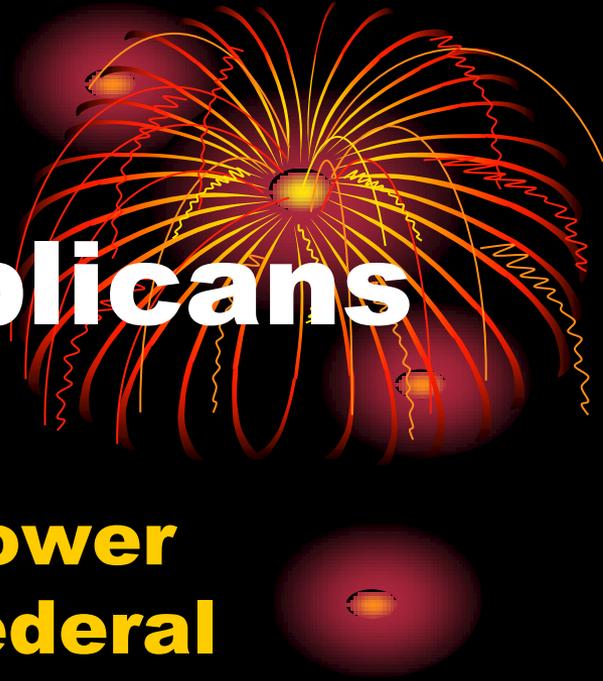




**Political Parties in the
Early 1800's (1800-1850)**

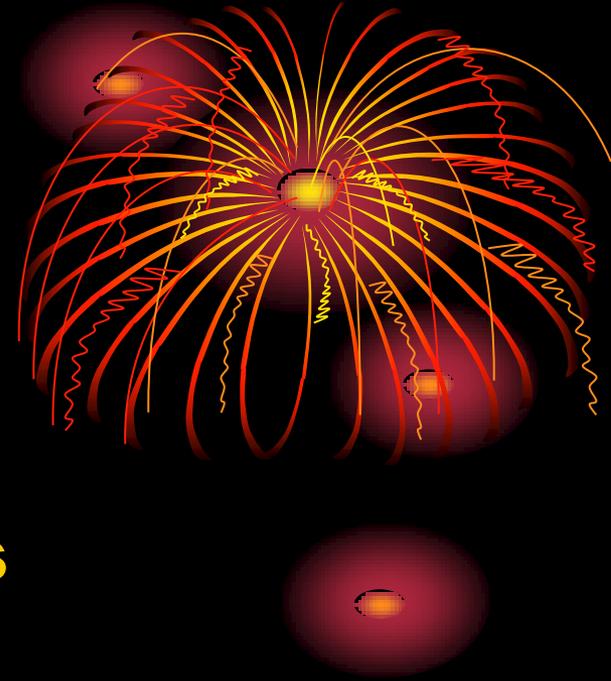
Anti Federalists / Democratic Republicans

- **Led by Jefferson**
- **Goal - Decrease Federal Power**
- **Inadvertently increased Federal Power**
- **Favored Common Man**
- **Lower Tariffs**
- **Regionally South & West**
- **Anti British**
- **Become Republicans in 1824**



Federalists

- **Led by Hamilton**
- **Liked wealth and business**
- **Regionally in North**
- **High Tariffs**
- **Pro British**
- **Died out in 1816 (Death of Hamilton & Hartford Convention)**
- **Will call themselves “Republicans” in 1824**



