

What's a Whig?

The Whig Party, of which both Abraham Lincoln and Henry Clay were members, is considered the predecessor of the Republican Party. Formed in 1833 in opposition to the policies of President Andrew Jackson, the party dissolved in 1856 over disagreement about slavery. Other famous Whigs included Daniel Webster, Zachary Taylor, and Winfield Scott. Three Whigs were elected President: William Henry Harrison, John Tyler, and Millard Fillmore.