

The Antebellum Era (1781-1860): The Impact of Thomas Jefferson (1801-1809)

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In this era, your running mate was in the race for the presidency as well.

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- **Alexander Hamilton** did not like **Burr** and persuaded many Federalists to just cast a blank vote.
- This allowed Jefferson to win with more votes.

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- **Aaron Burr** killed **Alexander Hamilton** in that duel while he was still vice-president.

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- He reduced the military, shrunk the Bank of the United States, and took other steps to minimize the government. Influence

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