

## A New Era in Politics

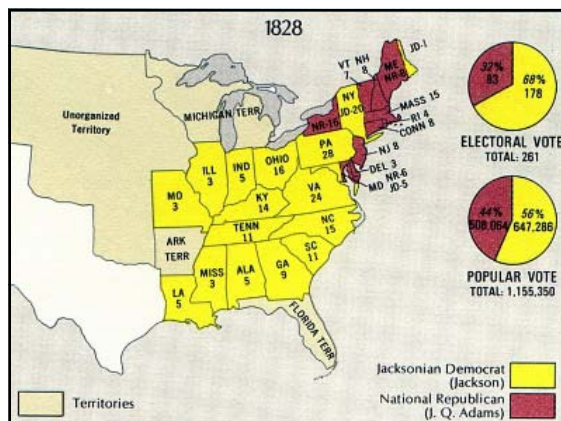
### Chapter 9, Section 1

## New Political Parties

- Division of the Republicans
  - **National-Republicans**
    - Supported Adams
    - Sought to strengthen the nat'l gov't
    - Became known simply as **Republicans**
  - **Democratic-Republicans**
    - Supported Jackson
    - Sought to empower the avg. man
    - Became known simply as **Democrats**
- **Universal Manhood Suffrage**
  - Allowed all men the right to vote
    - Dropping the property qualifications
    - Expanding political power beyond the **BOGWs**
  - Enacted by most states btw. the elections of 1824 and 1828
  - Expanded democracy
- **Nat'l Conventions**
  - Public meeting of all party members
  - Replaced the **party caucus** to choose candidates
    - Secret meeting of the top, influential party members
  - Also created the **party platforms**
    - Position of the party on key issues
  - Seen as more democratic

## Election of 1828

- Campaign filled w/ **mudslinging**.
  - Rachel Jackson accused of **bigamy and adultery**.
  - Jackson accused of having murdered 6 militiamen.
  - Adams accused of
    - Installing gambling devices in White House.
      - At the public expense
  - Presenting an Am. virgin to the tsar of Russia
- Jackson easily won the election.



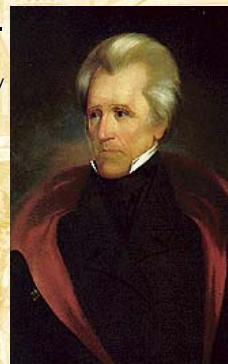
## Jackson's Inauguration

- Attended by thousands of "common people"
- Followed by a party at the White House
  - Thrown open to all
  - Turned into a near riot
    - Jackson had to be evacuated and spent 1<sup>st</sup> night as pres. in hotel.
  - Seen by critics as proof "**King Mob**" ruled



## Andrew Jackson

- Known as "**Old Hickory**"
- Seemed to personify the new democracy
  - 1<sup>st</sup> pres. from the W.
    - Born in a **log cabin** on the frontier
  - 1<sup>st</sup> pres. since **Washington** w/o college education
    - Couldn't spell
- Was, however, the traditional **planter aristocrat**
  - Owned the **Hermitage**
- Became a very strong and forceful pres.
  - His 6 predecessors collectively vetoed 9 bills.
    - On the grounds that they were **unconstitutional**
  - He alone vetoed 12 bills.
    - Simply b/c he didn't like some of them
    - Led some to condemn him as "**King Andrew I**"



## "The Spoils System"

- Practice of rewarding loyal supporters w/ gov't positions
  - "The the victor belong the spoils."
- A.k.a. patronage
- Resulted in the removal of hundreds of office holders
- Justifications
  - Those who hold public office for a long time "are apt to acquire a habit of looking w/ indifference upon the public interests and of tolerating conduct from which the unpracticed man would revolt."
  - "The duties of all public officers are . . . So plain and simple that men of intelligence may readily qualify themselves of their performance."
  - Exemplified the "new democracy"
    - Although most appointees weren't "common men"

## Kitchen Cabinet

- Cabinet
  - Filled w/ political appointees
  - Not qualified, except for Martin Van Buren
    - Sec. of State
  - Seldom met w/ Jackson
- Kitchen Cabinet
  - Group of unofficial advisors
  - Met in the White House kitchen

