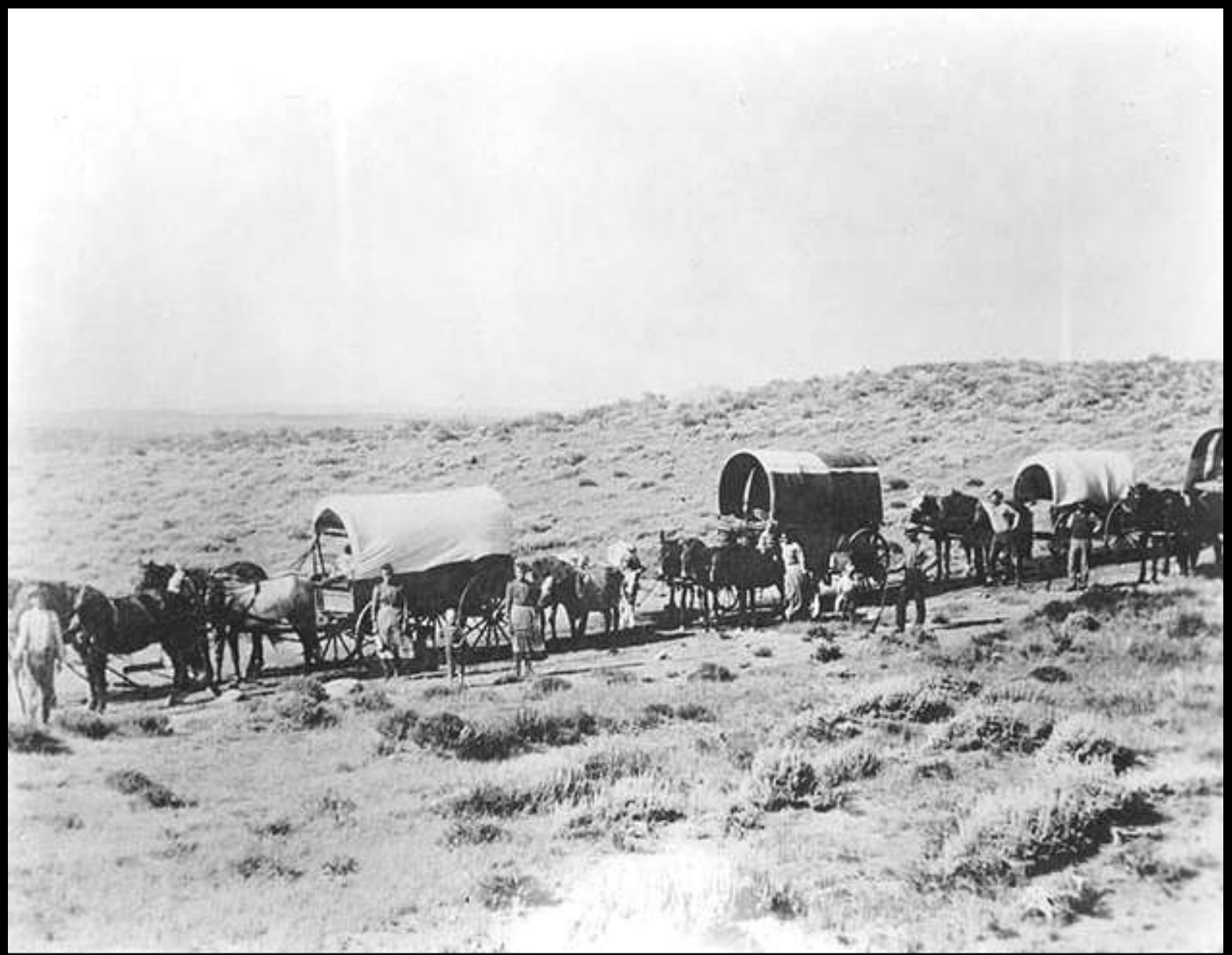
# OREGON COUNTRY & OREGON TRAIL

- Oregon Country
- “joint occupation”
- Mountain Men
- *Marcus and Narcissa Whitman*
- Oregon Trail
- Wagon Trains





# On the Oregon Trail



# The Oregon Dispute

➤ “Fifty-Four forty or fight” (June 1846)

➤ 54° 40’

➤ Resolution?



