**Political Fragmentation in the 1850s**

**Whig Party**

**(formed 1834---died 1854)**

**Divided over the following**

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**Northern “Conscience” Whigs**

**Southern “Cotton” Whigs”**

**Free Soil Party (1844-Civil)**

* **Not all abolitionist, but**
* **#1 Goals**
* **Many were**

**Know Nothing Party (1849-1854)**

* **Belief In**
* **Members Mostly**
* **Anti**
* **Anti**
* **Split Over**

**Democrats (1792-Present)**

* **Election of 1860 splits**

**Republican Party (1854-Present)**

* **“Umbrella” party; members agreed on**
* **Included**

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