

Federalist #70

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Summary

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- Executive Department
- Energy is key to protection of civil liberties and rights
- Disagreement between members of Executive Branch or other branches hinder efficiency of decision process



How a Strong Presidency Benefits a Representative Democracy

- Energy in the Executive is a leading character in the definition of good government
- Protection of the community against foreign attacks
- Protection of property
- Security of liberty
- Unity, Stability, and Protection



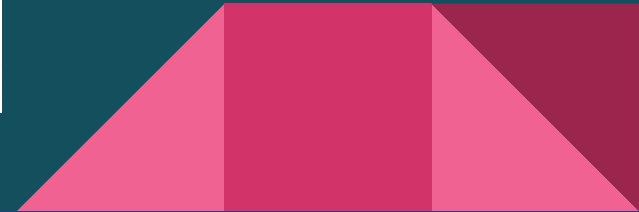
Weak Executive Branch

- A feeble Executive implies feeble administration
- No protection of Civil Liberties
- No protection of human rights
- Distrust of Government



Characteristics of an energetic executive

1. Unity
2. Duration
3. An adequate provision for its support
4. Competent powers



The Essential Quality for a President

- Energy is essential to protect rights and liberties.



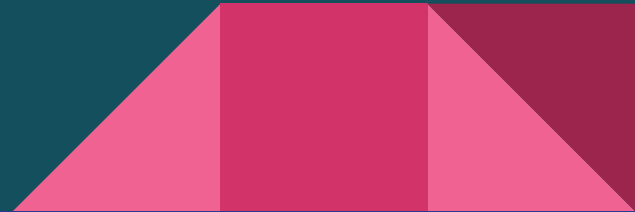
Characteristics of the Legislative Branch

- Differences in opinion promote deliberation
- Check excesses in the majority
- exercise their powers through the Supreme Court and lower courts with the resolutions and the people's opinions as a whole
- Resolutions become laws, and resistance to them is punishable



Human Weakness and Decision Making

- Split Congress
- Unnecessary concerns in decision making
- Hindrance in process of passing laws and making decisions



Problems With Split Presidency

- Disagreement between beliefs
- Leads to lack of action being taken in certain scenarios



Disagreement within Branches

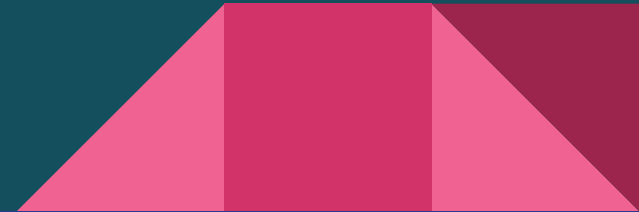
Legislative - beneficial

- Controversy must be part of the legislative process in order to check the majority's excesses
- A quick decision is unwise because there has not been enough deliberation to discuss the issue



Executive - detrimental

- Always in operation
- Delays action



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