**C. EARLY U.S.  
IMPERIALISM:  
THE MEXICAN-  
AMERICAN WAR**

1846-1848



# MEXICAN - AMERICAN WAR: Causes

- Election of 1844
- James K. Polk
- Annexation of Texas, 1845
- Texas boundary dispute
  - Nueces River
  - Rio Grande River
- War (May 13, 1846)
- *opposition?*



TMBG:  
"James K. Polk" (1996)



President James K. Polk  
(1845-49)







**President James  
K. Polk (1845-49)**

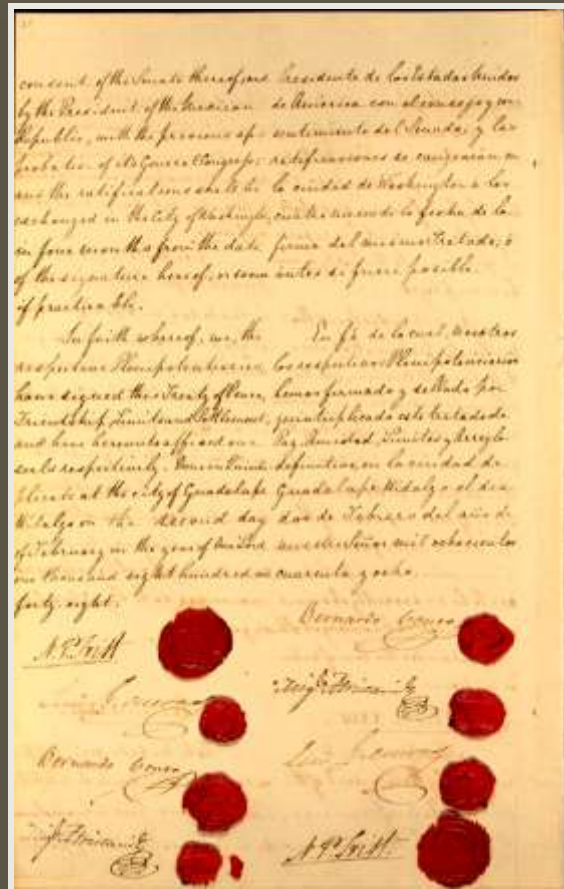
# MEXICAN - AMERICAN WAR

- Zachary Taylor
- Stephen Kearny
- John C. Fremont
- Bear Flag Rebellion  
- Bear Flag Republic
- Winfield Scott



## Results of the War:

# Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, 1848



- Territory to U.S.
- Texas boundary
- U.S. paid Mexico \$15 Million plus claims of U.S. citizens against Mexico (~\$3.5M)





# Results of the Mexican War

1. Cost \$100,000,000 and 13,000+ American lives (mostly of disease).
2. U.S. added over 1 million square miles of land
  - Present-day TX, NM, AZ, CA, NV, UT, +)
3. The new territories brought into the Union forced the explosive issue of **SLAVERY** to the center of national politics.
  - These new territories would upset the balance of power between North and South.
4. Created two popular Whig generals who ran for President.
5. “Manifest Destiny” ?



