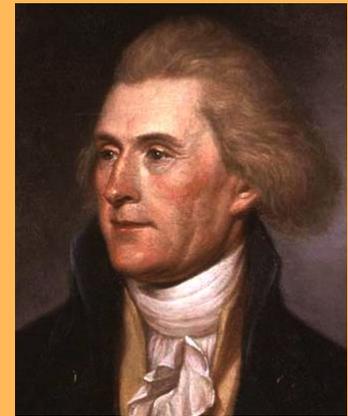




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# Federalists and Anti-Federalists

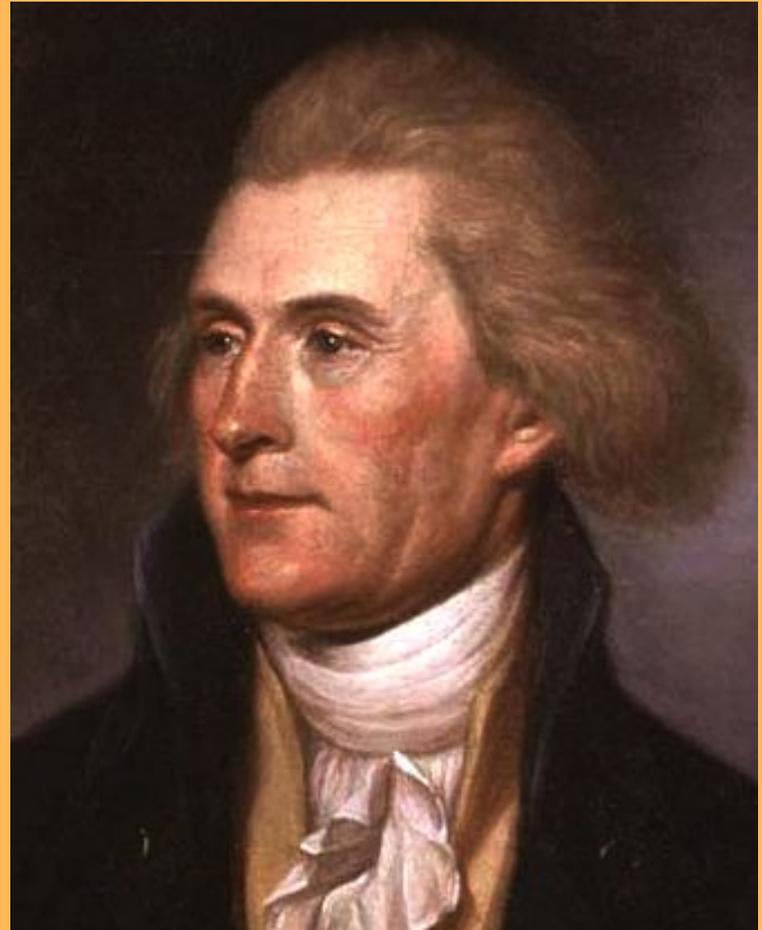


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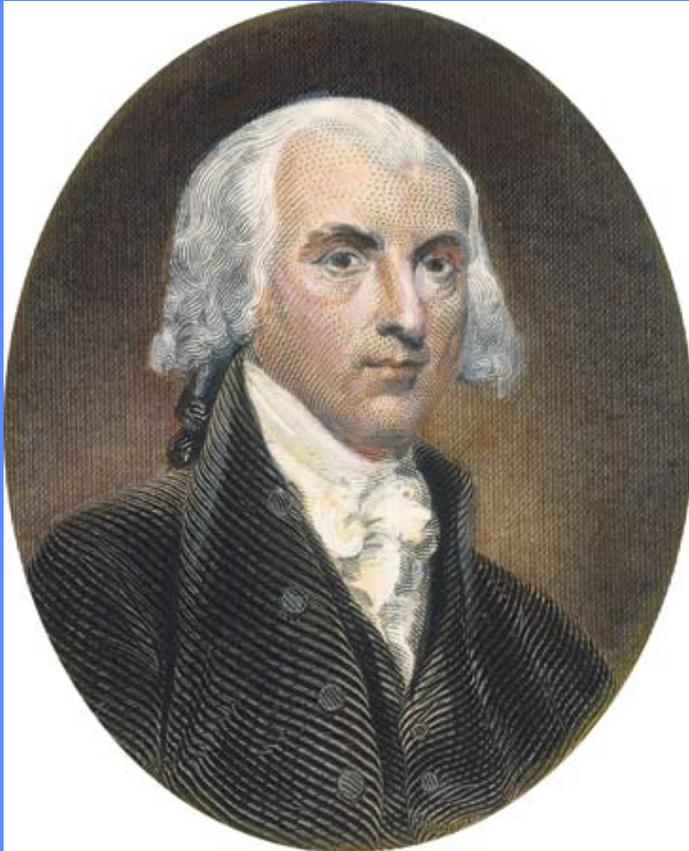


