

Chapter 2
Review Questions

The Constitution

How did Madison define **human rights**?

- A. As *natural* rights
- B. As *legal* rights
- C. Both
- D. Neither

How did Madison view **human nature**?

- A. Hasty
- B. Passionate
- C. Self interested
- D. Short sighted
- E. All of the above

Whom did Madison consider to be **inevitably flawed**?

- A. The mass public
- B. The best and the brightest
- C. Both
- D. Neither

According to Madison, **good government** was gained by:

- A. Electing good men to public office
- B. Bargaining & compromise between factions inside & outside government

Which was true of the **Continental Congresses**?

- A. *De facto* confederal structure
- B. Weak national powers
- C. No executive or judicial
- D. All of the above

Which was true of the **Articles of Confederation**?

- A. *De jure* confederal structure
- B. Weak national powers
- C. No executive or judicial
- D. All of the above

Two basic goals of the **Constitutional Convention**:

- A. Strengthen states' rights
- B. Safeguard against abuse of national-government powers
- C. Both
- D. Neither

The Constitution **strengthened the national government** by:

- A. *Weakening* state powers
- B. Replacing the *confederal* system with a *federal* one
- C. Both
- D. Neither

The Constitution *weakened* the national government by adopting:

- A. A *presidential* instead of a *parliamentary* system
- B. A *federal* instead of a *unitary* system
- C. Both
- D. Neither

Compromises at the Constitutional Convention: **limits on presidential power**

- A. Two-term limit imposed
- B. Impeachment & removal by Congress allowed
- C. Both
- D. Neither

Compromises at the Constitutional Convention: **selection of the president by**

- A. An Electoral College
- B. The U.S. House
- C. Both
- D. Neither

Compromises at the Constitutional Convention: **Electoral College proposed by**

- A. Southern states
- B. Northern states
- C. Both
- D. Neither

Compromises at the Constitutional Convention: **northern v. southern states**

- A. Prohibition on import duties
- B. Prohibition on export duties
- C. Both
- D. Neither

Compromises at the Constitutional Convention: **northern v. southern states**

- A. 3/5's compromise on taxation
- B. 3/5's compromise on representation in the Senate
- C. Both
- D. Neither

Compromises at the Constitutional Convention: **large v. small population states**

- A. Federal system
- B. Bicameral Congress
- C. Both
- D. Neither

Two built-in flaws of the Constitution

- A. Hasty decision making
- B. Concentration of power
- C. Both
- D. Neither

The most significant failures of the Constitutional Convention

- A. Procrastinating on abolishing slavery
- B. Omitting a Bill of Rights
- C. Both
- D. Neither