

# 1872

## Liberal Republicans [Democrats] (Horace Greeley)

- Greeley was nominated by the Liberal Republican revolt, but was eventually endorsed by Democrats (the Democrats DID NOT nominate a separate candidate during this election)
- Liberal Republicans wanted an end to the era of corruption under Grant, especially an end to the “carpetbag” reconstruction governments
- platform called for tariff reform to be determined by local constituencies with their Congressmen, leaving the president out of this arena of the economy
- Greeley was an unsound man, in many ways, and a staunch critic of Democrats
- Greeley lost because he was widely distrusted; he was also accused of being an atheist, communist, and idiot!
- at one point, Greeley campaigned against women's corsets + wanted to change the name U.S.A. to "Columbia"
- Greeley at one time told Lincoln to let South secede; but also said that Negroes were "ignorant"
- platform opposed land grants to railroads & corporations

PV = 2,834,125

EV = 0 (NOTE: Greeley received 3 electoral votes from Georgia, but they were rejected because Greeley had died!)

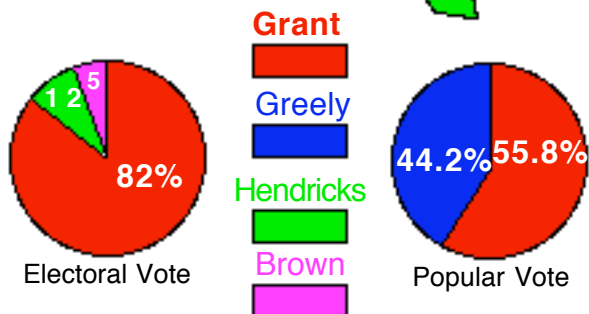
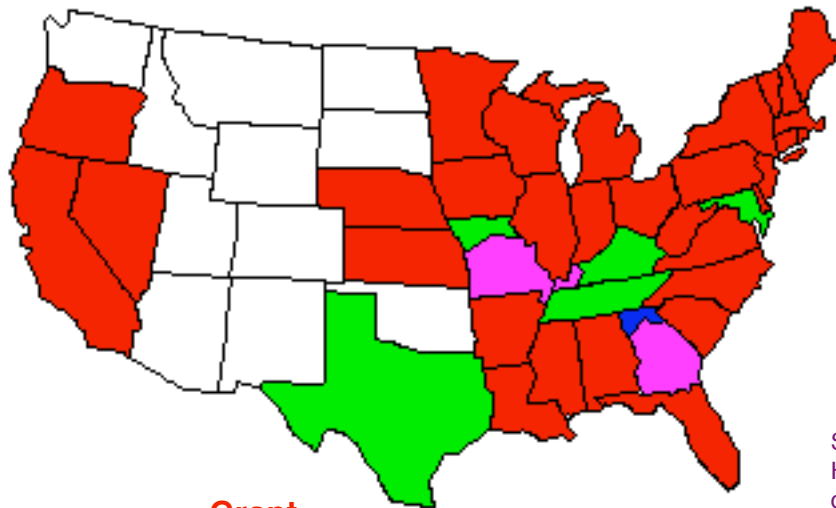
43rd Congress -> House [Dem] = 92; Senate [Dem] = 19  
 44th Congress -> House [Dem] = 169; Senate [Dem] = 29

## Republicans (Ulysses Grant)

- Liberal Republican movement sparked the regular Republican Party into some general house cleaning; platform advocated some civil service reform, including an end (if not reform) of the patronage system
- Grant demonstrated mediocrity & ignorance, but divisiveness within the party caused him to be renominated
- had difficulty winning Southern & border states
- additional scandals rocked Grant's administration
- platform covered many issues, including [1] abolishing the franking privilege; [2] adding rights for women; [3] tariff for revenue & protection of business; & [4] legislation to grant equal rights for all Americans
- some of Grant's family members were involved in the 1869 Fisk/Gould gold scheme
- Grant had some accomplishments, too -> [1] favored passage of the 15th Amendment; [2] signed a law restricting the Ku Klux Klan
- Thomas Nast cartoons strongly condemned Greeley

PV = 3,597,132  
 EV = 286

43rd Congress -> House = 194; Senate = 49  
 44th Congress -> House = 109; Senate = 45



SPECIAL NOTE: Thomas Hendricks received 42 combined electoral votes from the states of Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Tennessee, and Texas. Votes from Georgia, Kentucky, and Texas (=18) went to B. Gratz Brown. Charles Jenkins got 2 votes from Georgia, while David Davis obtained 1 vote from Missouri.