

Federalist or Anti-Federalist Point of View?

Structure of Government

Whose POV? _____

- Supported a loose interpretation of the Constitution
- Favored a strong central government
- Thought that the American government should be modeled on the British system
- Wanted to increase the number of federal employees
- Thought the rich, educated, and wellborn were the people who should rule
- Thought that individual liberties, such as freedom of speech, should be sometimes restricted

Whose POV? _____

- Favored a strict interpretation of the Constitution
- Favored a weak central government
- Preferred a more democratic government
- Wanted to reduce the number of federal employees
- Distrusted special privilege
- Believed that individual liberties must be protected by laws

Economics

Whose POV? _____

- Thought that agriculture should be central to the nation's finances
- Did not support giving government aid to trade, finance, and manufacturing
- Opposed to establishment of a national bank
- Wanted to eliminate internal taxes

Whose POV? _____

- Wanted a balanced economy with a backbone of agriculture, trade, and manufacturing
- Favored giving government aid to trade, finance, and manufacturing
- Established a national bank
- Wanted to maintain internal taxes

Who Should Govern

Whose POV? _____

- Wished to lower voting qualifications
- Had deep faith in the common people, especially farmers
- Made up of artisans, shopkeepers, frontier settlers, and small farmers

Whose POV? _____

- Wanted to raise voting qualifications
- Believed that the common people often acted foolishly

Who Supported

Whose POV? _____

- Consisted of bankers, manufacturers, merchants, professional people, and wealthy farmers

Whose POV? _____

- Made up of artisans, shopkeepers, frontier settlers, and small farmers