Questions Relating to *The Staunton Spectator* and *The Charleston Mercury*

1. The editors of *The Staunton Spectator* -- a Virginia newspaper -- were not very concerned when Abraham Lincoln was elected President of the United States in 1860. Why were they not worried?

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2. Leading citizens of Charleston, South Carolina wrote a resolution which was published in *The Charleston Mercury*. What was the main idea of the resolution? For whom was it written? What was the purpose of the resolution?

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3. Both Virginia and South Carolina were slave states. Both would later become part of the Confederate States of America. Yet, the views concerning Abraham Lincoln’s election as President of the United States as expressed in Virginia’s *Staunton Spectator* and South Carolina’s *Charleston Mercury* were different. How were the views different? Why were they different? Explain.