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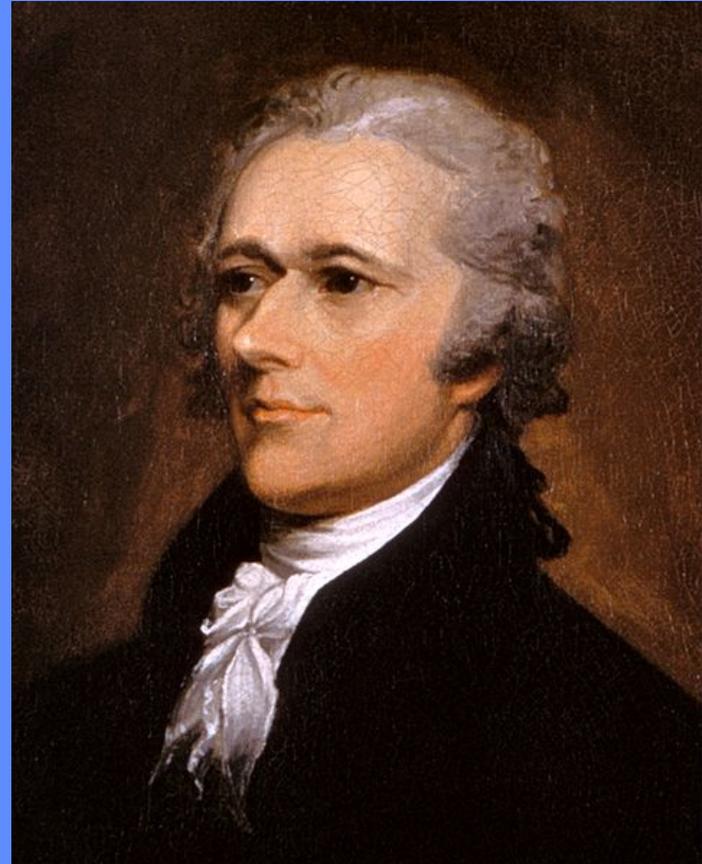


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# Federalists:



**James Madison (VA)**

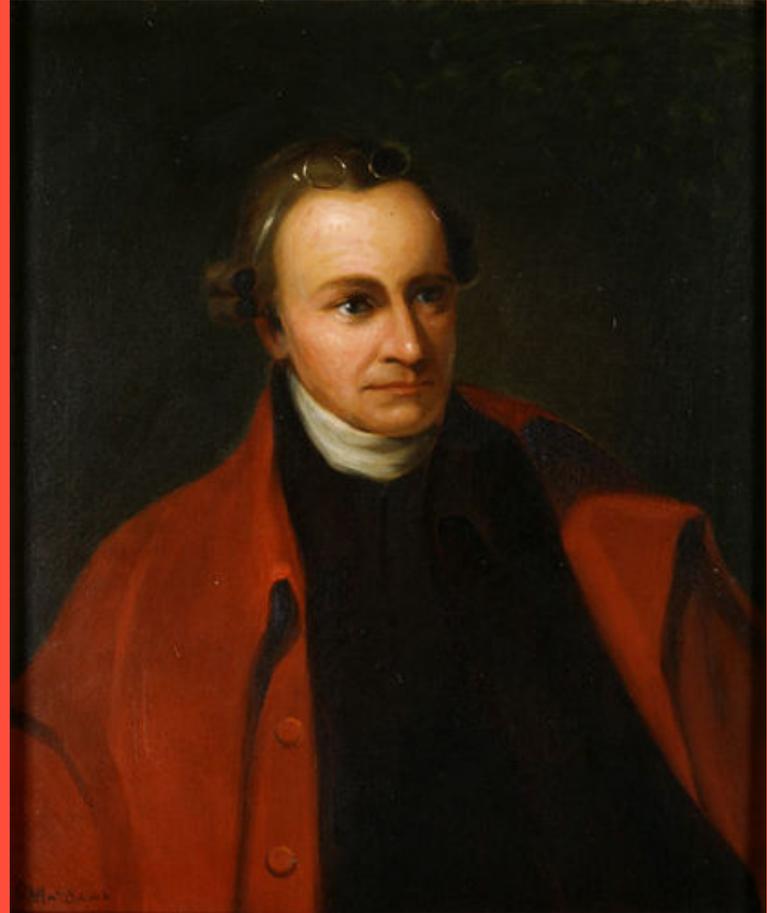


**Alexander Hamilton (NY)**

# Anti-Federalists



**Thomas Jefferson (VA)**



**Patrick Henry (VA)**

## 2. Position on the Constitution and how strong it should be



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### **Federalists:**

- Favored the Constitution
- Believed in a strong central government with authority over the states.

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### **Anti-Federalists:**

- Opposed the Constitution
- Feared a strong government would restrict rights

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#### **Federalists:**

- Constitution already guaranteed rights by **not limiting** any specific rights
- A list of specific rights would imply that other rights were not protected

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#### **Anti-Federalists:**

- Wanted a bill of rights to be added to the Constitution
- Feared that the central government would infringe on rights if they were not outlined clearly

## 4. View of the common person's ability to choose good leaders



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### **Federalists:**

- Distrusted the average person's ability to choose good leaders
- Trusted the educated elite to rule for the common good

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### **Anti-Federalists:**

- Trusted the common man to make good decisions; it was in their interest to do so.
- Believed that the elite couldn't be in touch with the concerns of the common man.

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### **Federalists:**

Government should regulate trade and run a national bank to create a stronger economy

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### **Anti-Federalists:**

- Opposed the National Bank – it would only serve the interests of the elite
- Government should leave the economy alone -- “laissez-faire”

## 6. Involvement in war between Britain and France (French Revolution)



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### **Federalists:**

Favored support of Britain to  
strengthen trade for the sake of the  
economy

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### **Anti-Federalists:**

Favored support of the French; U.S  
should help former ally; sympathized  
with their quest for democracy

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### **Federalists:**

-- Loose interpretation – if the Constitution doesn't say you **can't** do it, you **can** (it's flexible)

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## **Anti-Federalists:**

- **Strict Interpretation** – If the Constitution doesn't say you **can** do it, you **can't**