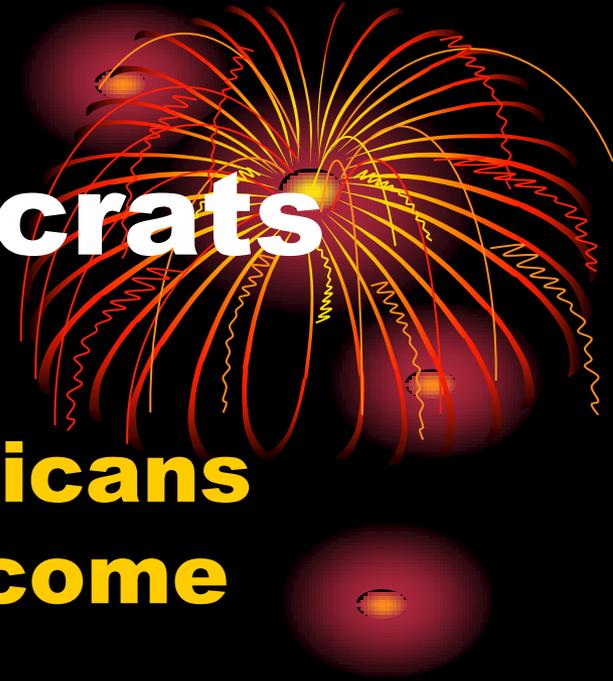
Republicans of 1824



- **Old Federalists try to divide Electoral vote by running under same party as adversary.**
- **Part of the Era of Good Feelings**
- **JQA wins in Corrupt Bargain**
- **Old Democratic Republicans adopt their old name**
- **Old Federalists become National Republicans**

Jacksonian Democrats

- **Old Democratic Republicans follow Jackson and become plain old Democrats**
- **Maintain this name through today**

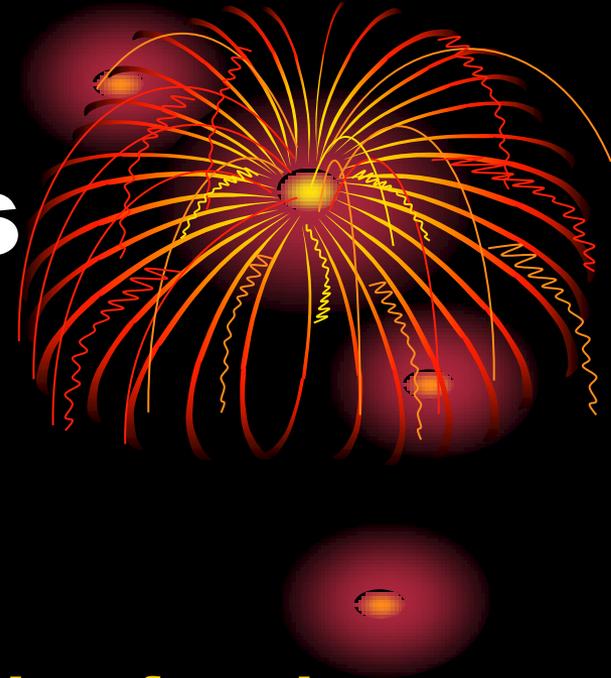


National Republicans

- **Become Whigs in 1834**
- **Win Presidency in 1840 with William Henry Harrison**

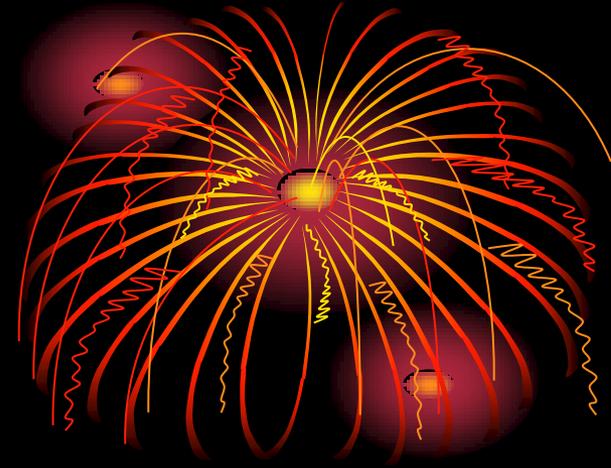


Democratic Ideals



- **Party of Tradition**
- **Looked backward to the past**
- **Spoke to the fears of Americans**
- **Opposed banks and corporations**
- **Opposed State-legislated reforms and preferred individual freedom of choice**
- **Were Jeffersonian agrarians who favored farms and rural independence and the right to own slaves**
- **Favored rapid territorial expansion over space by purchase or war**
- **Believed in progress through external growth**
- **Democratic ideology of agrarianism, slavery, states rights, territorial expansion was favored in South**

