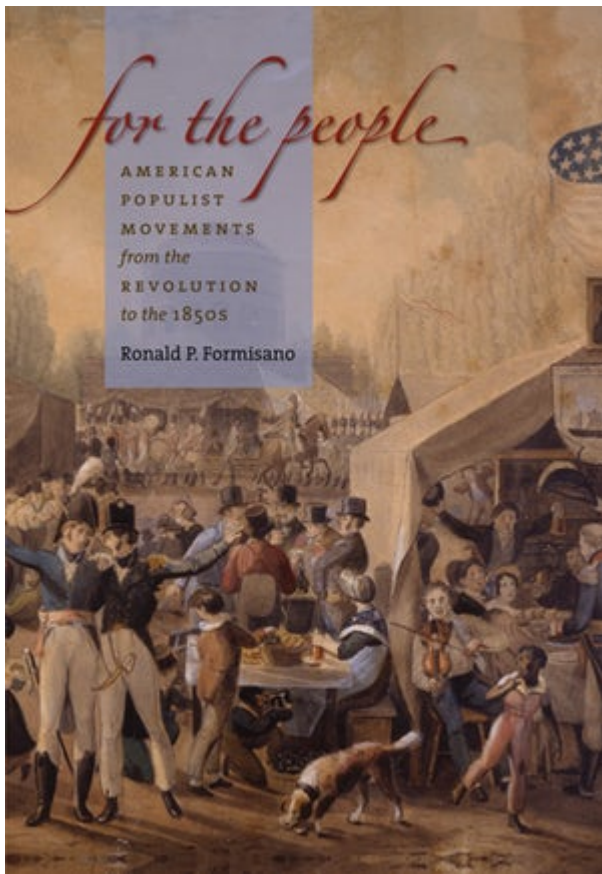


# Reform and Reaction: Populism in Early America



For the People can be profitably read as a sympathetic exposition of the various ways critics of American politics and society and adherents to popular sovereignty have been a mainstay of our political culture.

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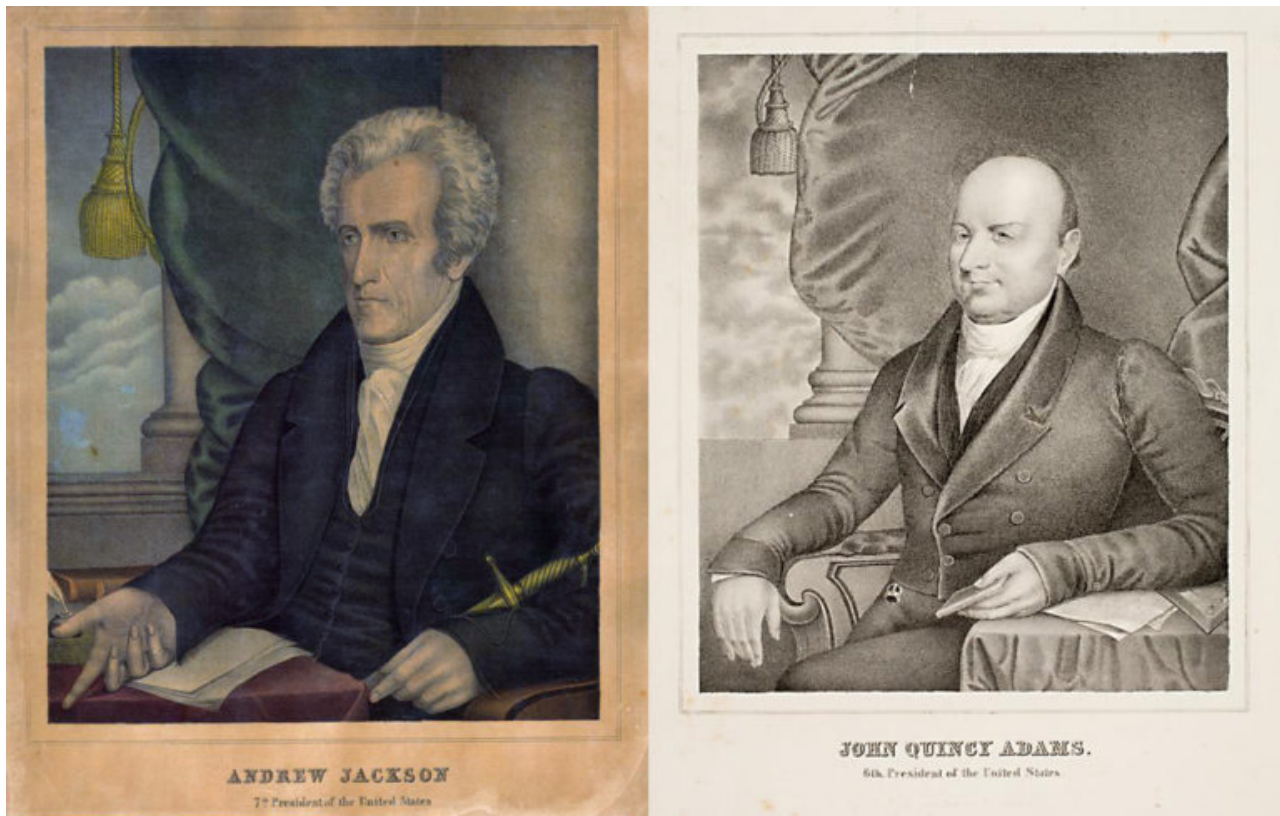
# Electoral College: Nearly Impossible to Repeal



