

Jackson, as the first president from the frontier & the first president without a formal education signified the American Dream that any American could come from any background & become president. Running on a platform that included shrinking the size of the federal government & returning power to the states & the people, Jackson was able to get elected in 1828 by a newly expanded electorate that largely no longer needed property ownership to vote. Although true to a small extent with his enforcement of federal supremacy in S.C., the label of Jacksonians as 'Guardians of the Constitution' was false to a large extent because of his repeated & consistent strengthening of the executive branch at the expense of the judiciary, the economic consequences of his slaughter of the national bank, & his actions towards native Americans!