# The Essential Assumption-That Compromise Was Desired

When all of the assumptions that made compromise possible exploded, the compromises that led to the growth of Nationalism in the Antebellum Period instead led to secession during the turbulent 1850s.

### **Abolition & Positive Good:**

Northerners gradually recognized humanity of slaves, but Southerners built elaborate defenses of institution.



### **Invention of Cotton Gin:**

Facilitated the spread of cotton; reinvigorated slavery.

## **Qriginal** Assumption:

Slaves were proper

**Constitutional Compromises** 

\*3/5 Compromise & Great Compromise gave greater representation to South.

\*"Full Faith & Credit" clause & Fugitive Slave Clause protected slavery.

\*5th Amendment protected property rights of slaveowners.

# Original

Assumption:

Political Balanse was desirable

**Missouri Compromise** 

\*Northern border of slavery in territories set at MO's southern border (36 30).

\*MO entered nation as Slave State.

\*ME entered nation as a Free State.

### Original Assumption:

Slavery was on the road to extinction

**Original** 

Assumption: Northerners could avoid slavery

#### **Mexican American War:**

Ripped open the debate on the future of America, became all or nothing.



#### **Fugitive Slave Act:**

For Southerners, was directly from Constitution; for Northerners, being forced upon them.