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# Notes: First Joint debate at Ottawa Illinois, August 25, 1858

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FIRST JOINT DEBATE, OTTAWA, ILLINOIS, AUGUST 25, 1858.

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Mr. Douglas opened the debate at Ottawa. The chief points in his speech to which Mr. Lincoln replied, were -

3rd. Referring to Lincoln's opposition to the Dred Scott decision, Mr. Douglas demanded if he were in favor of conferring upon the negro the rights and privileges of citizenship, and declared - I am opposed to negro citizenship in any and every form. I believe this Government was made on the white basis.

1st. In closing the debate Mr. Douglas called attention again to what he had said about the organization of the Republican party in 1854 and the platform which he affirmed was adopted at Springfield at that time, and declared that Mr. Lincoln's denial