# Gadsden Purchase, 1853

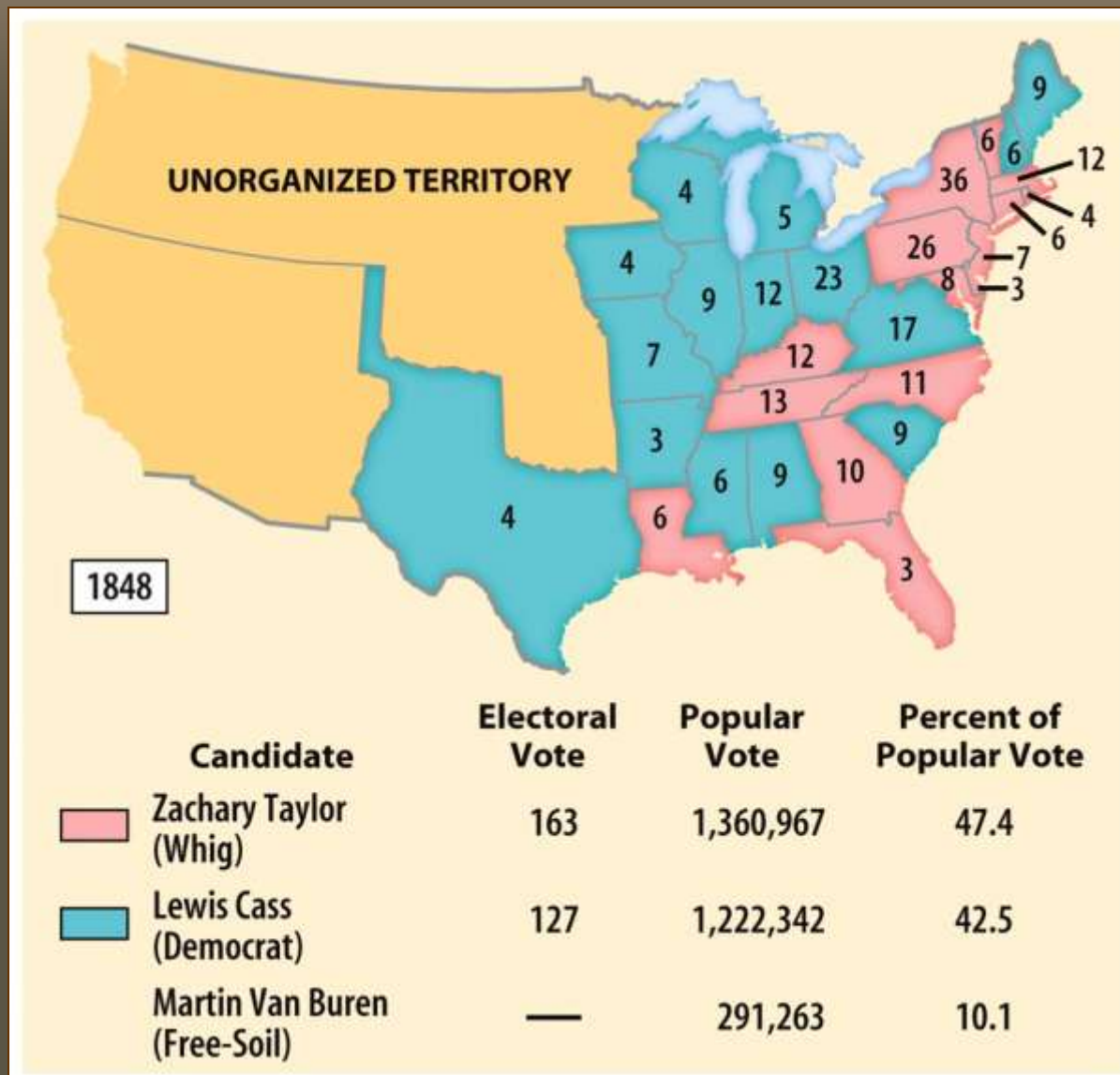
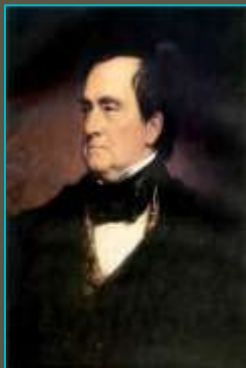


## Territorial Expansion by the Mid-Nineteenth Century





# 1848 Presidential Election Results





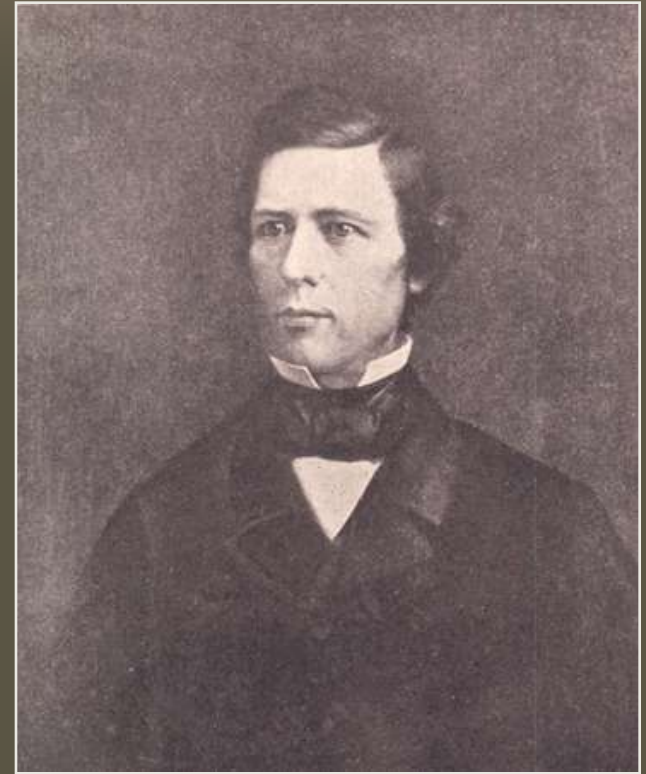
## Gen. Zachary Taylor

- Hero of Mexican War
- Elected President in 1849
- 2<sup>nd</sup> President to die in office, 1850