“Impracticable the electoral college surely is. And it is precisely because of its improbable construction that today’s electoral college remains one of the least altered institutions established by the Constitution of 1787. . .”

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## [“The Almighty Dollar”: 2016 and the Long History of Lobbying](#)



2016 will mark not just the election of the forty-fifth president of the United States, but also the 200th anniversary of the creation of the first ever lobbying agency in the national capital, an agency that was founded by a Delaware factory manager named Isaac Briggs.

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## [An Uncertain Founding: Santa Fe](#)



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“For most of the twentieth century, the actual year of the founding of Santa Fe was a matter of historical speculation, and the name of its founder, Juan Martinez de Montoya, has only recently been accepted by scholars.”

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## Imperial city of the Aztecs: Mexico-Tenochtitlan

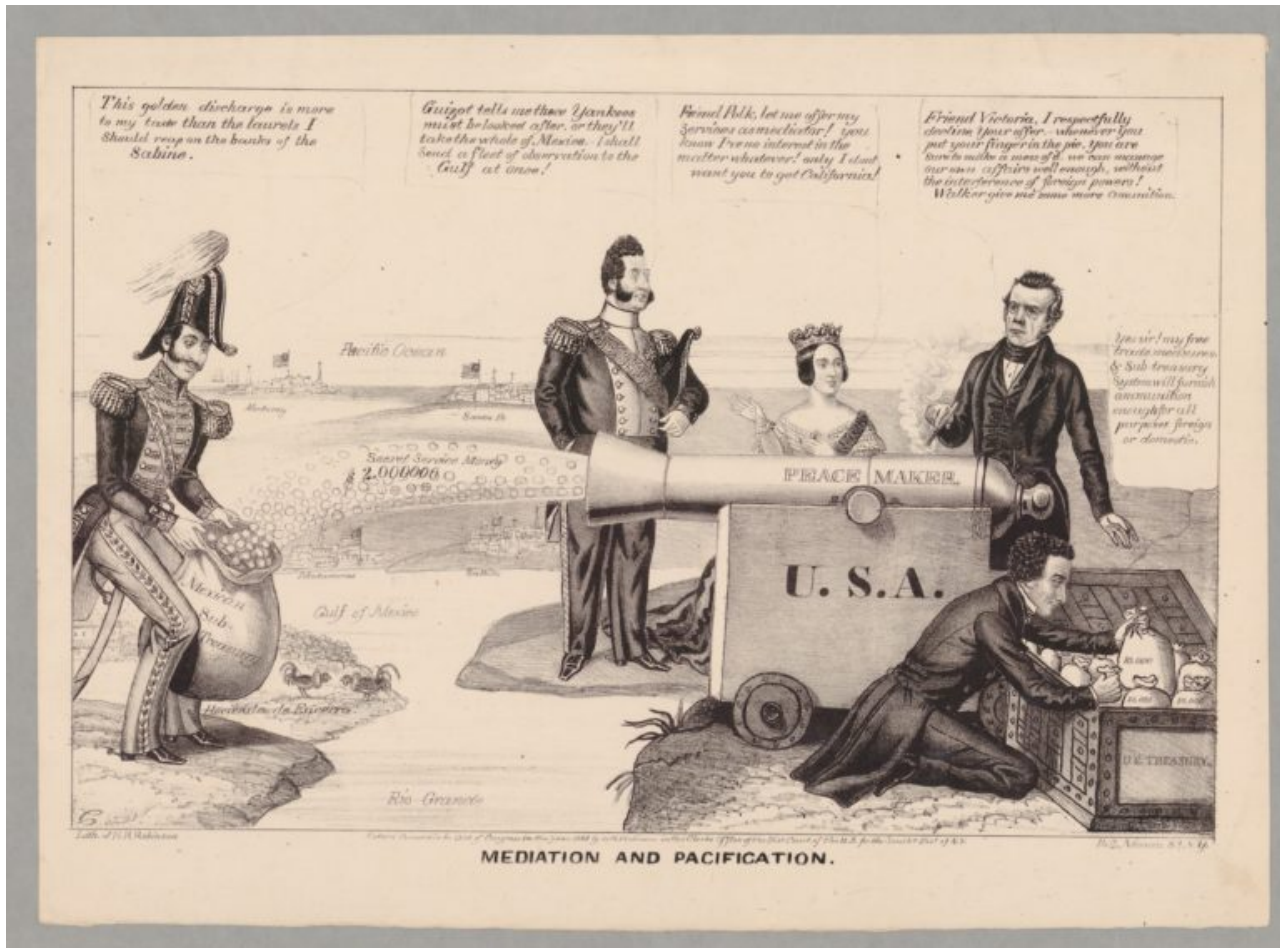


