THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF 1860: CANDIDATES, PLATFORMS, AND RESULTS

Candidate	Party	Position on Dred Scott/slavery in the territories	Popular vote received	Electoral vote received
John Bell	Constitutional Union	Ambiguous: Adherence to "the Constitution, the Union, and the laws"	588,879	39
John C. Breckinridge	Democratic (southern wing)	Unequivocal: Federal government must actively protect slavery in the territories	849,781	72
Stephen A. Douglas	Democratic	Moderate/ambiguous: Douglas's "Freeport Doctrine": *Dred Scott* will be honored, but it does not require territorial governments to actively protect slavery	1,376,957	12
			Losers' totals: 2,815,617	*123*
Abraham Lincoln	Republican	Unequivocal: *Dred Scott* was wrongly decided: neither the federal nor the territorial governments may permit slavery in the territories	1,866,452	180