# Wilmot Proviso, 1846

*Provided, territory from that, **as an express and fundamental condition to the acquisition of any the Republic of Mexico by the United States**, by virtue of any treaty which may be negotiated between them, and to the use by the Executive of the moneys herein appropriated, **neither slavery nor involuntary servitude shall ever exist in any part of said territory**, except for crime, whereof the party shall first be duly convicted.*



Rep. David Wilmot  
(D-PA)

# Free Soil Party

**Free Soil!**

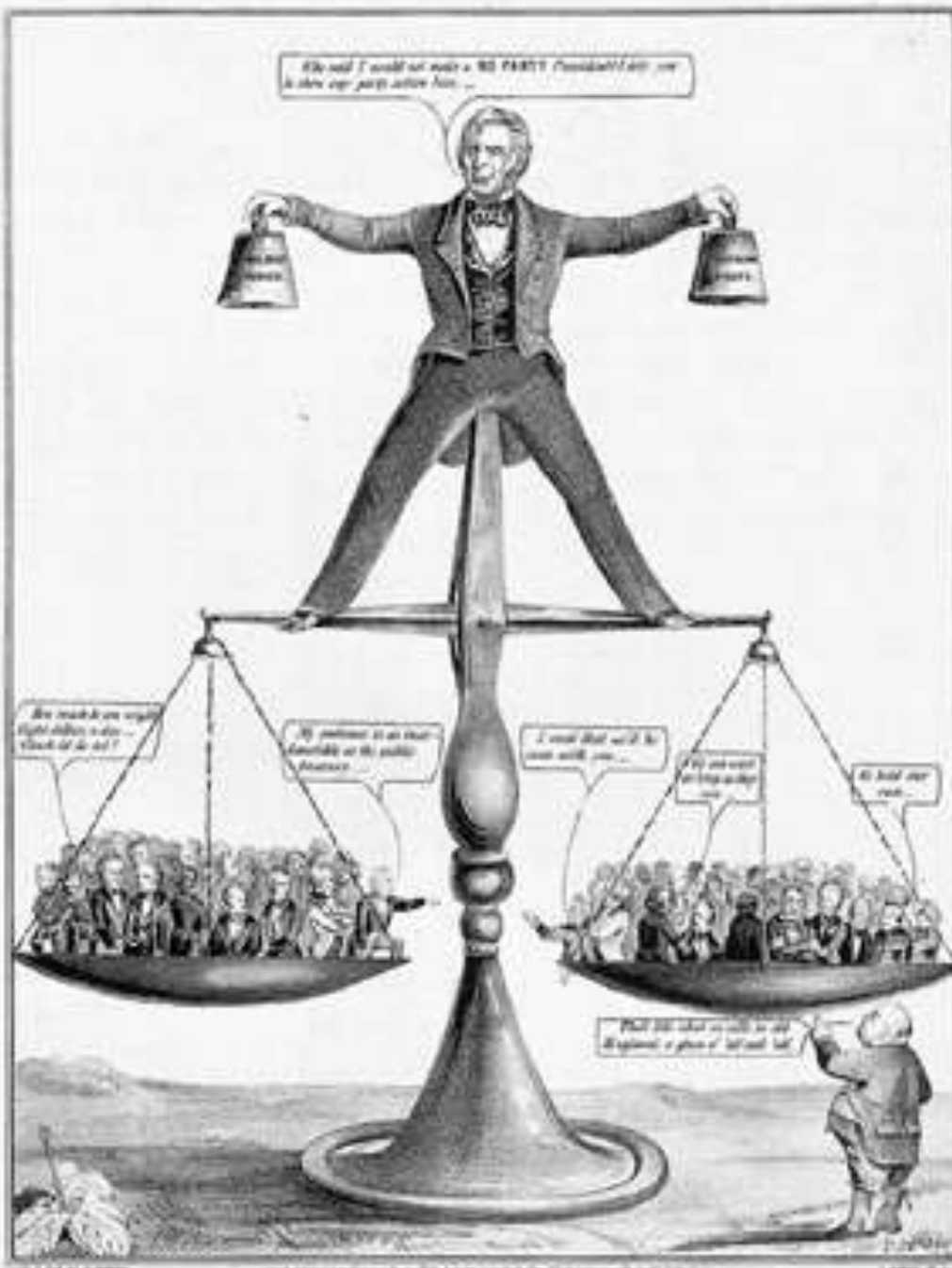
**Free Speech!**

**Free Labor!**

**Free Men!**

**WHY?**

- ***“Barnburners”* – discontented northern Democrats.**
- **Anti-slavery members of the Whig and Liberty Parties.**
- **Opposition to the extension of slavery in the new territories**



## Congressional Scales, “A True Balance”, 1850