The Crisis Elections: 1860 & 2020

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On Sunday, November 15, the World Socialist Web Site hosted an online discussion with eminent historians of the United States, including James Oakes, Richard Carwardine, and Thomas Mackaman, and moderated by David North. The discussion reviewed the historical background, events and political dynamic of the 1860 election, evaluated their relevance in appraising the outcome of the 2020 election, and consider the long-term political implications of the present crisis in the United States.

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