

# American Republic

## Nullification Crisis

Why didn't the nullification crisis end in civil war? Complete the chart by writing down the causes of northern actions and the southern reactions. The answers are listed at the bottom. (You will see in Chapter 16 how a different order of events caused the Civil War in 1861.)

Cause	Northern Action	Southern Reaction
<i>Federalists want to stay in power.</i>	Alien and Sedition Acts (1798)	<i>The Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions first assert the right of nullification.</i>
<i>Northerners want protective tariffs. p. 240</i>	"Tariff of Abominations" (1828)	<i>Fearing for the South's economy, Calhoun first asserts nullification. p. 240</i>
<i>Southerners bargain with the West for a lower tariff. p. 240</i>	Webster-Hayne debate (1830)	<i>Calhoun resigns vice-presidency to lead the fight for states' rights. p. 241</i>
<i>Northerners offer a slightly revised protective tariff. p. 241</i>	Tariff of 1832	<i>Nullifiers give up hope for a revenue tariff. p. 241</i>
<i>S.C. passes the Ordinance of Nullification. pp. 241-42</i>	Force Bill (1833)	<i>S.C. calls a national convention to support nullification. p. 242</i>
<i>S.C. fails to receive support for nullification. p. 242</i>	Compromise of 1833	<i>S.C. withdraws nullification of the tariff. p. 242</i>
<i>S.C. holds only the Force Bill nullified. p. 242</i>	no further action	<i>Question of states' rights remains unsettled. p. 242</i>

### Causes

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### Southern Reactions

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