One of the major newspapers of the American Civil War era, The Liberator, was founded by William Lloyd Garrison in 1831. Garrison was a prominent abolitionist and a leading figure in the antislavery movement. The paper was known for its strong stance against slavery and was a major voice in the abolitionist movement of the 19th century. The Liberator was published in Boston and distributed widely, playing a significant role in spreading the message of abolition and social reform.