

Based on the quotes below, what sort of people in society would support the point-of-view of the people below?

**Blacksmiths**



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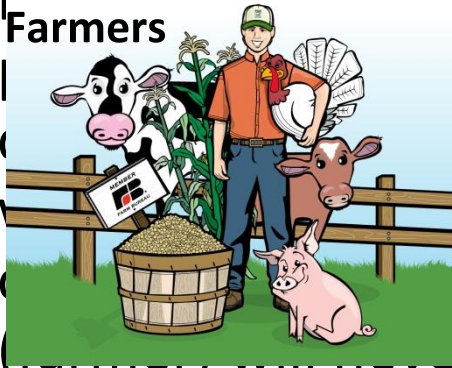
**Merchants and Tradesmen**



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**Shop Owners**



# 1. What ideas did they support?

## Federalists

- Strong federal/central government
- Favored dividing power among three branches
- wanted a single person to lead the executive branch

## Anti-federalists

- Weaker Federal government and give more power to the states
- Wanted the legislative branch to have more power than the executive
- Feared that a strong executive might become a king or dictator
- Wanted a bill of rights

# Who were the important people?

## Federalists

1. Alexander Hamilton
2. James Madison
3. Thomas Jefferson
4. John Jay

## Anti-federalists

1. Patrick Henry
2. George Mason
3. Melancton Smith

# Essays

## *Federalists Papers*

- Hamilton, John Jay, and Madison wrote a series of 85 essays
- Wanted to convince Americans that a new nation would not last unless the constitution was signed
- Jefferson said these essays are the best explanation ever written about the principles of government

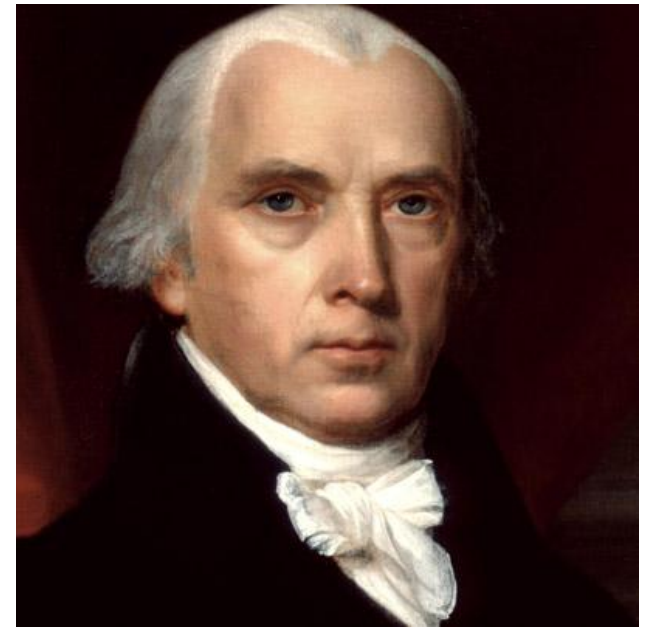
## Anti-Federalist Writings

- These writings focused on the convincing the American people that the Constitution gave too much power to the federal government and it was lacking Bill of Rights

The Federalists and the Anti-Federalists both signed their essays with pseudonyms

# James Madison

“If men were angels, no government would be necessary. If angels were to govern men, neither external nor internal controls on government would be necessary. In framing a government which is to be administered by men over men, the great difficulty lies in this: you must first enable the government to control the governed; and in the next place force it to control itself?”

