

Federalists & Anti-Federalists

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Federalists	Anti-Federalists
Who were the federalists?	Who were the anti-federalists?
The federalists papers: What were they? Written by? How many?	Arguments against ratification? 1. 2. 3.
Major People:	Major People:
The Ratification Debate	
Needed how many states? What was the major issue with ratification? The Bill of Rights They are officially called? What was it based on? How many "rights" are there?	

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Who Would Say That? Read each statement. If it sounds like something a Federalist would have said to support the Constitution, write **F** in the box. If it sounds like something an Anti-Federalist would have said to complain about the Constitution, write **A** on the line

___ 1. The Constitution gives the federal government enough power to overpower the states.

___ 2. It will not be possible for the federal government to overpower the states, because the states are a necessary part of the federal government.

___ 3. The Constitution contains no Bill of Rights to protect individual liberties like freedom of speech, trial by jury, and the right against searches and seizures.

___ 4. The Constitution says federal laws are "the supreme law of the land," so the federal government could just take complete control.

___ 5. Nothing in the Constitution says the federal government has power to limit peoples' freedoms in the first place.

___ 6. The Constitution gives the federal government just a few powers that are very well defined.

___ 7. The President created by the Constitution is really just a king.

___ 8. A strong President is necessary to protect the country against foreign attack and make sure laws are carried out properly.

___ 9. The Constitution creates a Supreme Court that is too powerful because the judges don't answer to anyone.

___ 10. The Constitution already contains a few rights, so we may as well add a whole Bill of Rights.

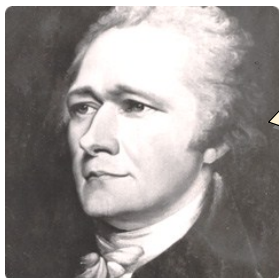
___ 11. The Supreme Court is the weakest branch of government because it doesn't control the military and can't pass laws.

___ 12. The Constitution forbids creating titles of nobility like "Duke" or "King," so the government will always belong to the people.

___ 13. The United States is too large to have a central government. People won't know their leaders and will lose control over the government.

___ 14. The Constitution is a Bill of Rights because it guarantees citizens a role in government.

Sound Off: Do We Need the Bill of Rights? Explain whether you agree with a famous federalist:



Alexander Hamilton

The Preamble (opening) of the Constitution says, "We the People...do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." The people created this Constitution. That is enough to make sure the government will never violate peoples' rights. We don't need an extra Bill of Rights!

If the Bill of Rights was REMOVED from the Constitution, would you feel secure that the "We the People" preamble protects your rights?

Sure! I would feel secure because... No way! I'd be worried because...

Bill of Rights

- Freedom of speech
- Freedom of religion
- Freedom of the press
- No unreasonable searches
- Right to due process of law
- No cruel punishments
- Right to a lawyer
- Right to a fair trial