

The emergence of the Democrats & the War of Extermination against Indigenous Peoples



1824 – 1840

Expansion of the franchise



- **1820-1840: FRANCHISE EXPANDED**
- **VOTING BY VOICE, PROPERTY QUALIFICATIONS
REPEALED**
- **80% OF WHITE EURO – AMERICAN ADULT
MALES GO TO THE POLLS**
- **1830S: TWO-PARTY SYSTEM ESTABLISHED WITH
DISTINCT IDEOLOGIES AND APPEALS**

Expansion of voting Rights



- **ALL MALE EURO – AMERICAN WHITE ADULTS CAN VOTE AFTER 1840S**
- **POLLS OPEN IN MORE CONVENIENT LOCATIONS, VOTING BY VOICE ELIMINATED.**
- **NOW COLOR BALLOTS INTRODUCED, TRUE “SECRET” BALLOTS NOT INTRODUCED UNTIL 1880S.**
- **IMMIGRANTS NOW PERMITTED TO VOTE PROVIDED THEY DECLARED THEIR INTENTIONS TO BECOME CITIZENS.**
- **WOMEN AND AFRICAN AMERICANS STILL NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE.**
- **NEW JERSEY REPEALS EARLY REPUBLIC ERA DECISION TO ALLOW ALL CITIZENS TO VOTE.**
- **1858: FREE AFRICAN AMERICANS ARE ALLOWED TO VOTE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE, MAINE, MASSACHUSETTS AND VERMONT.**

Birth of the Second Party System



➤ **IRONICALLY, DESPITE THE COMPLETE DISINTEGRATION OF THE FEDERALIST PARTY, THE LACK OF OPPOSITION CAUSES REPUBLICAN PARTY TO SPLIT.**

➤ **CAUSES OF THE SECOND PARTY SYSTEM:**

➤ **1. PANIC OF 1819**

➤ **2. MISSOURI CRISIS OF 1820**

➤ **3. SELECTION OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR 1824**

Presidency of John Quincy Adams



- **PROBLEMS FROM THE BEGINNING.**
- **ANGERS SOUTHERNERS WITH HIGH TARIFF**
- **ANGERS ANTI-NATIVE AMERICAN GROUPS**
 - **“TARIFF OF ABOMINATIONS”**
 - **TARIFF OF 1828**
 - **THEORY OF NULLIFICATION**
- **ELECTION OF 1828: ONE OF THE MOST BITTER IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES**

The Jacksonian Era



- **EXPANDING THE POWERS OF THE PRESIDENCY**
- **“DEMOCRATIC REPUBLICANISM”**
 - **SPOILS SYSTEM**
- **ONLY 20% OF ALL FEDERAL EMPLOYEES REMOVED DURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JACKSON; HE DID NOT ORIGINATE THE SPOILS SYSTEM, IT WAS ALREADY IN PRACTICE WHEN HE CAME TO OFFICE.**

Clearing the lands of Indigenous Peoples (Native Americans)



➤ **1828: CHEROKEE, CHOCTAW, CHICKASAW AND CREEKS HELD MILLIONS OF ACRES OF LAND IN WHAT WOULD BECOME THE COTTON KINGDOMS OF GEORGIA, ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI.**



➤ **THE KEY QUESTION IS WHETHER NATIVE AMERICANS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BLOCK EUROPEAN SETTLERS OR WHETHER THE US FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD HONOR PREVIOUS TREATIES WITH THE NATIVE AMERICAN CONFEDERACIES.**

The road to expulsion & extermination



- **1820S: CHEROKEE NATIVE AMERICANS**
- **SEQUOYAH, LEADER OF THE CHEROKEES DEVELOPS WRITTEN ALPHABET**
- **BUILD ROADS, PRINTING PRESSES, AND ADOPT CONSTITUTION**
- **HOWEVER, JACKSON WANTS FORCED REMOVAL OF CHEROKEES, ESPECIALLY AFTER GOLD IS DISCOVERED ON CHEROKEE LANDS.**
- **CHEROKEES SUE IN FEDERAL COURT**
- ***CHEROKEE NATION V. GEORGIA (1831)***
- ***WORCESTER V. GEORGIA (1832)***

“Removal” of Indigenous Peoples



- **1831: CHOCTAW FORCED TO WALK SO-CALLED “TRAIL OF TEARS” WESTWARD.**
- **1836: OVER 4000 CREEKS DIE FROM A SIMILAR FATE.**
- **1838: CHEROKEES FORCED OUT FROM THEIR RIGHTFUL LANDS BY FEDERAL ARMY, OVER 5000 DIE.**
- **FLORIDA: US ARMY SPENDS \$20 MILLION DEFEATING SEMINOLES.**
- **ANDREW JACKSON’S TREATMENT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IS BOTH TEMPLATE FOR GENOCIDE AND RACISM OF “SOCIAL DARWINIST” MODEL**

Increasing sectional crises



- **TARIFF OF 1832**
 - **FORCE ACT**
 - **NULLIFICATION**
- **SOUTH CAROLINA IS ALONE ON STATES' RIGHTS ISSUE.**
- **FEDERAL TARIFF ISSUE IS A WAY OF DEBATING STATES' RIGHTS WITHOUT DEBATING SLAVERY**

Banks & the Jacksonian Court



- **1836: SPECIE CIRCULAR**
- **PANIC OF 1837**
- ***CHARLES RIVER BRIDGE V. WARREN BRIDGE***
(1828)
- **RISE OF POLITICAL OPPOSITION**
- **1834: WHIG PARTY: NATIONAL REPUBLICANS,
ANTI-MASONS, DISAFFECTED DEMOCRATS**
- **1836: VAN BUREN WINS PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTION**
- **1840: WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON**
- **SUCCESSOR: JOHN TYLER**
- **OPPOSITION TO THEIR OWN PRESIDENT MAKES
WHIGS A STRONG OPPOSITION PARTY**