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“Tenochtitlan’s precarious, dynamic order was held together by a passionate devotion to religion and the discharging of the Aztecs’ special and ever-expanding obligation to the gods.”

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## [When Johnny Comes Marching Home...from the Bank](#)



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There is a romantic notion that this American expansion was achieved by settlers unaided by government—the rugged frontiersmen of the mythic West. In reality, however, the United States expanded through state action.

## [Print Culture and Popular History in the Era of the U.S.-Mexican War](#)



The racial agenda preserved in nineteenth-century print culture resonates with contemporary U.S.-Mexico relations.

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## Looking South: The Mexican Isthmus Through Gringo Glasses

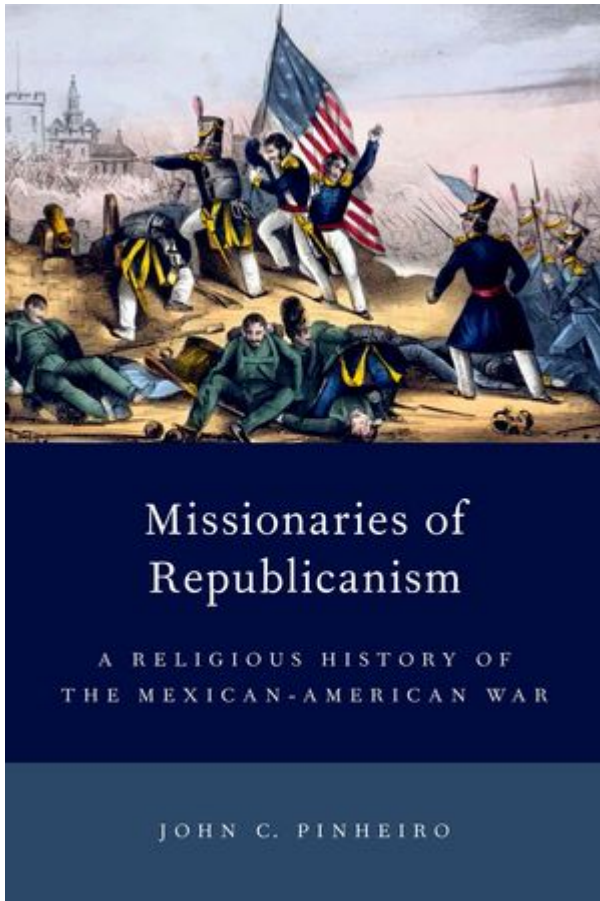


In the years that followed the annexation, plans for the next North American grab (or purchase) of Mexican lands became a regular topic of debate on the

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## The Role of Anti-Catholicism in the U.S.-Mexican War

