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Sources B and D agree on the fact that they have a sizeable following. Source B states "Delegations are coming from all the neighbouring towns and cities and it is probable that at least 25 000 will parade in our streets tonight." Meaning, they are well known and attract a large number of spectators. Similarly, Source D states "Once there, they were met by a large crowd..." Thus, confirming the statement from Source B that the Wide-Awakes had a popular enough reputation for many to be interest in gathering. Both sources include the detail that they have many viewers. ✓ ✓ J

Sources B and D agree the Wide-Awakes are not supported by the South. Source D says "One after another of the Wide-Awakes claimed protection of the police and were escorted home until all were gone." This means Baltimore was so unsupportive of them, police protection was required. Source B states "The South has been taught to regard them as a military force, raised and trained for aggression on Southern rights." In other words, the South does not support them since they view the Wide-Awakes as violent rebels. Based on outside knowledge, it is known the South indeed did not support them since the Wide-Awakes were formed in Connecticut leading up to the election to fight for Republican, not democratic, views. The newspapers agree the South are not their supporters. ✓ A J

The quote previously included from Source D continues on to say "...who attacked them with brickbats, stones and other missiles." So, while the sources agree there was a mass crowd, Source D disagrees that they were all necessarily supporters, whereas Source B claims they will be "highly brilliant and effective." That does not seem to describe a group getting attacked. Granted, it must be taken into consideration that each account is written at different times. Since Source B is written a month prior, it is writing on a different point in the Wide-Awakes' movement. So, they may both very well be correct, with taking into consideration one is Southern and the other Northern, contributing bias. Sources B and D disagree on the attitude of their support. ✓ ✓ ✓ J

Although each source describes the Southern dislike toward the Wide-Awakes, the sources disagree on the reasons for this low level of support. Source B believes "Nothing could be more absurd. Their purposes are thoroughly peaceful and political." Here, the paper is speaking on the thought that the Wide-Awakes are violent. So, the North, New York specifically, strongly believes the South most definitely should be supporting the movement, and the lack thereof is due only to their misdirection. Source D includes nothing of the sort, leading the readers to believe there may be good reason for their reputation. The sources disagree on why the South does not follow the Wide-Awakes in a positive light. ✓ A J