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Free Soil Party

Founded: 1848 in New York Dissolved: 1854

The Free Soil Party formed in reaction to conflicts over territory captured during the Mexican War (1846 - 1848). The party opposed the expansion of slavery to the new territory and used the motto "Free soil, free speech, free labor, and free men." Martin Van Buren ran as the presidential candidate for this party in 1848.

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