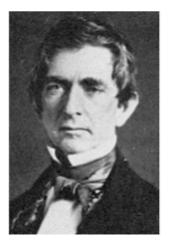
## SENATOR 5 NEW YORK (W)



# WILLIAM H. SEWARD

You're a long-time advocate of prison reform and better care for the insane; you've actually drawn some controversy for defending a mentally ill black man in court. You're a committed abolitionist, though -- you can't let it get to you.



# Whig

As a Whig, you want to invest in America's future: the government needs to fund improvements in manufacturing and transportation, so that the U.S.A. can become an economic powerhouse. Businessmen and educated experts will lead the way; they deserve your support.









#### New York

Your state is where America does its business. New York City is full of bankers, merchants, and entrepreneurs -- and the steady flow of immigrants that want to work for them. Many of those people are invested in the cotton trade, too: it may be grown in the South, but it's shipped out of the country from your docks.







## William Seward, Higher Law speech, March 11, 1850

"There is a higher law than the Constitution, which regulates our authority over the domain, and devotes it to the same noble purposes...This is a state, and we are deliberating for it, just as our fathers deliberated in establishing the institutions we enjoy...And now the simple, bold, and even awful question which presents itself to us, is this: - Shall we, who are founding institutions, social and political, for countless millions-shall we, who know by experience the wise and the just, and are free to choose them, and to reject the erroneous and unjust-shall we establish human bondage [slavery] or permit it to be established? Sir, our forefathers would not have hesitated an hour. They found slavery already existing here, and they left it only because they could not remove it. There is not only no free state which would now establish it, but there is no slave state, which, if it had had the free alternative as we now have, would have founded slavery in the first place...

The states of Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa have since come into the Union; and they solemnly excluded slavery in those states forever...there is no Christian nation which would now choose to establish slavery. I speak on due consideration, because Britain, France, and Mexico, have abolished slavery, and all other European states are preparing to abolish it as speedily as they can.

We deem the principle of the law for the recapture of fugitives, therefore unjust,. unconstitutional, and immoral...We are not slaveholders. We cannot, in our judgment, be either true Christians or real freemen, if we impose chains on another...Do we demand of you an unreasonable thing in asking that, since you will have property that can and will exercise human power to escape, you shall be your own police...

I have heard-and almost for the first time in my life-of divided allegiance-of allegiance to the South and to the Union-of allegiance to states severally and to the Union...I know only one country and one sovereign-the United States of America and the American people."