Federalist 70

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In Federalist 70, Alexander Hamilton discusses the importance of a strong president at the head of a government. He argues that unity and energy of a leader are vital to the workings of a successful government. This essay was written to support his idea that a single president would be the most accountable to the people.
Hamilton was a federalist and supporter of strong government. He drew inspiration from the British monarchy and the philosopher Jean-Luis de Lomme. The decision to appoint a single president with adequate power to rule would support his ideal government, a strong federal government with more influence than the states or individuals.
What Benefits does a strong presidency provide to a representative democracy?

- A strong presidency provides unity, stability, and protection for a representative democracy. A strong presidency not only protects the people from other countries it helps protect them from themselves.
Why does a weak executive branch create a bad government?

- If the executive branch is weak, no one is there to protect liberties and rights of the people. Which will then start to cause distrust in the government.
What are four ingredients of an energetic executive?

- Four ingredients of an energetic executive branch are unity, competent powers, adequate provision for its support, and duration. By showing this qualities, they help people to trust the government.
What, according to Hamilton, is the most necessary quality for a president?

- Hamilton considers energy to be the most necessary quality for a president. Energy is needed to protect the people's rights and liberties and remain a good leader. Energy is also needed to bring forth the enthusiasm of the people.
What are the characteristics of the legislative branch?

- The characteristics of the legislative branch include discussing, arguing, passing, settling laws and past disputes for the United States.
- House of Representatives and Senate (congress), and several different agencies are apart of the legislative branch.
How do human weaknesses complicate decision-making, according to Hamilton?

- Hamilton argued that human weaknesses will create unnecessary concerns in decision making. Which led them to believe that the existence of Congress within the government will only become the hindrance for Government because it slowed down the decision-making process. But he did not consider who will watch over the government if congress does not exist.
Why is disagreement within the legislative branch beneficial, while in the executive branch it is detrimental?

1. Disagreement within the legislative branch can usually lead to good things. Then the congress is arguing about something, two sides want their side to win and they represent two sides of the population. When they manage to find a solution or common ground on an issue, that means that it's usually a compromise so the thing in question moves forward a bit in such a way that it suits both sides a bit.

2. Disagreement in the executive branch however is not beneficial because it can cause delays in administering laws or signing them into the official lawbook, or it can cause for people who did something bad to answer for it at a later time which gives them time to escape, or anything similar. Nothing good can come out of disagreement within the executive branch.
What problems might arise if the presidency were split between two people?

- If the presidency included two people, they would disagree on a lot of things. The two people wouldn’t have the same views on many topics. If they didn’t agree many issues would not be resolved because of the differences.
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