Whig Ideals



- **Party of modernization**
- **Looked forward to the future**
- **Spoke to the hopes of Americans**
- **Wanted to use federal and state government to promote economic growth, especially in banking and transportation**
- **Advocated reforms such as temperance, public schools and prison reform**
- **Were entrepreneurs who favored industry, urban growth and free labor**
- **Favored gradual territorial expansion over time and opposed Mexican War**
- **Believed in progress through internal growth**
- **Whig ideology of urbanization, industrialization, federal rights, commercial expansion was favored in North**

3rd Parties



- **Anti Masons (1824-1840's) – against the “Secret Society” of Freemasons; Aristocratic group that secretly ruled the government and would thus undermine democracy. Jackson & Van Buren were Freemasons**
- **Loco-Focos (1830's) – radical democrats in north who wanted to make government more responsive to the people**
- **Know Nothings (1850) – Old secret society who pledged to make America for Americans. Anti-immigrant and all that came with them (alcohol). Became American Party in 1852. Eventually will become part of Republican Party**
- **Free Soil (1848) – made up of remnants of Whigs and Liberty Parties (1840). Against the spread of slavery into the new territories. Anti-slave NOT Abolitionists!**
- **Barnburners (1840 – 1850's) – soft democratic faction that joins with LocoFoco's and Free Soilers. “Burn down the barn to get rid of the rats” Uncompromising**
- **Hunkers (1840's – 1850's) – hard democratic faction that believe in patronage, banks, extending slavery. Opposed by commoners in Antirent War. Wanted to extend slavery**

Election of 1840

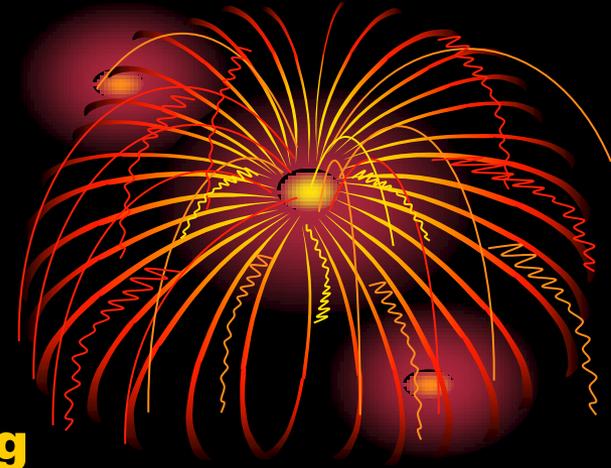


- **A memorable example of these efforts was the Gold Spoon Oration, delivered by a Whig congressman. Van Buren, by contrast, was presented as a wealthy elitist who spent taxpayers' money on champagne and on crystal goblets from which to sip it.**
- **An old Whig chant from the time of the election played up on this difference between candidates**

***“Old Tip he wore a home-spun coat, he had no ruffled shirt-wirt-wirt,
But Matt he has the golden plate, and he's a little squirt-wirt-wirt!”***

- **People singing the chant were supposed to spit tobacco juice while singing the "wirt-wirt" parts.**

Election of 1840



- **Rockabye, baby, Daddy's a Whig**
- **When he comes home, hard cider he'll swig**
- **When he has swug**
- **He'll fall in a stu**
- **And down will come Tyler and Tippecanoe.**
- **Rockabye, baby, when you awake**
- **You will discover Tip is a fake.**
- **Far from the battle, war cry and drum**
- **He sits in his cabin a'drinking bad rum.**
- **Rockabye, baby, never you cry**
- **You need not fear OF Tip and his Ty.**
- **What they would ruin, Van Buren will fix.**
- **Van's a magician, they are but tricks.**

What is Happening to the Political Scene?

- **Why so many 3rd Parties?**
- **What events seem to create/disband 3rd Parties during this time?**
- **Once it becomes a 2 Party system again in 1854, what will the West chose as their party of choice and why?**