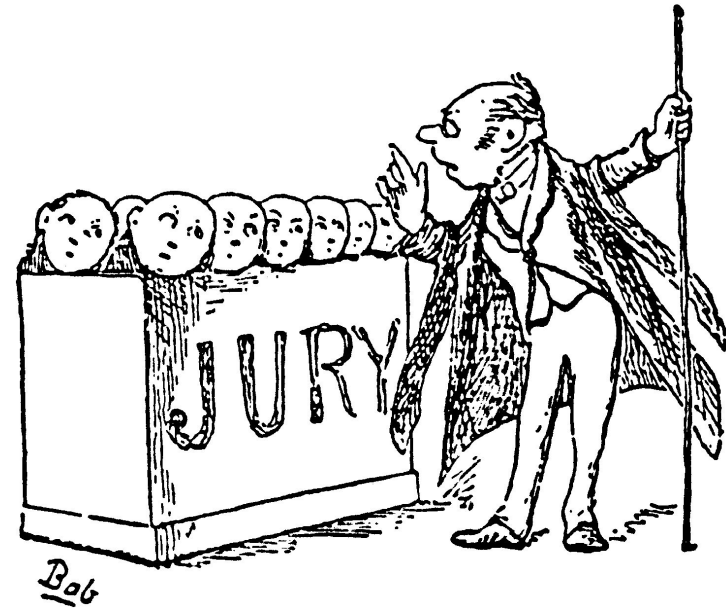
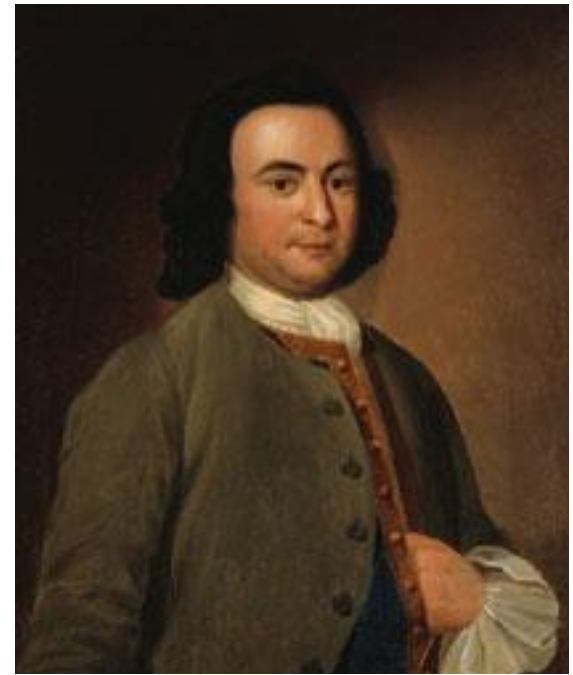


What point of view do they have?  
Federalist or Anti-Federalist?

# George Mason

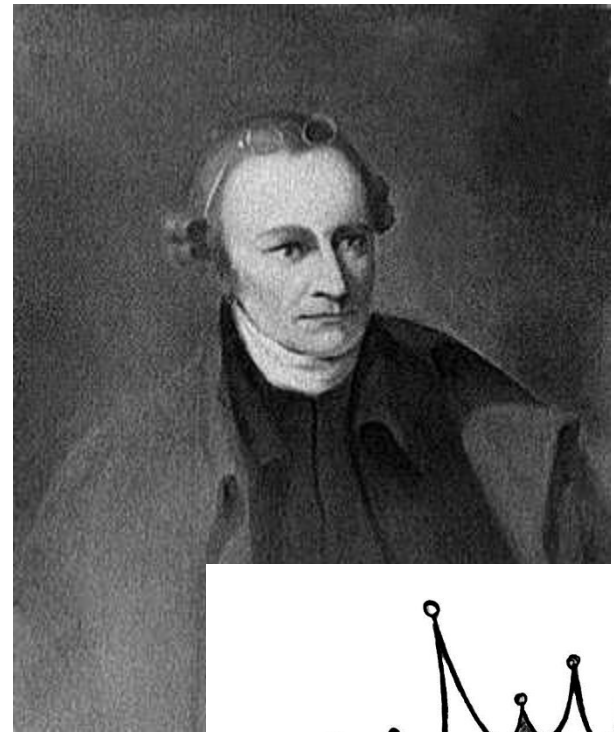
• "...There is no declaration of any kind for preserving the liberty of the press, the trial by jury in civil cases, nor against the danger of standing armies in time of peace ..."

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# Patrick Henry

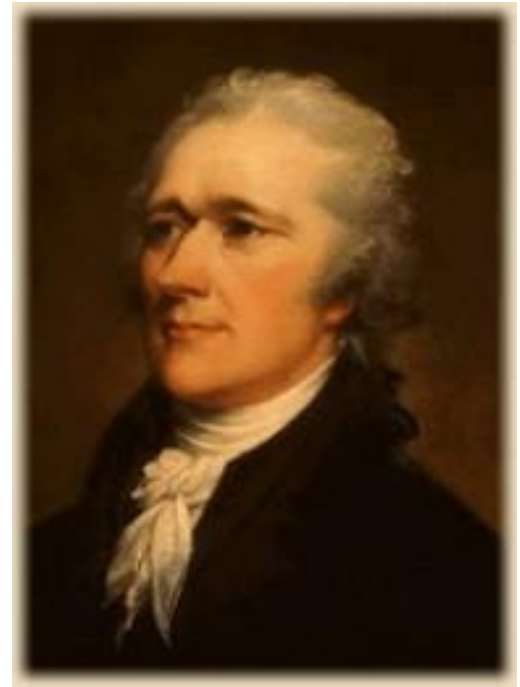
“This Constitution is said to have beautiful features, but ... they appear to me horribly frightful ... Your President may become king ... If your American chief be a man of ambition and abilities, how easy is it for him to render himself absolute!”



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# Alexander Hamilton

“Yes, my countrymen ... I am clearly of opinion it is in your interest to adopt it (the Constitution). I am convinced that this is the safest course for your liberty, your dignity, and your happiness.”



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