

Federalist 10

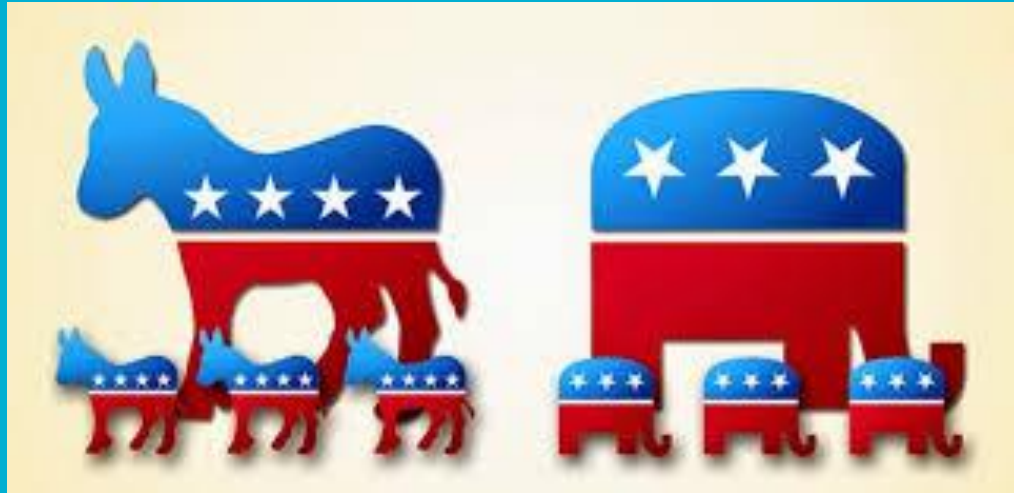
By: Naida, Ella, Brenna, Zirce

Summary:

Federalist 10 written by Madison was one of the strongest arguments in favor of the constitution. Madison explained that the new constitution established a government capable of controlling violence and damage within the population caused by factions. The article defended the formation of a republic government proposed by the constitution when many others argued that a federal government was too large and would be unresponsive to the people. Madison believed that the constitution did not sufficiently protect the national government from excessive democracy and parochialism and vouched that the amendments were a proactive way to mitigate problem. Madison explained that it is the nature of man that factions will be formed as long as men have different opinions, degrees of wealth, and amount of property. This is dangerous because factions often work against public interest and infringe upon rights of others, especially minorities. In conclusion the purpose of Federalist 10 was to explain the newly proposed constitution to encourage the people of new york to ratify the new constitution and stray away from THE Articles of Confederation.

How does Madison define “faction”?

Any single group (especially the mob like majority) that tries to dominate the political process.



**What are the two methods of curing the mischiefs caused
by factions?**

One by removing its causes and the other controlling its effects

What are the two ways of eliminating the — causes of faction?

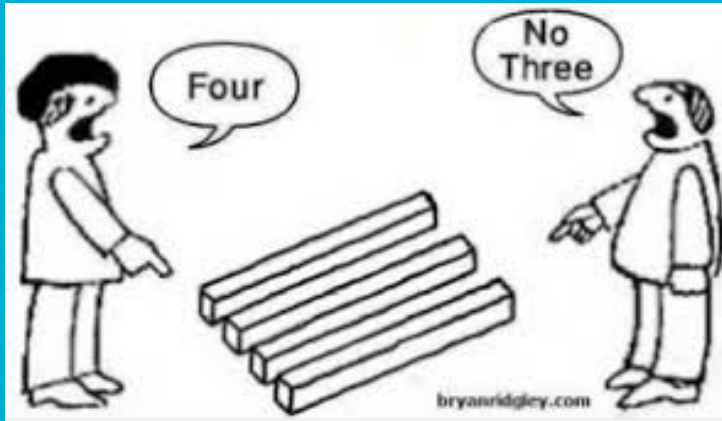
Destroying the liberty which is essential to its existence and the other by giving to every citizen the same opinions, passions and interests.

This is unacceptable because liberty is essential to political life.



According to Madison, what is the primary — cause of conflict?

There's always going to be different opinions concerning religion, government and many other points as well of speculation as of practice. Its human nature to divide into parties with those who have mutual beliefs.



What issues divided mankind in 1787?

The possession of different degrees and kinds of property immediately results ; and from the influence of these on the sentiments and views of the respective proprietors ensues a division of the society into different interests and parties

The population is divided very clearly into the democratic party with very liberal views and the republican party with very conservative views.



What are the two remedies of controlling the — effect of factions?

Either the existence of the same passion or interest in a majority at the same time must be prevented, or the majority, having such coexistent passion or interest, must be rendered, by their number and local situation, unable to concert and carry into effect schemes of oppression.

Why are factions more easily controlled in — large republics?

In a society with a small population there would be no cure for mischief because they cant recognize their wrongs but in a large population it's easier to see the wrongs within a faction of a large republic.



How does federalism control factions?

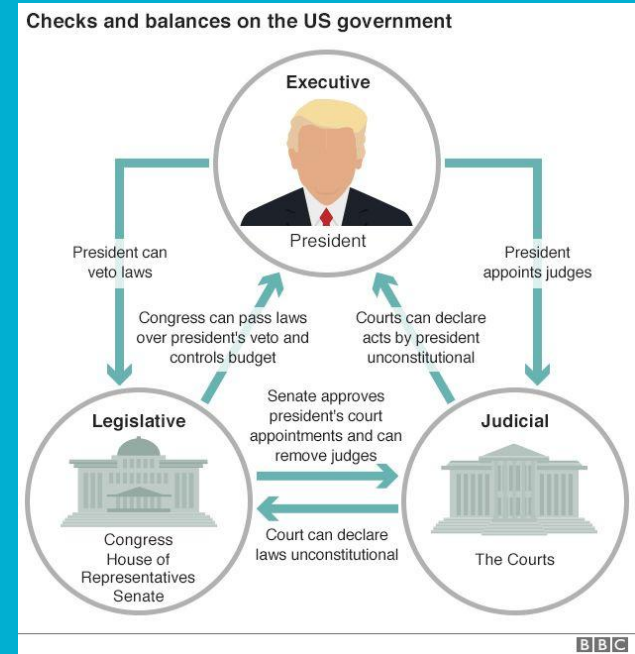
Large republic means factions more factions will compete

What portions of Madison's argument are — the most persuasive? What is the least persuasive

His most persuasive argument was that factions work better under large republics.
His least persuasive argument was that you can't eliminate factions from society

Does Madison have an optimistic or pessimistic view of human nature? How did this viewpoint impact the drafting of the constitution?

He has a pessimistic view because he's negative about human nature. He believes people are driven by self interest. That's why he supports the checks and balances system as well as separation of powers.



Was Madison right, or have factions sometimes gained control of our government?

Factions can gain control over our government, mainly in elections. For example, the NRA or large corporations using their funds to support politicians.

