



# Brutus 1 (Anti-Federalist)



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# Summary

Brutus believes that the government with the Articles of Confederation was not strong enough to deal with some of the problems that the country has, although he does highly support the Confederation government. He says that the people must be careful dividing their powers, because they will not be able to go back. He is very concerned that all of the important powers are given to the central government, which leads to states not being able to function on their own. He wants to change this so that federal courts do not destroy state courts. He knows that the nation will always be somewhat divided because people are so diverse and believe in certain things. In the end the government will attract anyone who wants a change even if it is the bad or good.

# 1. What was Brutus' concern with the Articles of Confederation?

Brutus believed that the Articles of Confederation was not strong enough to handle what the US was throwing it's way.

Opinion: We believe that from the start the Articles of Confederation was good but as America grew and the Articles weren't fully finished they fell through.



## 2. Which form of government did Brutus believe was the best and why?

Consolidated Government:

Confederation was the best because it knew how to disperse the problems within the nation.




Opinion: In a confederated all the power stays in the states and in consolidated the power belongs to a national government so we believe that this is a bit terrifying because then the government rules the majority of the country and we have no say.



### 3. What was his concern about the dispersing of power?

If the power is not dispersed right, the place where liberty has its best bet (America) will fail or can fall into despotism or worse a tyrannic aristocracy. Also, when this happens then future generations will blame us and hate us.

Opinion: We believe that if the power is not dispersed equally that one person will end up having it all. Opposed to everyone having equal parts.



#### 4. What is his primary concern with the new constitution?

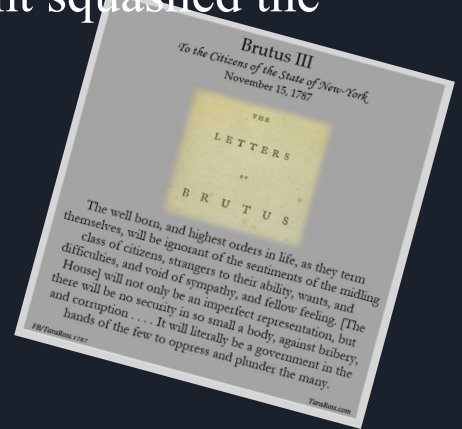
In the Articles of Confederation, most power belongs to the state and in a New Government, the power belongs to the national/central government. Most of the power goes into national power that the states will be buried and won't be able to function as republicans.

Opinion: We believe that National power in a government would be hard to control the citizens within one state because they have such a unfair advantage.

## 5. What was his concern with the “necessary and proper” clause?

His concern with the “necessary and proper” clause is it makes the central government an uncontrollable power over the ideas from the constitution.

Opinion: We believe that the central government squashed the states power and the ideas are not heard.



## 6. What was his concern with the Legislature's power to tax?

There is no limit to power to tax because the legislature decides what it means by “common defense” and “general welfare.”

Opinion: We believe that it is unfair to us as the citizens to have to pay taxes in order for the “legislatures of the several states” to raise money to support their government.

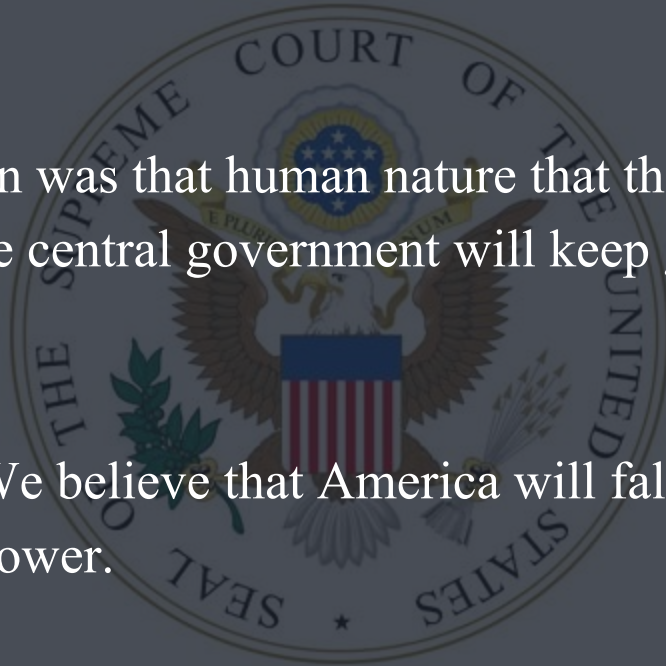




## 7. What was his concern with the Judicial Branch?

His concern was that human nature that those who have power to expand it, the central government will keep growing.

Opinion: We believe that America will fall if a certain branch has too much power.



## 8. What was his concern regarding politicians?

His concern was that in a large country, it will be too hard for representatives to know the minds of the people.



Opinion: We believe that this is true because we all have different opinions which makes it hard for us to agree on something.



## 9. What was his concern regarding a large republic?

Regarding a large republic, his concern was that a large republic will continually argue against each other.

Opinion: We believe that a large republic will have many issues and contradictions that it'll be hard to band together opinions of the citizens.



## 10. What was his concerns regarding abuse of power?

“They will use the power when they have acquired it to the purposes of gratifying their own interests and ambition, and it is scarcely possible in a very large Republic to call them to account for their misconduct or to prevent their abuse of power (Brutus 11).”

Opinion: We believe that people have avoided power because it has just been handed to them. Therefore, allowing them to overpower those who they think are not worthy.