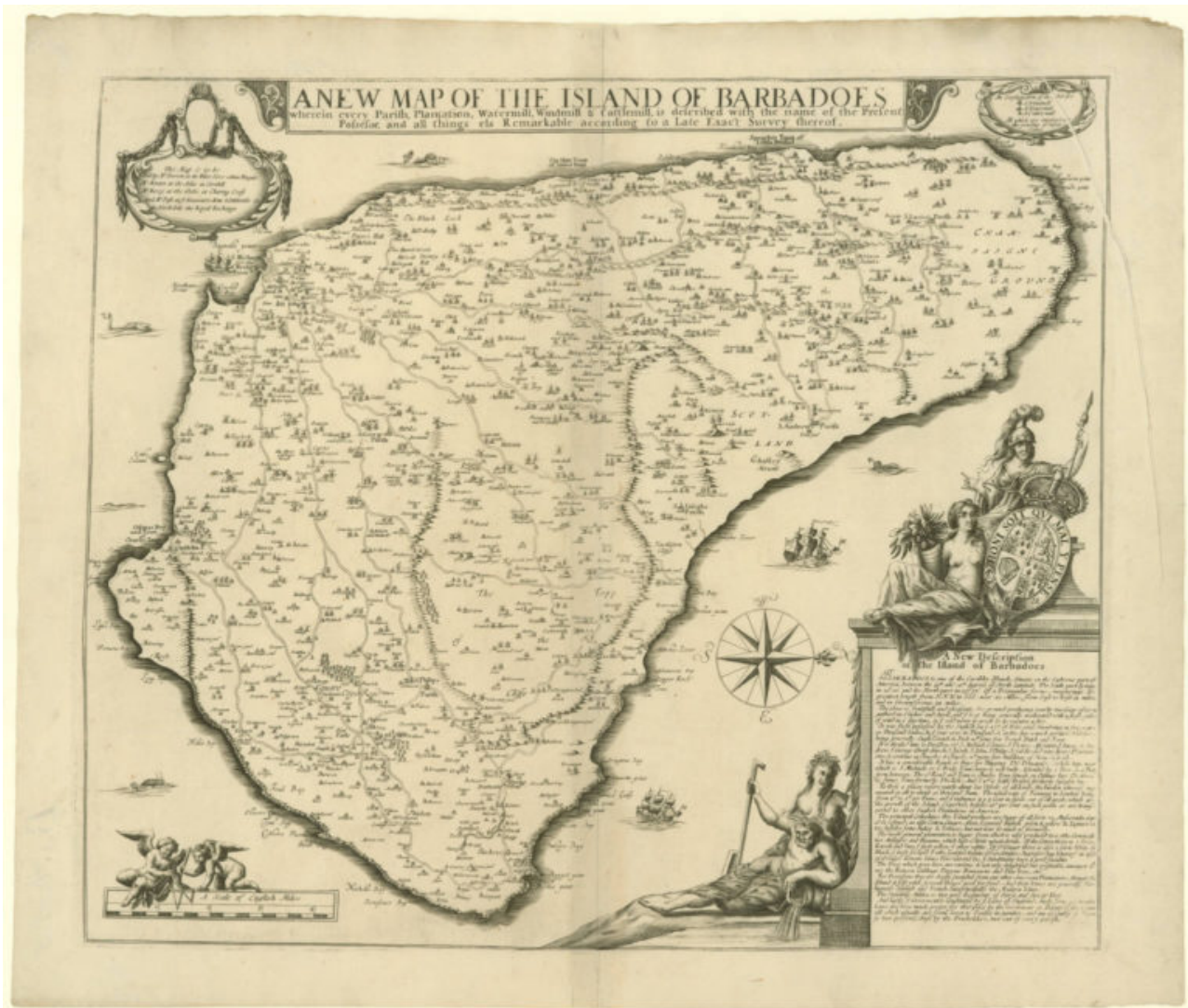


As Americans looked westward for new territory, many viewed mixed-raced Mexicans and their Roman Catholic religion as inferior and incompatible with the Anglo-Saxon Protestant republicanism that was fated to sweep the continent.

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## A Promotional Map of Barbados, c. 1675





Looking at this peaceful, productive view, you would never imagine that Barbados had recently been hit by a devastating hurricane that reduced the machinery of the booming sugar industry to smithereens and threatened to overturn the island's slaveholding society.