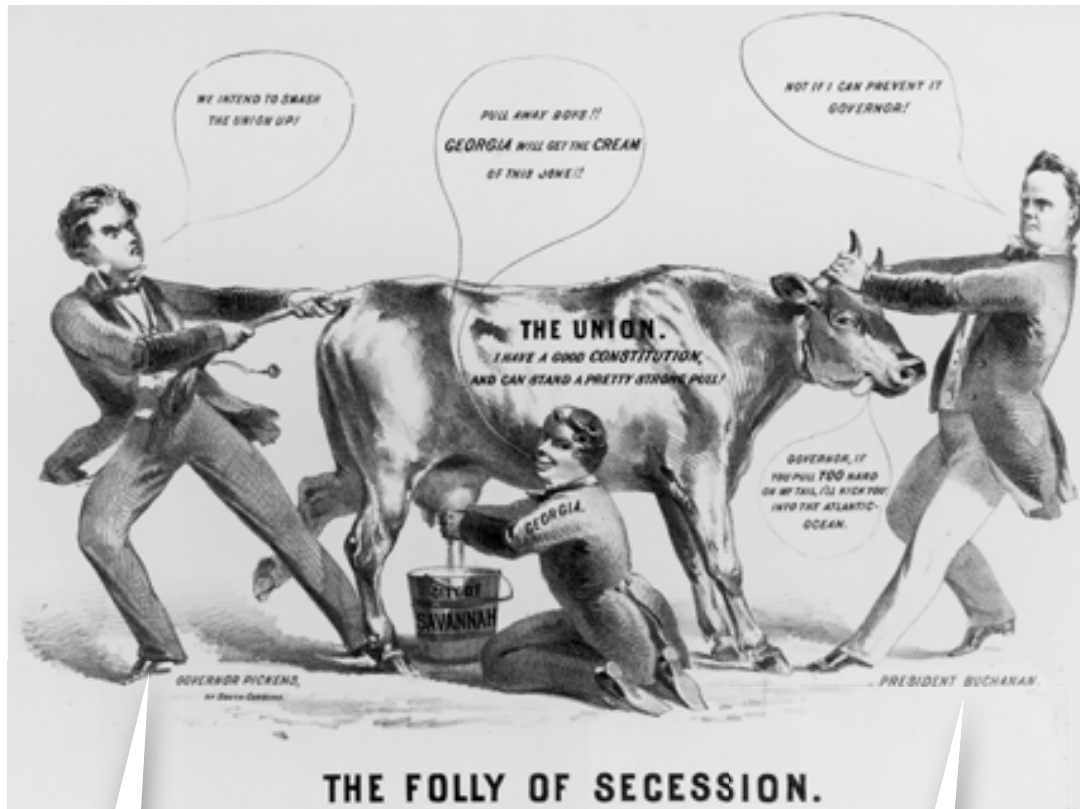


Cartoon 17

Political Cartoons

The Folly of Secession



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Frances Pickens was governor of South Carolina from 1860 to 1862. After South Carolina seceded from the Union in late 1860, Pickens urged other southern states to secede.

The state of Georgia used the secession crisis as a chance to seize Fort Pulaski in Savannah, Georgia, in January 1861.

President James Buchanan opposed South Carolina's secession.

ANALYZING POLITICAL CARTOONS

Study the political cartoon, and then answer the questions that follow.

1. What is Governor Pickens trying to do? What is President Buchanan's goal?

2. What is the cartoon's message? Explain how different parts of the cartoon support this message.
