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History

* John Jay
  + A unified single nation is the way to go
  + The nation does exist naturally
  + They share national citizenship
  + The land is naturally, providentially connected
* Representivity
  + The “Great Compromise”
    - Have 2 houses in the legislator
      * Lower- Representative
        + By population
        + Slaves counted, but denied the rights of citizens or even human beings
      * Higher- Senate
        + Each state equal
  + The “Three fifths compromise”
    - 5 slaves count for 3 people when counting for representation
    - inflates southern power in the new government
* Electoral Requirements
  + House of Representatives
    - allows for the broadest participation
    - General public will have the greatest voice
  + Senate
    - Chosen by state legislature (citizens at one remove)
  + President
    - Chosen by electors who are chosen by legislature (citizen at two removes)
* Sovereignty
  + States were considered sovereign
  + Preamble “We the people” (collective body representing the nation)
* Congress
  + Levy taxes, duties, imposts on own authority
  + Regulation of foreign and interstate commerce
  + Declare war, ratify treaties, call up militia
  + “Necessary and proper” clause
* Executive
  + Independent executive(elected by electoral college)
  + Commander in chief of military
  + Diplomacy and foreign relations
  + Appointment and patronage
* Judiciary and Amendment
  + Independent judiciary with court of final appeal
  + Amendment by supermajority (¾)