

Time of Presidency: 1857-1861	Party: Democratic	President #: 15	James Buchanan
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America at this time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major election issue was the rise of a new party with part of Jefferson's old party name - the Republicans 		
Domestic Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dred Scott decision ruled that slaves were not people, and that the Missouri Compromise was unconstitutional 1857 financial panic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> caused widespread economic turmoil South Carolina Secedes from the Union 	
Foreign Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confederate States of America founded under the Confederate Constitution Buchanan led nation to Civil War with his 	unresponsiveness	
Aides and Advisors	No Key Advisors		
Various Facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harper's weekly begins publication Drake drills first oil well 		

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