

# Federalist 70

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## Summary

In this federalist document (1788) Alexander Hamilton believed a National defense, administration of law, and protection of property rights all rely on the strength of the presidency. An energetic president stays with liberty even when faction, ambitions, and anarchy upset the power. One Chief Justice is better than two in which will likely result in conflict. Differences and arguments are dangerous in the executive branch in which decision making has to be precise. In other words, disagreement during the case of war could destroy the national security. Either plural or council form of executive, defects are easily covered and no person can be held accountable. The American president unlike the king still has to deal with censure, punishment, and responsibility. Hamilton claims those who recommend a council form of executive admit that the council should be large. Salaries of the council members would constitute too great an expense for the nation. In addition, before the constitution was written, intelligent men agreed that New York's executive was one of the most admiring features of government.

# Benefits a presidency provides

A strong presidency provides unity, stability, and protection. An energetic and forceful president is essential to good government. National defense, sound administration of law, and protection of property rights depend on the president.

# Weak executive

Weak executive means no protection of the community against foreign attacks and no justice. In addition, there's no protection of people's rights. Hamilton argues for a strong executive leader as provided by the constitution as opposed to a weak executive under the Articles of Confederation.

# Four ingredients

The four major ingredients of an energetic executive are unity, duration, adequate provision for its support, and competent powers. The ingredients constitute safety in the republican sense, due dependent on people and the responsibility.

Politicians and statesmen who celebrated the soundness of their principles have declared a strong individual executive and numerous legislative.

# Quality of a President

According to Hamilton, energy is the most necessary quality for a president because protects the people's rights. The president is not immune from censure, accountability, or punishment. The English king on the other hand is not held for responsibility and is a very sacred person.

# Characteristics of the legislative branch

Characteristics of the legislative branch includes discussion, argument, passing and settling laws, and past disputes.

# Human Weaknesses

The difference of opinions complicated decision making according to Hamilton. Decision, activity, secrecy, and despatch will characterize the proceedings of one man. The unity maybe be destroyed either by vesting the power in tow or more magistrates of equal dignity and authority.



# The Presidency Split

The problems that will arise with the presidency split between two people are personal emulation and animosity, lessen the respectability, weaken the authority and distract the plans of those whom they divided. Lastly it will lead to a difference in opinions and beliefs.

# Disagreements in the legislative and executive branches.

Disagreements in the legislative branch means there is representation of two sides of the population and when compromise is found between the two opposing sides it means the government moves forward in a way that benefits both sides. Disagreement in the executive branch is not beneficial as it delays the administering of laws.