IN NOVEMBER 1860, Abraham Lincoln, the Republican nominee for president, is relatively unknown outside of his home state of Illinois and a compromise candidate, bridging the gap between radical Republicans, who insist slavery must be eliminated immediately, and the moderates, who believe that abolition should be gradual. The Democrats, however, put forth three different candidates—a move that certainly costs them the election—and Abraham Lincoln becomes the sixteenth president of the United States.

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