

Federalists and Anti-Federalists



THE BATTLE
FOR THE
CONSITUTUION

Objective



- ***Students will be able to identify the opposing sides in the fight for ratification and describe the major arguments for and against the Constitution.***

The Federalists



- Alexander Hamilton
- John Jay
- James Madison
- The Federalist Papers-a series of 85 articles or essays promoting the ratification of the United States Constitution.
- All three wrote under the pseudonym "Publius".

The Anti-Federalist



- Thomas Jefferson
- Patrick Henry
- Samuel Adams
- James Monroe
- The Anti-Federalist Papers: A collection of articles, written in opposition to the ratification of the 1787 United States Constitution.
- Wrote under the names: Brutus, Federal Farmer, etc.

Issue	Anti-Federalists Fear	Federalists Response
The biggest threat to the people	The biggest threat to the people is the <u>tyranny of the government</u> . If government is too big and powerful, will lead to the Government being ruled by a powerful elite	The largest threats to the people is <u>having a small government in which those in the minority will never have power</u> . If there is a large government the diverse populations will ensure that a small group of people, a <u>dangerous minority</u> with radical ideas does not gain power.

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Protection of Individual Rights	The <u>rights</u> guaranteed to the people should be included in the Constitution or else they are not <u>guaranteed</u>	The <u>checks</u> and <u>balances</u> are enough to keep the government from taking the rights of the people away.

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Representation	<p>The government should be run by <u>Representatives</u> that are very <u>similar</u> to those who they are representing. This new government will encourage only the well educated elite to be Representatives.</p>	<p>The federal Government should be run by <u>well educated</u> And <u>Experienced</u> men, the <u>elite</u>. These are the men that are best educated and will be able to make the best decisions.</p>

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People will not Hold Government accountable	A <u>free</u> Government requires the active support of the people. The new Government would be so <u>large</u> that people would not be involved	The central government created <u>cannot</u> take the <u>rights</u> of the people because of the many <u>checks</u> and <u>balances</u> in the Constitution

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Power given To the federal government	<p>The limits of the Power given to The Federal Government are not <u>clear</u> and will result in the President becoming a <u>Monarch</u>. More limits should Be made through a <u>Bill</u> of <u>Rights</u>.</p>	<p>The checks and balances in the Constitution will be effective in <u>restraining</u> the <u>power</u> of the <u>Federal government</u>. The president does not have the power to make laws, so he she cannot become a monarch</p>

Take a moment and reflect....



- Do the Anti-Federalists care more about protecting individual rights or promoting the common good?
- Do the Federalists care more about protecting individual rights or promoting the common good?

Individual Rights



- The Anti-Federalists were more concerned with protecting the individual rights people and states, then promoting the pubic good as a whole.

Common Good



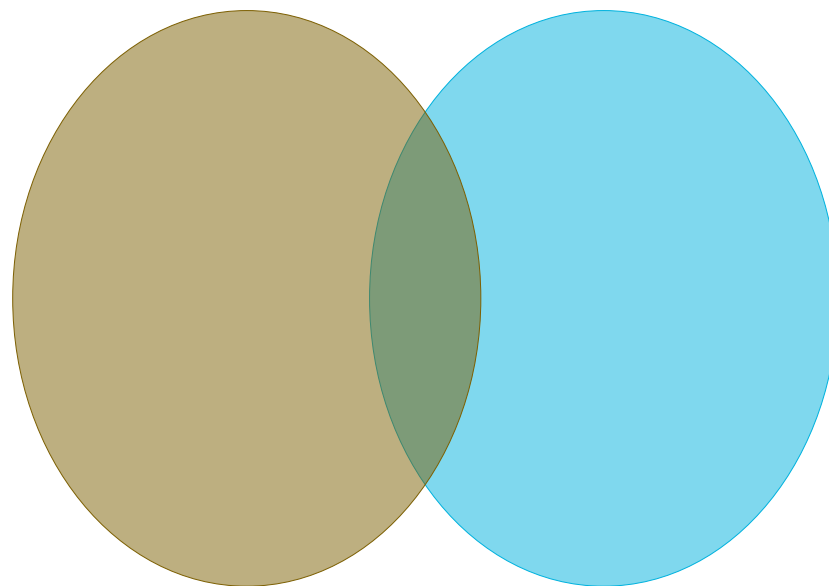
- The **Federalists** were more concerned with promoting the common good of everyone then protecting individual rights.

Test your knowledge!



- Turn over your paper and try to fill in the graphic organizer comparing and contrasting the Federalist and Anti-Federalist.
- Don't look at the lecture!!!

Federalist



Anti-Federalist

