

SECTIONALISM IN ANTEBELLUM AMERICA

<u>MAJOR ISSUES</u>	<u>NORTH</u>	<u>SOUTH</u>	<u>WEST</u>
<u>PUBLIC LAND POLICY</u> Cheap? Quick Settlement? Squatters Rights?	<u>AGAINST</u> Threat that labor will be drawn away. Force a rise in wages.	<u>MIXED</u> Want cheap land in S. West but concerned about competition and lower prices due to surplus.	<u>FAVOR</u> Want cheap land and easy acquisition of it, only way to increase wealth.
<u>PROTECTIVE TARIFF</u> Protection for infant industry? A chance to compete with foreign goods?	<u>FAVOR</u> Necessary for survival against European goods	<u>AGAINST</u> Raises prices on everything Hurts sale of cotton on foreign markets, South dependent on most things from the outside.	<u>MIXED</u> Northwest favors/Hemp production Southwest no/cotton production.
<u>INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS</u> Should the Fed. Gov't subsidize states for construction of roads canals and bridges?	<u>MIXED</u> Opposed early, want to keep tax money at home. 1820's favor, excuse to keep the Tariff high. (Clays "American System")	<u>AGAINST</u> seen as a scheme to keep the Tariff high. South has a fine water system for transport.	<u>FAVOR</u> Much need to get goods to market. West has little cash to finance such Clays American System solves prob.
<u>SLAVERY</u> Should it be expanded to the territories?	<u>AGAINST</u> Morally wrong, against expansion	<u>FAVOR</u> to expensive to discard King Cotton essential	<u>MIXED</u> sympathetic to South fear of damage to white labor force.
Key Leadership	J.Q. Adams, Daniel Webster Dewitt Clinton, Martin Van Buren	Willim Crawford, John C. Calhoun Robert Haynes	Henry Clay, Thomas Hart Benton, W.H. Harrison, Andrew Jackson