

# Federalist 51

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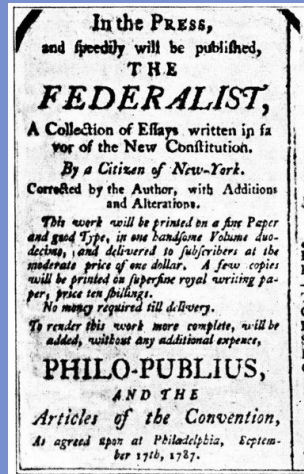


# Summary

Federalist 51 focuses on the need of a government that is strong but not too powerful, by establishing checks and balances by placing three independent branches, making the legislative the most strongest branch out of all three. Federalist 51 explains that a structured government is needed to make liberty possible and keep order. It focuses on protecting minority groups and explaining that men are not perfect and need a government to govern the people.

# What is the thesis of Federalist 51?

It focuses on the need for checks and balances while reminding people that separation of powers is critical to balance any branch whose ambition is overwhelming.



# What is meant by “if men were angels, no government would be necessary?”


It means that if people were perfect then they could govern themselves . The purpose of a government is to control and work with human nature to provide the best situation for man.



# Give three examples of how the constitution protects the proper balance of power?

First it creates three branches of government. Second it divides power between state and federal governments. Third it protects personal liberty from the government





Which branch of government is the strongest? Why? What steps were taken to prevent it from becoming too strong?

The legislative branch is the strongest based on necessary and proper clause which means the government can do anything possible to fulfill the powers stated in the constitution. Some steps that were taken to prevent a branch from becoming too powerful is the dividing of the government, giving the two houses two different means of election.





# How are the rights of the minority protected?

The rights of the minority will be protected if another group was created with separate ideals from the majority and by comprehending in the society so many separate descriptions of citizens as will render an unjust combination of a majority of the whole very improbable.



# Why are large republics more capable of self government?

Large republics are more capable of self government because the practicable sphere would be carried to a very great extent by a judicious modification and mixture of the federal principle.





How does Madison repeat and complete the arguments in Federalist 10? Summarize the main points of this concluding paragraph.

Madison repeats his argument by stating that the government can't get rid of factions so there will be majorities and that people want a republic government to protect their rights while the purpose of these is to encourage anti-federalists to test and examine flaws in the articles.