POLS 4530: Political Parties

Agenda Topic 4

Topic 4: The First Political Party System: 1829 – 1852

1. The Founders Tried to Duck The Issue of Slavery

2. The Invention of the Cotton Gin by Eli Whitney in 1793 made Cotton Production and therefore Slavery highly profitable

3. General Features of the Whig-Democrat Political Party System – 1826 – 1852 (Whigs collapsed after the Compromise of 1850)

4. The Economy Before the Civil War – How it Interacted with the Democrat-Whig Political Party System

5. The Crisis Over the Extension of Slavery to the Territories – 1820 – 1850

6. The Compromise of 1850

7. The Crisis Over the Extension of Slavery to the Territories – the 1850s