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The Opposition Party was the name temporarily adopted in 1860 by North Carolina members of the [Whig Party](#) ^[2], which had practically dissolved over the [slavery](#) ^[3] issue. Its supporters nominated [John Pool](#) ^[4] for [governor](#) ^[5] on a platform of union and an end to sectional agitation. Pool lost to [John W. Ellis](#) ^[6], the Southern Rights candidate.

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