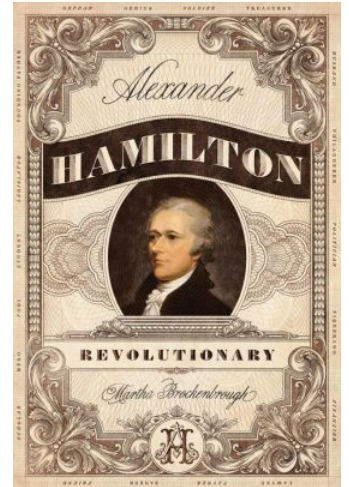


Federalist 70

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Summary of Federalist 70

In Federalist 70, Hamilton argues for a strong executive leader under the Constitution. Some argue against the idea of a singular executive, but Hamilton states that having two or more executives with a common goal could be dangerous with the presentation of different ideas and opinions.



What benefits does a strong presidency provide to a representative democracy?

An energetic president best protects liberty when faction, anarchy, and excessive ambitions threaten it.



Why does a weak executive create a bad government?

Should the executive be weak , then no one will be able to protect people's rights and liberties. Having a large plurality in the executive conceals fault and destroys responsibility.



Additional Information #1

- Alexander Hamilton's approach to government became a basis for how the government is run today. His idea of a split in legislative and executive is still used today.



What are the four ingredients of an energetic executive?

- Unity
- Duration
- Adequate Provision for Sport
- Competent Powers



Most important quality for a President

ENERGY



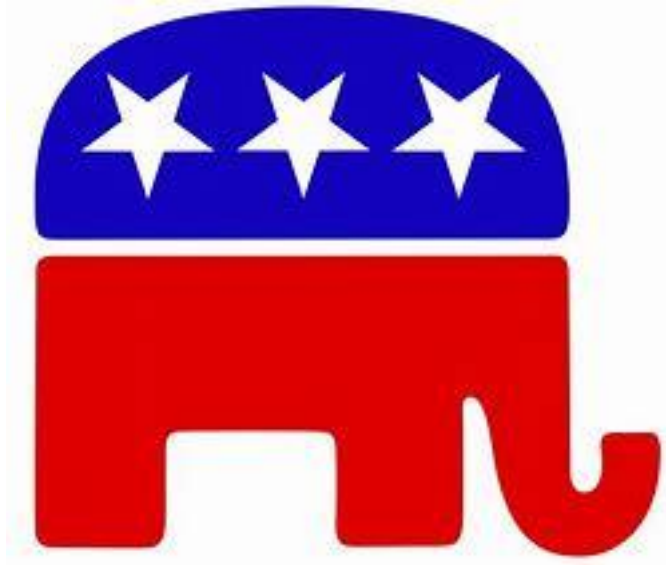
Characteristics of legislative branch

Function of legislature is to pass laws, once a law is passed, the argument between the two parties should drop.



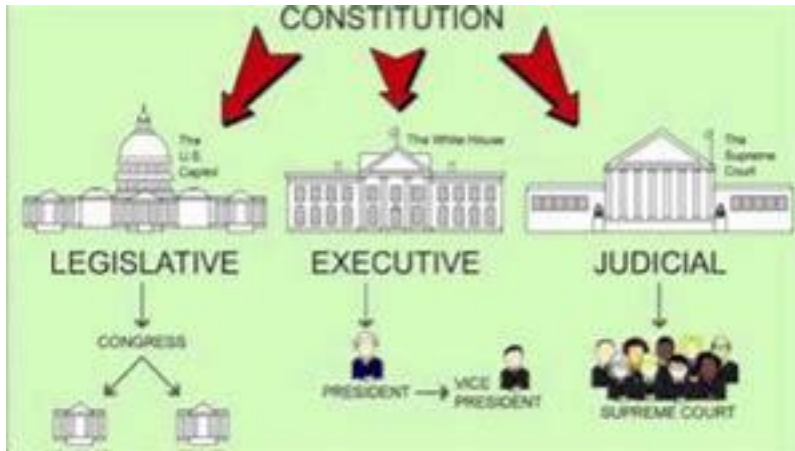
Additional Information #2

- Hamilton's function of government was written for a Republican style of ruling, mentions of democracy are not seen in the text.



What problems arise with a split presidency?

They would have differing opinions and cause a rift in the government. A dual presidency would be marked by dissension, weakened authority, and the growth of conflicting factions. A power struggle might ensue as well.



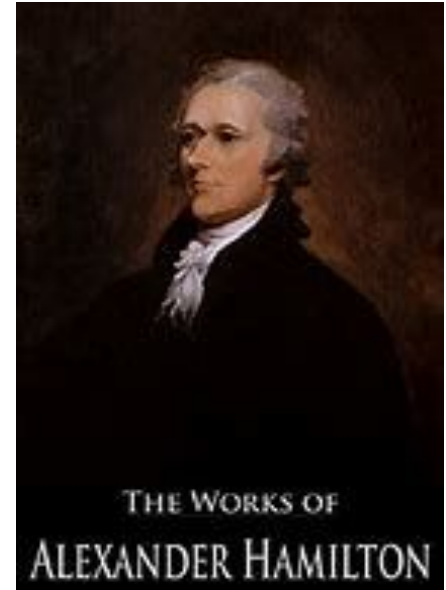
Additional Information #3

- Originally the founders admitted to not intending to give the President any authority to suspend laws during emergencies, Hamilton wrote the document to restate just how far Presidential powers should go.



Why is disagreement in the legislative branch beneficial but not in the executive?

Conflict is dangerous in the executive branch, yet beneficial in the legislative because the argument forces discussion and deliberation.



How do human weaknesses complicate decision making?

Emotions get in the way when it comes to decisions and can blind us. Our morals and self interests can get in the way. Decisions should be made in the selfless manner, that reflects the interests best for the country and not yourself.



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