

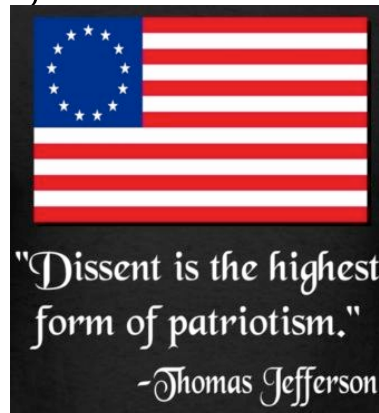
They Call Him... TJ

The Jefferson Presidency

Targets

Personal Philosophies

- Goal: Peaceful transfer of power between parties
- Dream: Reunite two parties through “liberal democratic philosophy”
- Goal: Majority rule, minority rights
- Dream: Plato’s rule of “**Philosopher Kings**” → appointed upper-class, highly educated men
- Goal: Laissez-Faire in federal government
- Style: down-to-earth, simple, didn’t want to seem elitist
- Practice: Moderate, doesn’t vary much from Hamilton

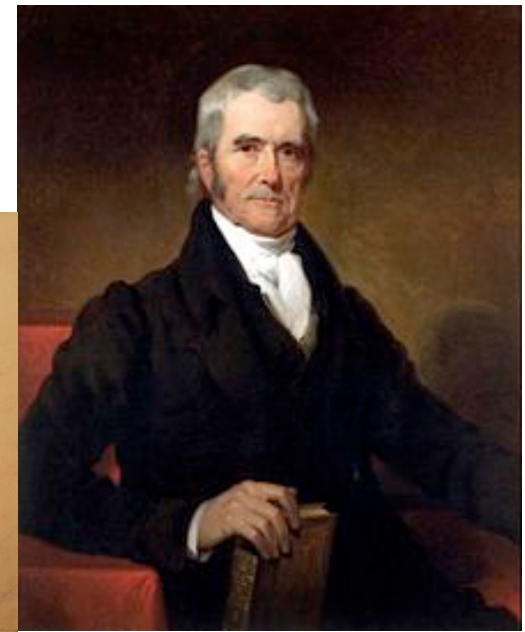
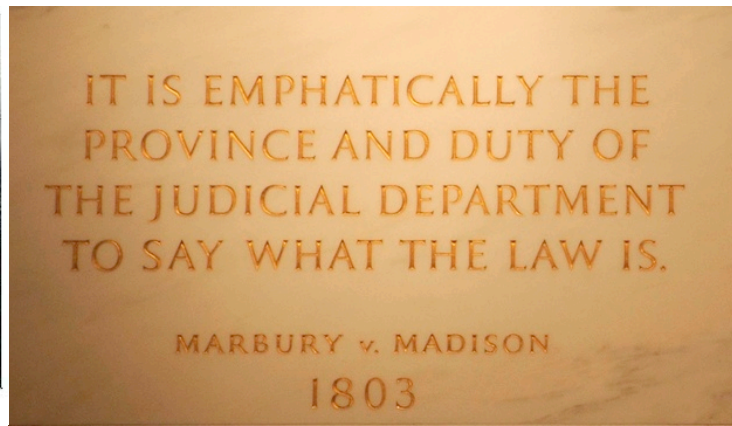


Presidency

- 1801 – Revoked Alien & Sedition Acts → naturalization to 5yrs.
- Repealed **Judiciary Act** → “Midnight Judges” lost positions → *Marbury v. Madison* (1803)
 - Impeached corrupt federal judges
- Tried to retire public debt (\$83M in 16yrs)
 - Cut bureaucracy, defense
 - Grew state militias & est. West Point



A Republican campaign poster from 1800.



- Did NOT address racial divide
 - Indian lands not protected in westward expansion
 - Importation of slaves ends (1808) but still smuggled in
- Constructed **National Road** (1806)→ stretched congressional power→ mindset change



Lewis,
Clark,
Sacajawea



- **Louisiana Purchase** (1803)
 - Napoleon gets LA from ESP in 1800
 - Sent Livingstone to Paris to buy N.O. & FLA, Tallyrand offered ALL of LA b/c FRA didn't want to defend & needed \$ now
 - \$15M & promise of Catholic freedom
- **Embargo Act** (1807) – Forbade all US exports → lifted in 1809

