

Topic 1: Barbary Wars

In 1801 when Thomas Jefferson started his term as President of the United States he inherited a rather complicated mess. For years the United States was paying “tributes”. A tribute was essentially a fee that countries paid in order to guarantee that their boat or ship will not get hijacked when crossing into North Africa. Before Thomas Jefferson went into office the United States was spending thousands of dollars in tributes and was doing everything in their power to please the barbary states in order to be able to trade and be successful overseas.

On top of paying so much money to be left alone; the United States was spending more and more money every year and that did not even begin to cover the amount of ransom and bribe money that was spent. It simply does not make sense to revert to a system where money is simply being spent to make people happy. There is no motivation to stop and if we continue to do this we will always be in endless cycle of giving money to the bad guys.

I believe that although war may seem costly at first, we will be saving so much money in the long run if we are not paying tributes for the rest of history. It also makes sense because war will show dominance which is something that is clearly needed in

this situation in order to take back the seas and be able to sail freely and comfortably without putting our money and men at risk.

For now, it is important to persevere through the war and its expense. Although right now it may seem costly, in the long run the war will be repaid when we no longer have to pay tributes. We will also be saving money once the costs of the war are made up by lack of tributes there will be extra financial security. It is clear and simple that we must put the long term of our country into thought and not let these states take over our financial stability but also our safety out on the sea.

Topic 2: Federal Judiciary System

For years there was a constant power play between the Federalists and Antifederalists. Who would win the seat and have executive power? One party is going deeply against the constitution of the United States and the other party supports publicly and favors the the United States Constitution.

The Judiciary act was merely an act of “last revenge”. When James Madison had to give up his seat and power, handing over the executive power to Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson was publicly opposed to the Federalists. The night before Madison left office and Jefferson entered, Madison passed acts that lowered the number of Justices on the

Supreme Court. The act also allowed for sixteen new judges, those who were appointed by Madison, the night before, were all Federalists.

It is clear that this act is a planned out Federalist movement. It is very important and imminent that we get rid of this act and think of new ways to balance out the power of the system. As a republican and democratic country that we should be, it is very important to make sure that we do not fall into the Federalist trap that James Madison and his peers created. The judiciary system is an important part of our country however it should be better implemented and make sense and work for the democratic-republican America that we aim and strive for.

Topic 3: Louisiana Purchase

For years other countries have been looking at the United States of America and have had to figure us out and pinpoint our motives. They have been trying to figure out what makes us tick and where the fine line is between something we will vigorously fight for and where we will back down. The Louisiana Purchase is not only a simple purchase of land but a primitive moment in the history of the United States.

The Louisiana Purchase allows the United States to establish themselves as not only an important country in the world- but a powerful country as well. If the purchase of Louisiana does go through it is crucially important for us. It puts the United States on an

International trading field. The land opens up and allows much more for trading and it will most certainly boost our economy and how we are seen in the world.

One of the biggest issues talked about in why purchasing Louisiana will not work is because of Slavery. However, the actual purchase of the land will really have not much to do with slavery and if it goes on. Land does not create slavery, the people who run the land and how the United States goes about the land is what may in fact create or absolve slavery.

Ultimately, the purchase of Louisiana is one that will set the United States in a great place. Allowing the United States to be respected internationally which in turn will reap all kinds of benefits for the United States and our allies.

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