



Ratification

Gotta Pay the Cost to be the Boss

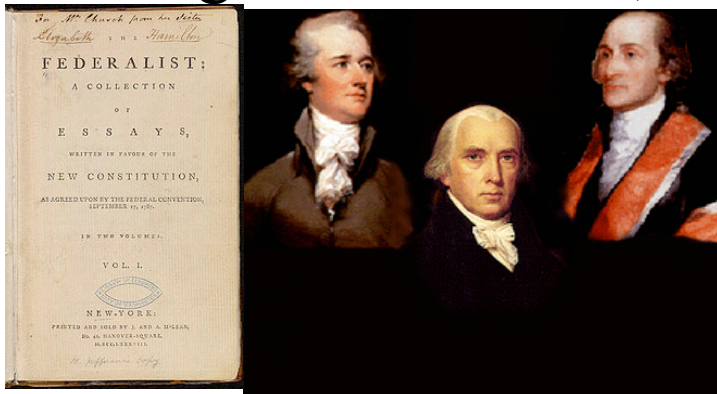
Targets

Questions to Ponder

- To what extent were the compromises reached the result of 18th century Republican ideals held by the delegates and to what extent were they the result of deep-rooted economic and political interests of the regions the represented?
- Double standard for slaves?
- Difference in status, military service, region, experience for Fed/Anti-Fed? Why?

Federalists vs. Anti-Federalists

- Federalists – Northerners Jay, Madison, Hamilton
 - Upper class, gov. should regulate commerce, taxes
 - Madison argues for big gov. to be more successful w/ **checks and balances**
 - Small States – Happy w/ Senate compromise
 - More political experience; high ranks in AmRev
- Anti-Federalists – Southerners who feared a legislature filled by rich, high-born Northerners → abuse ind. rights
 - Less political experience; lower ranks in AmRev
 - Fought for freedom, so don't want to lose it → **Bill of Rights**

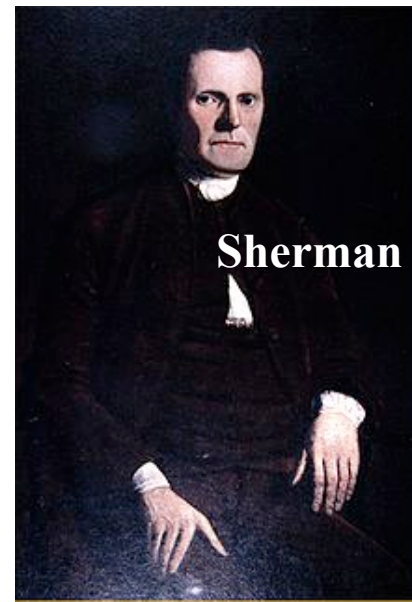
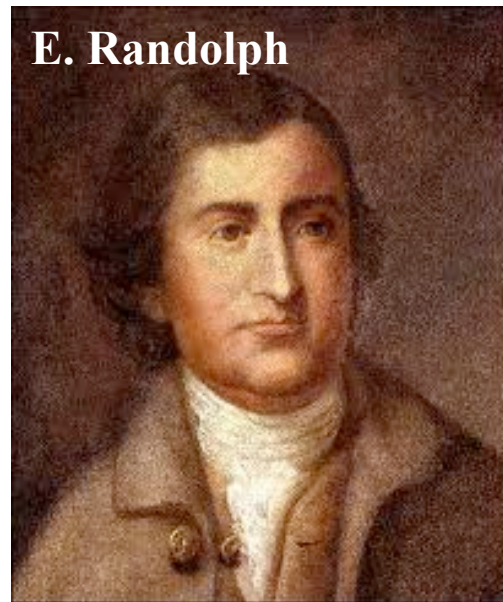
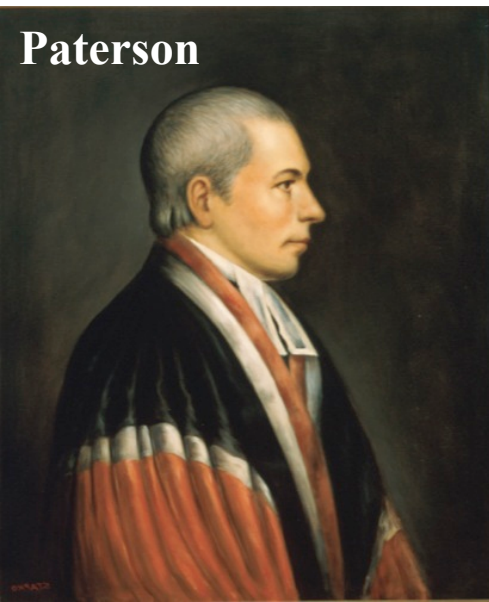


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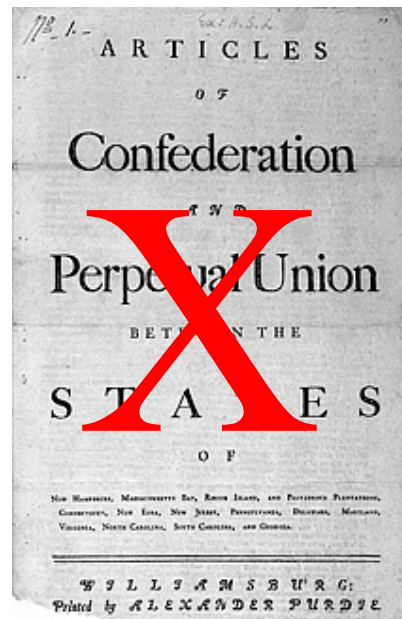
Compromises

- Virginia Plan – Representation in legislature based on population
- New Jersey Plan – = Rep for each state
- Connecticut Compromise – Bicameral legislature with one of each (= in upper house)
- 3/5 Compromise – How do we count slaves?



Better than the Articles of Confederation? Yes.

- State gov. w/ no relation to citizens → Senate/House w/ = power and responsibility to people
- No court hierarchy → Fed Courts regulate congress
- Single congress of delegates → 3 distinct branches with checks, balances, and well-defined roles



Ratification Timeline

- Nine needed to ratify
- State conventions to ratify.
Why? → evades political machines, authorization comes from people
- Needed PA (12/1787), MA (2/1788), VA (6/1788), NY (7/1788) to be valid/trusted
- After ratification, Washington elected President
- NC (11/1789) and RI (5/1790) last holdouts



Bill of Rights?

- Argument For – Protect and enumerate the rights of the people; English did it.
- Argument Against – Constitution is strong enough without it. Ineffective against Republican gov. b/c it's too narrow and could serve the exact opposite purpose for which it was designed.

