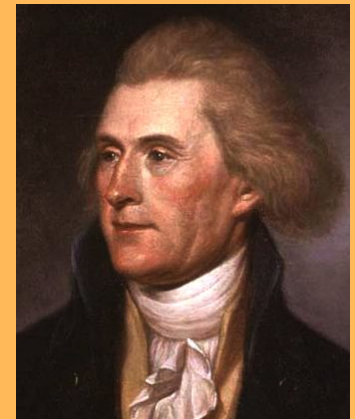




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Federalists and Anti-Federalists

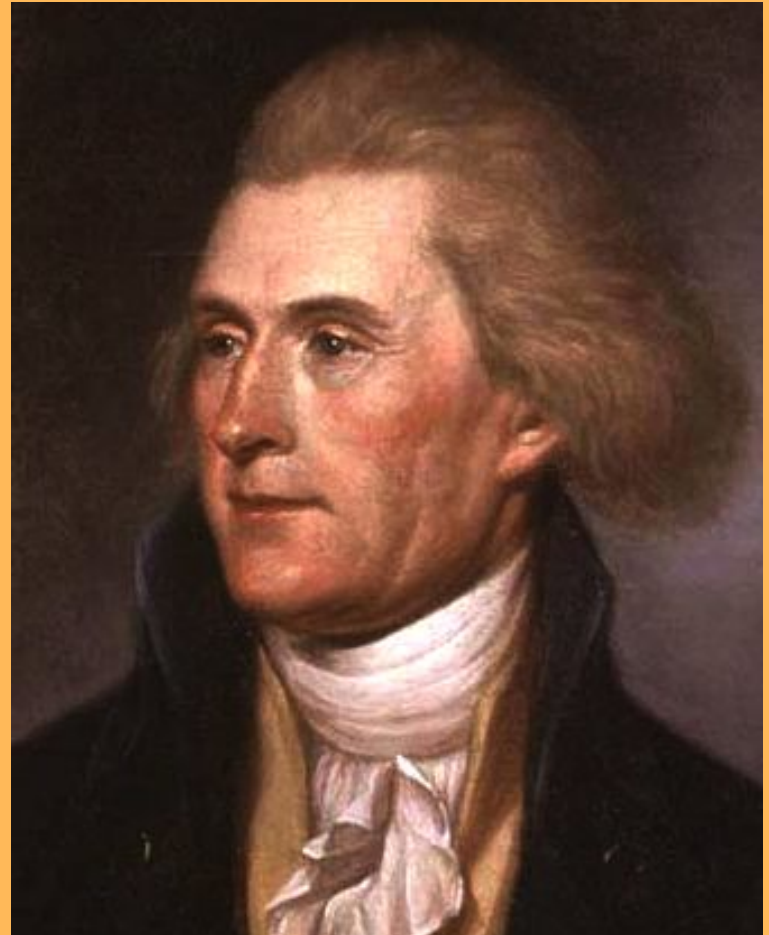


Jefferson

1. Proponents/Opponents

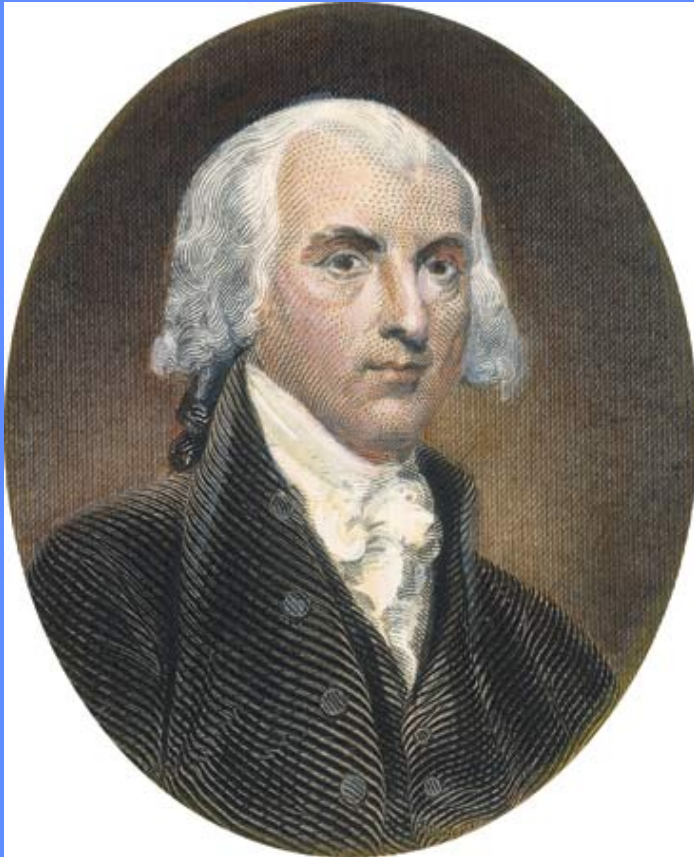


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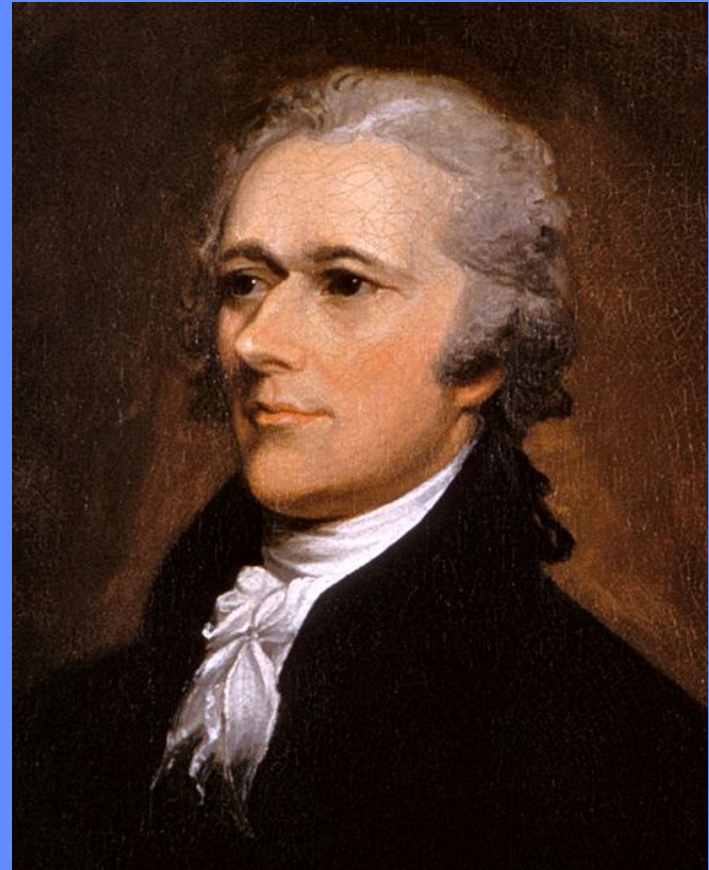


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Federalists:



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.

5. Regulation of trade/ National Bank



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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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Favored support of Britain to
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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**