



Winning Back At The Office (C): The Square Mile's Watching... Case Solution

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Chief Legislator

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President Pierce was the 14th president and led this country during a rather uneventful time.

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Because of the Compromise of 1850, the U.S. seemed to have avoided the slavery issue. But when the issue suddenly reappeared during his administration he had virtually no success while dealing with it.

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Pierce had roots in the north, so he sided with the south on the issue of slavery to try and win the support of the whole country. He wanted to avoid a Civil War at all costs. His views made him unpopular in the North and he failed to win a second term.

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One of the good things that Pierce did was work to enhance the security of the United States. He wanted to add additional land and the Gadsden Purchase accomplished this. For \$15 million the country gained 29,600 square miles of new territory in southwest Arizona and New Mexico.

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Ranking 37th among all
presidents, historians feel that
Pierce had few relations with
Congress.

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His grade... a solid "B-".