

# Anti-Federalists versus Federalists - selected documents.

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	Federalists	Anti-Federalists
leader	Hamilton, Madison, Jay	Patrik Henry, Sam Adams
position on the Constitution	supporters	opponents
vision	stronger national government	stronger state governments
arguments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Articles of Confederation too weak</li> <li>stronger national gov't needed to solve domestic problems &amp; preserve the Union</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>national gov't too strong - states would lose power</li> <li>no list of rights (what the gov't can't do)</li> </ul>
advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>strong leaders (Washington, Franklin)</li> <li>better organized (press, financial base)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>appealed to popular distrust of gov't based on colonial experiences</li> </ul>
disadvantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>no originally written, it lacked a bill of rights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>poorly organized</li> </ul>
sources of support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Atlantic coast &amp; large cities</li> <li>merchants, commercial farmers, artisans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>backcountry settlers (no western frontier)</li> <li>small farmers &amp; state politicians</li> </ul>

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### Anti

Additionally, the Anti-Federalists worried that a new government system might use its unrestricted power over commerce to unlawful benefit or penalize individual states or to make one region of the nation compliant to another. These supporters which included Thomas Jefferson early on were weary of tyranny and the omnipotent authority of a central government, and preferred the autonomy and independence that each state could have instead. The paper includes many strengths, and a few weaknesses.

### Federalists versus Antifederalists

One thing has to be said at the outset; that is, the common motive of both the federalists and anti-federalists. Interestingly though, the differences between them are not restricted to this subject alone.

### Difference Between Anti

At the time, the government was run under the Articles of Confederation, supported mainly by Antifederalists. When these groups were pitted against each other over the ratification of the Constitution, one of the main issues was the inclusion of Bill of Rights, which the Anti-Federalists thought was necessary. Federalists believed in the idea of a larger heterogeneous republic whereas anti federalists wanted a small homogenous republic.

### Federalists vs. Anti

Initially, the Articles of Confederation connected the people. Massachusetts, for example, agreed to ratify the Constitution only on the condition that it would be amended with a bill of rights.

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