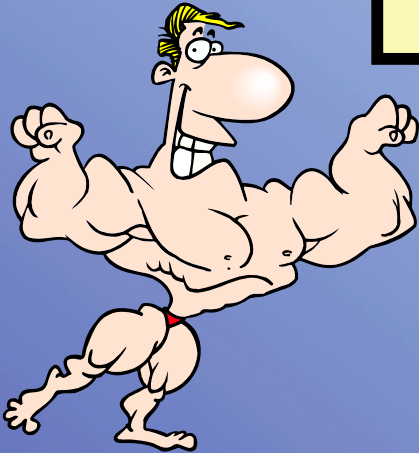


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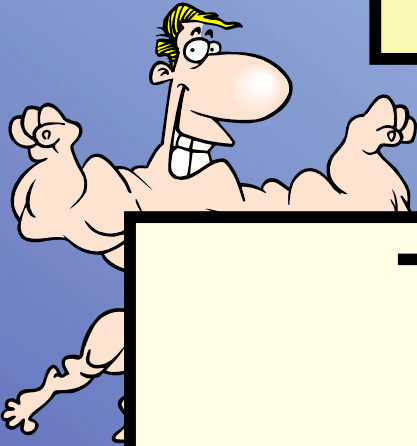
Strengths

Weaknesses

The first system of government designed by the Founding Fathers was a Confederation. Under a Confederate system, the National or Central Government is given only a few powers, while most of the power is reserved for the States.

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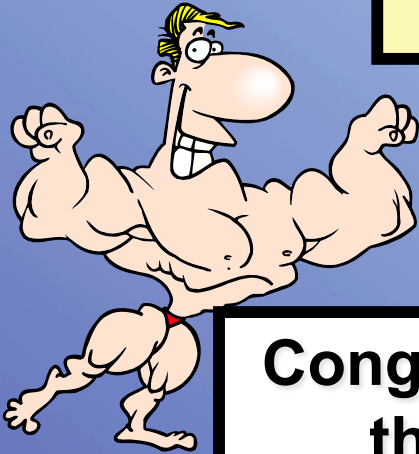


The Articles had 2 major achievements:

- 1) Bringing the Revolutionary War to a successful conclusion**
- 2) North West Ordinance (plan for governing the western lands)**

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Strengths

**Congress was given
the power to:**

**Declare War &
Establish an
Army/Navy**

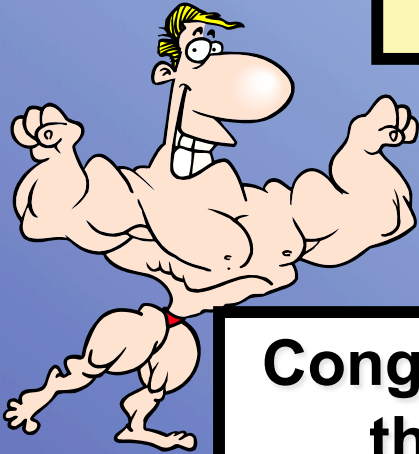
Weaknesses

**No Power to
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Strengths

Congress was given
the power to:

**Make Peace &
Sign Treaties**

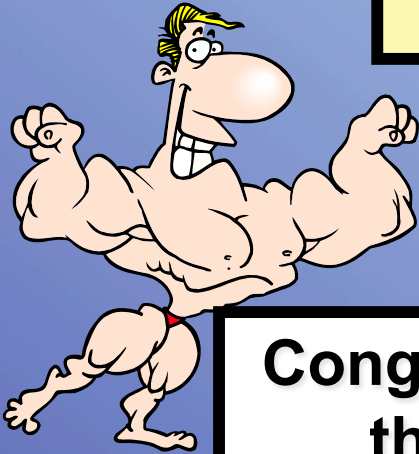
Weaknesses

**No Power to
Enforce Treaties**



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Strengths

**Congress was given
the power to:**

Borrow Money

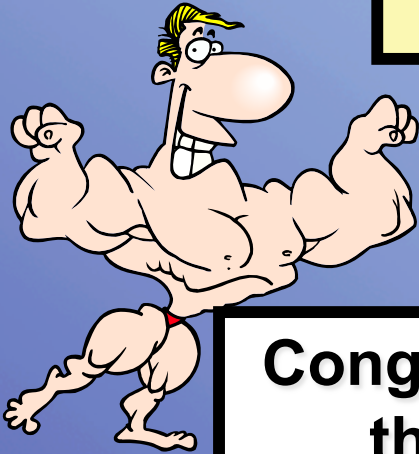


Weaknesses

**No Power to
Collect Taxes
from the States**

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Strengths

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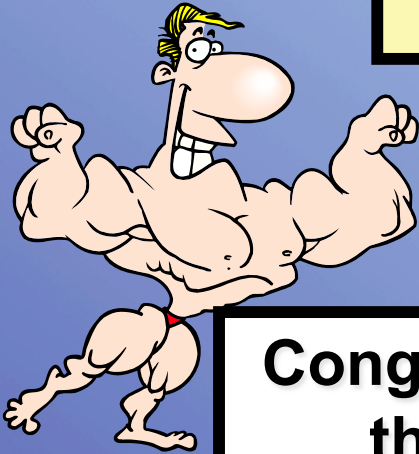
**Organize a
Post Office**

Weaknesses



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Strengths

Congress was given the power to:



Weaknesses

No Chief Executive

No national court system

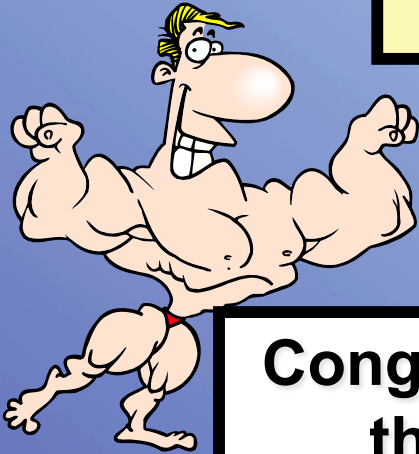
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Conclusion

**Why did the Founding Fathers
Choose a Confederation plan
of government?**

**They feared that a strong central
government would create tyranny,
and stamp out the peoples natural
God given rights.**

Conclusion

Why Did the Founding Fathers believe the Articles needed to be replaced by the US Constitution?

The nation needed to function as ONE united country & not 13 small unorganized nations.

Shay's rebellion proved the need to strengthen the government.